



Michael Skahill

Michael Skahill serves as vice president of government affairs for Smithfield Foods, Inc. In this role, Skahill leads and supports work already underway in the development of policies and strategies to engage governments, multilateral organizations and other key stakeholders in domestic and international markets that are strategic to Smithfield Foods.

Skahill originally joined Smithfield Foods in 1998. Prior to his current role, he served as vice president of international sales.

Skahill serves on various industry leadership boards and committees, including the board of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, the public affairs committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the board of directors for the Congressional Awards Foundation. In 2016, Former United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, appointed Skahill to director of the National Pork Board. He chairs the North American Meat Institute Trade Policy Committee, serves as vice chair of the American Poland Business Council and is treasurer of the U.S.–China Agriculture and Food Partnership. Skahill serves as the past chair of the American Romania Business Council.

Prior to joining Smithfield, Skahill had thirteen years of international meat merchandising and trading experience with the Louis Dreyfus Corporation, the United States Meat Export Federation and Cargill, Inc. Skahill holds a degree from Iowa State University and is a native of Dubuque, Iowa.