

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation – 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Priorities



2021-2023 Biennial Budget Achievements



Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain funding for Producer-led Watershed grant program – consider increasing grants to \$1 mil/ann. (\$2 mil/bien) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producer-led Watershed Grants: \$1 mil/ann; \$2 mil/bien
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain funding and bonding for agricultural nonpoint source pollution program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonpoint funding maintained
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase exportation of dairy products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Exports: \$558,400 mil/ann; \$1,116,800 mil/bien
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase funding of the Dairy Processor Grant program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dairy Processor Grants: \$400,000/ann; \$800,000/bien
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current funding for County Land and Water Conservation staffing grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase funding for County Land and Water Conservation staffing grants: \$2 mil/FY22; 2.3 mil/FY23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support funding for the expansion of local state-inspected meat processing plants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Processor Grants: \$200,000/ann; \$400,000/bien Four Meat Inspector Positions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain funding for Farmer Mental Health Grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer Mental Health Grants: \$100,000/ann; \$200,000/bien
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide funding to incentivize practices to protect groundwater. This could include grants and funding for water stewardship certification, lake protection, soil and water conservation, or crop insurance premium rebates for cover crops. 	

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain funding and bonding for agricultural nonpoint source pollution program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonpoint funding maintained
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support increased funding for rural Well Testing and Remediation Grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well Compensation and Remediation Grants: \$1 mil (one-time)

Department of Transportation (DOT)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support an increase for local road and bridge funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2% increase in general transportation aids; \$100 mil in Local Roads Improvement Program funding for local government projects.
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Public Service Commission

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support increased funding to expand broadband access and infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband Grants: \$129 mil
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University of Wisconsin System

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain funding for the Dairy Innovation Hub. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dairy Innovation Hub: \$7.8 mil/ann
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support filling additional UW Extension State Specialist positions. Also provide increased funding for these positions. (\$2 mil/bien) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension/CALS Research Specialists: \$1 mil/ann; \$2 mil/bien

Capital Budget

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support upgrades to the Barron County Diagnostic Veterinary Lab for Biosecurity Lab 2 capability and increased testing capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barron County Diagnostic Veterinary Lab: \$9,555,000 for facility upgrade
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