# **Annual Report**

# Agricultural Producer Security Trust Fund

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Division of Trade and Consumer Protection Bureau of Business Trade Practices Agricultural Producer Security Section

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#### **Wisconsin Agricultural Producer Security Trust Fund** Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and Cash Balances (rounded to 10s) FY 20 FY 22 FY 21 Revenues Assessments **Grain Dealers** 233,160 292,960 807,990 **Grain Warehouse Keepers** 54,680 41,710 64,880 270,070 534,090 Milk Contractors 58,570 **Vegetable Contractors** 210,940 234,360 193,140 **Total Assessments** 557,350 839,100 1,600,100 Licenses Fees & Administrative Revenues 20,750 **Grain Dealers** 21,170 26,470 275,750 Grain Warehouse Keepers 285,150 296,000 Milk Contractors 157,300 106,260 154,810 **Vegetable Contractors** 142,280 118,210 109,950 Total License Fees & Monthly Fees 545,460 578,920 589,720 Interest Revenue 25,570 10,680 165,840 Grain Dealer-Audits for Marketing Board 5,960 6,720 7,840 **Total Revenues** 1,134,340 1,435,420 2,363,500 Expenditures Salaries and Fringe **Grain Dealers** 316,760 324,290 307,400 253,340 Grain Warehouse Keepers 226,690 241,030 Milk Contractors 383,040 349,170 368,110 **Vegetable Contractors** 125,120 120,050 114,440 **Total Salaries and Fringe** 1,051,610 1,065,790 1,012,040 Supplies and Services **Grain Dealers** 59,770 65,010 95,630 **Grain Warehouse Keepers** 47,580 51,660 69,920 Milk Contractors 66,240 59,250 66,470 Vegetable Contractors 19,640 16,780 18,100 **Total Supplies and Services** 193,230 192,700 250,120 **Default Payments to Producers** 160,570 (164,900)(42,810)Miscellaneous Expense 1,093,590 1,219,350 **Total Expenditures** 1,405,410 Net Change in Fund Balance (271,070)341,830 1,144,150 Beginning Cash Balance 12,536,980 12,195,150 11,051,000 **Ending Cash Balance** 12,265,910 12,536,980 12,195,150

#### Wisconsin Agricultural Producer Security Trust Fund Notes to Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and Cash Balances

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Wisconsin Agricultural Producer Security Trust Fund (the Fund) is established under Wis. Stats. § 25.463 and is administered by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (the Department). The Fund is maintained within the Department's Agricultural Producer Security Program (the Program). The Program is governed by Wisconsin Statute Chapter 126. The purpose of the Program is to provide some level of assurance that milk, vegetable and grain producers will be paid for their products. Generally, persons who purchase grain, milk or vegetables from Wisconsin producers, and grain warehouse keepers who store producer owned grain, are required to comply with the provisions of Wis. Stat. Ch. 126. Collectively, these parties are defined as Contractors. Wis. Stat. Ch. 126 contains a variety of provisions to ensure that Contractors are able to pay producers. However, if a Contractor does fail to pay, producers may be able to make a claim against the Fund.

Fund revenues primarily consist of assessments and license fees paid by licensed Contractors. Fund expenditures include administrative expenditures of operating the Program and any costs associated with insurance or other backing for the fund. Further, should a contractor fail to pay a grain, milk or vegetable producer, that producer may be able to make a claim against the Fund for partial reimbursement.

The State of Wisconsin Investment Board oversees the management of investment activities for the Fund.

#### Note 1 - Accounting Methodology

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and Cash Balances are presented using the cash basis method of accounting. Revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when disbursed.

All transactions for the Fund are recorded using STAR, which is the State of Wisconsin's accounting and human resource management system. The Wisconsin Department of Administration is responsible for the overall management of this system. The Department's Division of Management Services is responsible for the overall accounting for the Fund, including processing revenue and expenditure transactions.

In addition, state law requires the department to account for the balance in the Fund that is attributable to each of the four contractor license types within the program (Grain Dealers, Grain Warehouse Keepers, Milk Contractors, and Vegetable Contractors). Accordingly, the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection (Division) maintains more detailed revenue, expenditure, and cash balance reports, which are reconciled with STAR on a monthly basis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wis. Stats. § 126.05(2)

Note 2 – Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Cash Balances by Industry Group

Revenues, expenditures, and cash balances for each of the four license programs are shown on pages 4 - 7.

GRAIN DEALER							
CASH BALANCE and DETAILED REVENUES & EXPENDITURES							
(rounded to 10s)  Revenue Detail							
Description Description	FY 22	FY 21	FY 20				
Assessments	4,000	4,090	53,680				
Deferred Payment Assessments	228,840	288,450	748,890				
License Fees	20,270	20,450	25,170				
Penalties/Late Fees	1,220	720	6,730				
Audit Services for Marketing Boards	5,960	6,720	7,840				
Interest (allocated)	12,600	5,250	81,390				
Total Revenues	272,890	325,680	923,700				
Expenditure Detail							
Personnel Expenditures							
Personal Services	242,050	245,150	233,720				
Fringe Benefits	74,710	79,140	73,680				
Subtotal	316,760	324,290	307,400				
Supplies and Services							
Travel & Training	12,610	9,790	17,830				
Telecommunication	950	1,520	1,000				
Rent & Lease	16,090	26,340	25,250				
Professional/Contractual Services	2,870	2,630	2,480				
Other Administrative & Operating	20,470	20,220	19,230				
Insurance	1,540	1,660	1,720				
Printing	0	10	20				
Computer Software	4,230	2,350	27,720				
Supplies	1,000	490	380				
Subtotal	59,760	65,010	95,630				
Other Expenditures							
Default Payments	83,880	-	26,700				
Miscellaneous Expenditure	-	-	-				
Total Expenditures	460,400	389,300	429,730				
Net Change in Cash Balance	(187,500)	(63,620)	493,970				
Beginning Cash Balance	8,002,280	8,065,900	7,571,930				
Ending Cash Balance	7,814,780	8,002,280	8,065,900				

GRAIN WAREHOUSE KEEPER CASH BALANCE and DETAILED REVENUES & EXPENDITURES (rounded to 10s)										
Revenue Detail	Revenue Detail									
Description	FY 22	FY 21	FY 20							
Assessments	54,360	41,660	64,780							
License Fees	275,050	285,050	295,400							
Penalties/Late Fees	1,020	150	700							
Interest (allocated)	1,610	670	10,770							
Total Revenues	332,040	327,530	371,650							
Expenditure Detail Personnel Expenditures										
Personal Services	174,750	194,040	185,810							
Fringe Benefits	51,930	59,300	55,220							
Subtotal	226,680	253,340	241,030							
Supplies and Services										
Travel & Training	10,710	9,990	11,370							
Telecommunication	610	550	600							
Rent & Lease	14,110	20,680	19,780							
Professional/Contractual Services	2,230	2,050	1,940							
Other Administrative & Operating	15,500	15,510	14,800							
Insurance	1,210	1,280	1,340							
Printing	-	10	10							
Computer Software	2,570	1,370	18,480							
Supplies	640	220	1,610							
Subtotal	47,580	51,660	69,930							
Other Expenditures										
Default Payments	76,690	-	66,250							
Miscellaneous Expenditure	-	-	-							
Total Expenditures	350,950	305,000	377,210							
Net Change in Cash Balance	(18,910)	22,530	(5,560)							
Beginning Cash Balance	332,090	309,560	315,120							
Ending Cash Balance	313,180	332,090	309,560							

#### MILK CONTRACTOR CASH BALANCE and DETAILED REVENUES & EXPENDITURES (rounded to 10s) Revenue Detail **Description** FY 22 FY 21 FY 20 253,170 39.810 530,480 Assessments **Deferred Payment Assessments** 18,610 16,900 390 Monthly License Fee 103,230 151,160 154,370 Annual License Fee 2,430 2,550 2,600 Penalties/Late Fees 750 1,100 3,550 Interest (allocated) 10,890 4,580 70,490 **Total Revenues** 175,720 429,460 761,880 **Expenditure Detail Personnel Expenditures** Personal Services 272,290 261,340 250,680 Fringe Benefits 110,760 106,770 98,490 **Subtotal** 383,050 368,110 349,170 **Supplies and Services** Travel & Training 10,360 2,580 10,330 Telecommunication 1,630 2,960 4,700 Rent & Lease 27,360 26,590 25,590 Maintenance & Repairs 140 740 700 Professional/Contractual Services 3,080 2,840 2,690 Other Administrative & Operating 21,530 21,720 20,300 Insurance 1,700 1,710 1,980 Computer Software 180 110 260 Supplies 180 Subtotal 66,240 59,250 66,470 **Other Expenditures Default Payments** (164,900)(135,760)Miscellaneous Expenditure Total Expenditures 449,290 262,460 279,880 Net Change in Cash Balance (273.570)167,000 482,000 Beginning Cash Balance 7,773,260 7,606,260 7,124,260 **Ending Cash Balance** 7,499,690 7,773,260 7,606,260

#### **VEGETABLE CONTRACTOR CASH BALANCE and DETAILED REVENUES & EXPENDITURES** (rounded to 10s) Revenue Detail FY 22 FY 21 FY 20 Description 68,680 46,660 26,950 Assessments Assessment Surcharge 164,230 165,680 165,610 License Fees 126,350 103,410 94,500 Nonparticipating Potato License Fee 15,430 14,600 15,050 Penalties/Late Fees 550 200 970 Interest (allocated) 460 190 3,180 353,680 352,760 306,260 **Total Revenues Expenditure Detail Personnel Expenditures** Personal Services 88,830 84,510 81,430 Fringe Benefits 36,300 35,540 33,000 Subtotal 125,130 120,050 114,430 **Supplies and Services** Travel & Training 2,570 630 1,990 Telecommunication 20 Rent & Lease 8,720 8,050 7,620 Professional/Contractual Services 980 900 850 Other Administrative & Operating 6,690 6,620 6,950 630 Insurance 540 550 Computer Software 50 10 90 Supplies 60 **Subtotal** 19,640 16,780 18,100 **Other Expenditures Default Payments** 0 0 0 Miscellaneous Expenditure Total Expenditures 144,770 136,830 132,530 Net Change in Cash Balance 208,910 215,930 173,730 Beginning Cash Balance (3,570,650)(3,786,580)(3,960,310)

(3,361,740)

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(3,786,580)

**Ending Cash Balance** 

#### Note 3 - Revenues

#### **Assessments**

The Division maintains billing and accounts receivable systems that track assessments by individual contractor and by license year. Each contractor's assessment amount is calculated by multiplying the "assessment rate" by the contractor's total procurements (or storage capacity in the case of grain warehouse keepers).

Generally, assessment rates are calculated using a complex formula that is based on the contractor's current ratio and debt-to-equity ratio. The assessment rate is higher for contractors having weaker financial positions. The assessment rate for contractors that are not required to file a financial statement is a fixed rate based on the number of years the contractor contributed to the Fund. The Department calculates the annual assessment at the beginning of each license year.<sup>2</sup>

#### **License Fees and Inspection Fees**

License fees must be paid to obtain a license. Whereas assessment rates are partially based on financial ratios, license fees are based on the overall purchase volume or storage capacity of the licensee.

- Grain Dealer License and Inspection Fee Detail:
  - Nonrefundable license processing fee of \$25.
  - Base License fee of \$0.0010 per bushel, rounded to the nearest \$100, except license fee may not be less than \$100 or more than \$10,000, less any fee credits for which the grain dealer qualifies.
  - Additional locations fee (for each location greater than one) of \$100
  - Audit services for marketing boards. While on site for routine grain dealer audits, the bureau regularly performs compliance exams on behalf of the Wisconsin Corn Marketing Board and the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board to confirm grain dealers are properly reporting check-off obligations to those organizations. The Program then bills the marketing boards for this work.
- Grain Warehouse Keeper License and Inspection Fee Detail:
  - Nonrefundable license processing fee of \$25.
  - Locations license fee of \$25 for each grain warehouse location.
  - Inspection Fees of \$0.0025 per bushel, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, except the inspection fee may not be less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, less any fee credits for which the grain warehouse keeper qualifies.
  - o Supplemental inspection fee of \$275 for each location other than the main location.
- Milk Contractor License Fee Detail:
  - Nonrefundable license processing fee of \$25.
  - Monthly License fees of \$0.0015 for each 100 pounds of producer milk that the milk contractor procured in this state during the preceding month, less any fee credits for which the milk contractor qualifies.
- Vegetable Contractor License Fee Detail:
  - Nonrefundable license processing fee of \$25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For more details about the assessment calculation, please see Wis. Stats. §§ 126.15, 126.30, 126.46, 126.60 and Wis. Admin. Code §§ ATCP 99.135, 99.255, 100.135 and 101.255. Assessment calculators are available by visiting the following website: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\_Services/AgriculturalProducerSecurity.aspx

- Contract Obligation fees of \$25 plus \$0.0875 for each \$100 in contract obligations, less any fee credits for which the vegetable contractor qualifies.
- A processing potato buyer that has elected not to participate in the fund pays the lesser of \$2,000 or \$25 plus \$0.0875 for each \$100 in contract obligations.

#### **Late Payment Surcharges and Other Penalties**

There are several penalties and surcharges under both the license fee and the assessment provisions of the producer security law, including:

- Late fee for failing to file an annual license renewal application and license fee payment. (\$100)
- Late fee for failing to file a required financial statement. (\$100)
- Late fee for failing to pay a monthly license fee when due (milk contractors only).
   (20% of the amount due)
- Surcharge for operating without a license. (\$500)
- Late fee for failing to pay an assessment installment by the required due date. (\$50 or 10% of the amount due; whichever is greater)

#### Interest Revenue

The Wisconsin Department of Administration deposits interest into the fund at the end of each month. The interest rate is determined monthly based on the overall return on the State of Wisconsin's entire cash holdings. The division allocates interest revenue among the subaccounts based on each subaccount's prior month ending balance as a percentage of the entire fund. Except that, in the event that a subaccount has a negative balance, that subaccount is ignored and the interest is allocated among the subaccounts with positive balances. For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020; the Fund received interest revenue of \$25,566.38, \$10,685.45, and \$165,840.82, respectively.

#### Note 4 – Expenditures

#### **Employee Expenditures**

The Department has authority to allocate FTEs within the license type subaccounts. The Department strives to place each FTE in the industry subaccount for which that person performs most of their duties. Positions that cannot be directly tied to an individual industry subaccount are allocated proportionally among the four subaccounts. The Division periodically reviews these allocations to ensure they reflect the actual work being done.

Allocation of the authorized FTEs, as of June 30, 2022, is shown in the schedule below.

	Grain Dealer	Grain Warehouse Keeper	Milk Contractor	Vegetable Contractors	Total
Agricultural Auditor	2.80	2.20	3.20	0.80	9.00
Agricultural Auditor Supervisor	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.00
Financial Specialist			0.50	0.20	0.70
License Permit Program Associate	0.60	0.40			1.00
TOTAL	3.65	2.85	3.95	1.25	11.70

Several supplies and services expenditures are also charged to the individual subaccounts based on these employee allocations. For example, the Wisconsin Department of Administration collects rent for office space from the department. The Department allocates the rent expenditures across the industry license type categories based on the number of FTEs in each individual program. Therefore, the allocation of FTEs among the four subaccounts has a direct impact on supplies and services expenditure amounts listed in the schedules in Note 2.

#### Note 5 – Fund Balances and Statutory Trigger Amounts

#### **License Fee Credits**

The crediting of excess Fund balances over the minimum threshold is an integral component of the program. Should the balance attributable to any one of the four industry groups exceed the specified minimum threshold listed below, the department must use a portion of the excess as a credit to the next year's license fees owed by contributing contractors in that particular industry license type. The minimum balance threshold for each license type is as follows:

Grain Dealers and
 Grain Warehouses Keepers

 Milk Contractors
 Vegetable Contractors

 \$ 2,300,000 combined as of May 31
 \$ 4,000,000 as of February 29
 \$ 825,000 as of November 30

In the event any of the industry groups exceed the thresholds listed above, the Department, in the following license year, issues a license fee credit to each contributing contractor who files a timely application. For the Grain Dealer, Milk Contractor and Vegetable Contractor license groups, the amount of the credit is fifty percent (50%) of the excess above the minimum balance threshold. In the case of the Grain Warehouse Keeper license group, the amount of the credit is twelve and a half percent (12.5%) of the excess and they are not eligible for license fee credits until after January 1, 2023. The credit is allocated among the contractors based on the total amount paid in license fees over the four preceding license years.

The milk contractor and grain dealer license groups received license fee credits in each of the three fiscal years reported in this document. Credits used in FY 22 were: Milk Contractor \$383,727 and Grain Dealer \$293,700.

#### **Minimum and Maximum Fund Balances**

Wis. Stats. Ch. 126 permits the Department to modify fund assessments by administrative rule. Further, the statute *requires* the Department to modify assessments in order to maintain fund balances greater than the minimum and less than the maximum amounts.<sup>3</sup> These amounts are as follows:

	Minimum Statutory Balance	Actual Balance as of June 30, 2022	Maximum Statutory Balance
Grain Dealers and			
Grain Warehouse Keepers	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 8,127,957.54	\$ 7,000,000
Milk Contractors	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 7,499,693.04	\$ 12,000,000
Vegetable Contractors	\$ 800,000	(\$ 3,361,738.90)	\$ 3,000,000
Entire Fund	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 12,265,911.68	\$ 22,000,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wis. Stats. § 126.88

Rules have been implemented which make various adjustments to assessments as follows:

- Add a vegetable contractor assessment surcharge, capped at \$50,000, if the vegetable contractor portion of the Fund balance is less than \$800,000.
- Allow for a 50% reduction in vegetable contractor assessments if all contract obligations are under written contracts with payment terms of no more than 30 days.
- Reduce milk contractor assessments by 20%.
- Create a deferred payment assessment of \$0.0035 multiplied by total milk payment obligations deferred.
- Reduce grain dealer assessments, including grain deferred payment assessments, if the grain dealer portion of the Fund exceeds \$6,000,000.

#### **Assessment Holiday**

Pursuant to administrative rules, contractors who have been contributing contractors for at least five years may forego paying any fund assessments for the following license year if, as of the specified date, the overall fund balance is at least \$11,000,000, and fund balance attributable to the industry group meets the specified minimum balance:

Grain Dealers \$ 3,000,000 as of May 31 [Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 99.126(5)]
 Grain Warehouse Keepers \$ 500,000 as of May 31 [Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 99.235(4)]
 Milk Contractors \$ 6,000,000 as of Feb. 28 [Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 100.135(10)]
 Vegetable Contractors \$ 1,500,000 as of Nov. 30 [Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 101.245(4)]

#### Note 6 – Individual Security

The department holds security from some licensed contractors for the benefit of producers. The security can be filed in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, commercial surety bond, certificate of deposit, or cash. Security is held for various reasons which include the following:

- **Disqualified:** Contractors who have filed a financial statement that shows negative owners' equity when they are first applying for a license must file individual security. These contractors do not contribute to the fund.
- **Deferred Payment:** Grain dealers and milk contractors that use deferred payment and do not meet a minimum 4:1 debt to equity ratio must file individual security in addition to contributing to the fund.
- Estimated Default Exposure in Excess of \$20 million. Contributing contractors who do not meet minimum financial ratios and whose estimated default exposure exceeds \$20 million are required to post security in an amount equal to the difference between the contractor's estimated default exposure and \$20 million. These contractors receive a proportionate reduction in their annual assessments.
- Voluntary: Contributing contractors whose estimated default exposure exceeds the
  maximum amount that can be paid out of the fund for any one default (60% of the total
  fund balance) may voluntarily file security to cover the difference. These contractors
  receive a proportionate reduction in their annual assessments.
- Other: If a contributing contractor is unable to file a required financial statement when initially licensed, is otherwise unable to comply with statutory provisions, or presents an especially excessive risk to producers, the department may require individual security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The current ratio must be at least 1.25:1 and the debt to equity ratio must be no more than 4:1 for grain dealers, grain warehouse keepers, and vegetable contractors; and 2:1 for milk contractors.

#### Security Held as of June 30, 2022

	Bonds	Le	tter of Credit	and other cash	Total Security
Grain Dealer					
Disqualified	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Payment	145,228		4,699,377		4,844,605
Exposure Greater than \$20 Million	7,678,735				7,678,735
Voluntary	61,219,021				61,219,021
<u>Other</u>					
Total	\$ 69,042,984	\$	4,699,377	\$ -	\$ 73,742,361
	Bonds	Le	tter of Credit	and other cash	Total Security
Milk Contractor					,
Disqualified	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Exposure Greater than \$20 Million	54,290,472			3,268,651	57,559,123
Voluntary	30,746,304				30,746,304
Other			500,000		500,000
Total	\$ 85,036,776	\$	500,000	\$ 3,268,651	\$ 88,805,427
Grand Total					\$ 162,547,788

#### **Note 7 – License History**

In the producer security program, each industry group has a separate license and expiration dates. The statutory expirations are:

- Grain Dealers, August 31 [Wis. Stats. § 126.11(4)(g)]
- Grain Warehouses Keepers, August 31 [Wis. Stats. § 126.26(3)(f)]
- Milk Contractors, April 30 [Wis. Stats. § 126.41(3)(d)]
- Vegetable Contractors, January 31 [Wis. Stats. § 126.56(4)(e)]

The following tables show the total number of licenses issued for each program and the total obligations, or for Grain Warehouse the storage capacity, reported on the license application. The Grain Dealer table also shows the total bushels purchased and total deferred payments made.

Grain Dealer						
License	Licenses	Total	Total	Total		
Year	Issued	Bushels Reported	Purchases Reported	DP Reported		
2022 / 2023	207	486,856,048	\$2,843,883,416.02	\$483,481,601.77		
2021 / 2022	211	436,434,001	\$1,994,035,965.22	\$306,653,760.45		
2020 / 2021	218	443,491,103	\$1,972,730,259.97	\$243,747,517.83		
2019 / 2020	214	478,113,547	\$2,071,092,136.37	\$254,235,921.29		
2018 / 2019	223	486,409,035	\$2,131,516,511.45	\$276,503,567.46		
2017 / 2018	230	482,348,475	\$2,182,501,509.51	\$263,797,486.18		
2016 / 2017	232	433,995,530	\$2,022,015,455.36	\$249,167,940.94		
2015 / 2016	244	385,365,675	\$2,046,937,724.98	\$263,722,370.99		
2014 / 2015	249	351,788,691	\$2,403,340,977.00	\$260,941,793.00		
2013 / 2014	258	400,823,098	\$2,919,177,409.31	\$245,494,567.87		
2012 / 2013	274	378,966,400	\$2,365,294,942.53	\$226,152,173.63		
2011 / 2012	288	454,962,837	\$2,257,068,777.21	\$127,216,085.10		

Grain Warehouse Keeper					
License Year	Licenses Issued	Total Capacity			
2022 / 2023	83	117,112,908			
2021 / 2022	86	105,533,734			
2020 / 2021	89	113,507,741			
2019 / 2020	89	111,802,238			
2018 / 2019	89	114,957,171			
2017 / 2018	92	108,940,953			
2016 / 2017	93	99,330,658			
2015 / 2016	96	111,836,055			
2014 / 2015	99	108,651,388			
2013 / 2014	101	109,542,279			
2012 / 2013	103	102,174,345			
2011 / 2012	106	99,369,562			

Milk Contractor				
License Year	Licenses Issued	Total Obligations		
2022 / 2023	95	\$ 6,591,867,810		
2021 / 2022	96	\$ 6,212,213,876		
2020 / 2021	102	\$ 6,004,133,964		
2019 / 2020	107	\$ 5,428,548,009		
2018 / 2019	113	\$ 5,826,643,909		
2017 / 2018	114	\$ 5,442,967,296		
2016 / 2017	114	\$ 5,600,605,835		
2015 / 2016	115	\$ 7,094,983,256		
2014 / 2015	120	\$ 5,996,509,973		
2013 / 2014	120	\$ 5,612,011,214		
2012 / 2013	119	\$ 5,544,595,746		
2011 / 2012	118	\$ 4,465,441,273		

Vegetable Contractor					
License Year	Licenses Issued	Total Obligations			
2022 / 2023	31	\$279,248,893			
2021 / 2022	31	\$ 285,967,526			
2020 / 2021	32	\$ 255,745,776			
2019 / 2020	33	\$ 283,325,768			
2018 / 2019	34	\$ 274,844,173			
2017 / 2018	35	\$ 306,769,790			
2016 / 2017	36	\$ 271,984,516			
2015 / 2016	40	\$ 322,047,777			
2014 / 2015	39	\$ 315,109,222			
2013 / 2014	39	\$ 315,395,738			
2012 / 2013	37	\$ 236,101,361			
2011 / 2012	37	\$ 307,748,089			

#### Note 8 - Defaults and Recoveries

On May 18, 2021, St. Nazianz Milling, LLC, (St. Nazianz) ceased operations and closed its business. St. Nazianz was a licensed Grain Dealer and Warehouse Keeper. DATCP initiated a default proceeding and received claims from fifteen depositors. All fifteen claims were allowed and payments totaling \$88,669.83 were issued from the Agricultural Producer Security Fund. The remaining depositor grain was sold and the proceeds, including interest, totaling \$11,981.56 were used to reimburse the Fund.

On July 14, 2021, Pipeline Foods, LLC (Pipeline), a Minnesota based company, filed for bankruptcy and defaulted on payments to three grain producers in Wisconsin. Pipeline was licensed as a Grain Dealer in the state of Wisconsin. DATCP initiated a default proceeding and received claims from two producers. One claim was denied because the transaction occurred entirely in the state of Minnesota. The other claim was approved, and a payment totaling \$83,876.86 was issued from the Agricultural Producer Security Fund.

#### **Default Payouts since Inception of APS Fund**

Date	Contractor	Default Amount	Allowed Claims	Net Producer Loss	Number of Producers/ Producer Agents
	Grain Dealer				
2012	Cuff Nutrition Services, LLC	\$20,807	\$1,982	\$18,825	2
2013	GB Elevator, LLC	\$157,246	\$125,001	\$32,245	3
2013	Ruby Grain, LLC	\$75,337	\$60,269	\$15,068	13
2020	Frank's Feed Mill, Inc.	\$33,379	\$26,703	\$6,676	4
2020	Asbury Grain Services, LLC	\$254,776	\$254,776 <sup>1</sup>	\$0	23
2021	Pipeline Foods, LLC	\$107,836	\$83,877	\$23,959	2
	Grain Warehouse Keeper				
2020	Asbury Grain Services, LLC	\$66,245	\$66,245	\$0	46
2021	St. Nazianz Milling, LLC	\$88,670	\$88,670	\$0	15
	Milk Contractor				
2005	Linden Cheese Company	\$193,286	\$130,378	\$62,908	36
2014	Liberty Milk Marketing Cooperative	\$1,291,826	\$1,012,790	\$279,036	27
2019	Noble View Creamery, LLC	\$207,298	\$164,897	\$42,401 <sup>2</sup>	5
	Southwestern Wisconsin Dairy Goat				
2020	Products Cooperative	\$264,319	\$211,455	\$52,864 <sup>3</sup>	22
	Vegetable Contractor				
2013	Allens, Inc.	\$8,782,359	\$6,753,802	\$2,028,557	19
	Total	\$11,543,384	\$8,980,845	\$2,562,539	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Default Amount was paid from security that was held for the producers of Asbury Grain Services, LLC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In August of 2019 Noble View paid the remaining \$42,401 owed to producers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As of September 30, 2021, Southwestern Wisconsin Dairy Goat Products Cooperative has paid \$23,755.04 of the remaining amount owed to milk producers.

### **APS Fund Default Payments Recovered**

	APS Fund	Payments	
Contractor	Payments	Recovered	Recovered Date
Grain Dealer			
Cuff Nutrition Services, LLC	\$1,982	\$22	January-2016
GB Elevator, LLC	\$125,001	\$75,000	May-2017
Ruby Grain, LLC	\$60,269	\$0	
Frank's Feed Mill, Inc.	\$26,703	\$0	
Asbury Grain Services, LLC	\$0	\$0	April-2020
Pipeline Foods, LLC	\$83,877	\$0	
Grain Warehouse Keeper			
Asbury Grain Services, LLC	\$66,245	\$0	
St. Nazianz Milling, LLC	\$88,670	\$11,982	March-2022
Milk Contractor			
Linden Cheese Company	\$130,378	\$0	
Liberty Milk Marketing Cooperative	\$1,012,790	\$347,215	January-2020
Liberty Milk Marketing Cooperative		\$141,981	March-2019
Noble View Creamery, LLC	\$164,897	\$164,897	January-2021
Southwestern Wisconsin Dairy Goat			
Products Cooperative	\$211,455	\$0	
Vegetable Contractor			
Allens, Inc.	\$6,753,802	\$50,124	August-2014
Total	\$8,726,069	\$791,220	