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## Brancel Applauds Processors Adding Dairy Farmers

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Ben Brancel issued this statement today following the news that Mullins Cheese has added some of the displaced dairy farmers to its plant:

“Thank you to Mullins Cheese and several other milk handlers that have taken on impacted farmers. I commend you for stepping up and doing your part to help Wisconsin’s dairy farm family. Taking on even one farm helps.

“I strongly encourage other dairy processors to consider how they can be part of the solution. Dozens of Wisconsin farm families still have less than two weeks to find a home for their milk before they will be forced to go out of the dairy business, losing not only their job but their livelihood.

“I am asking, please, that dairy processors think through how they can handle this extra milk in the short-term in order to sustain the long-term success of Wisconsin’s dairy industry,” said Brancel.

DATCP’s Wisconsin Farm Center continues to work with farmers and dairy processors daily. Farmers are encouraged to contact the Farm Center at 1-800-942-2474 for assistance including financial consultation, transition planning and conflict mediation.

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