July 2020 Legislative Overview:

Legislation with a direct DATCP impact that was still active on March 5th, but failed to receive a final vote in the Senate:

- **Jan. 2020 Special Session AB / SB 6 – Wisconsin Initiative for Dairy Exports**
  - Legislation would create funding for DATCP to assist with dairy exports
    - Amendment adds meat and crop exports, and removes funding for this biennium.
  - Introduced: 2/5/20
  - DATCP provided testimony in committee
  - Passed Assembly as amended: 2/20/20

- **Jan. 2020 Special Session AB / SB 7 – Dairy processor grants**
  - Legislation would increase the funding available for dairy processor grants at DATCP
  - Introduced: 2/5/20
  - DATCP provided testimony in committee
  - Passed Assembly: 2/20/20

- **AB 31 / SB 35 – Tractor rollover protection grants**
  - Legislation would provide a new grant program at DATCP for roll cages on tractors
  - Introduced: 2/15/19
  - Passed Assembly: 2/20/20

- **AB 147 / SB 132 – Caller ID Spoofing**
  - Legislation prohibits call “spoofing” by telemarketers, and members of the general public
  - Introduced: 3/20/19
  - DATCP provided testimony in committee
  - Passed Assembly: 2/11/20
  - DATCP may promulgate rules to implement this

- **AB 353 / SB 328 – Inspections at recreational and educational camps**
  - Legislation allows DATCP the greater flexibility in inspecting camps
  - Introduced: 7/23/19
  - DATCP provided testimony in committee
  - Passed Assembly: 2/18/20

- **AB 511 / SB 451 – Fertilizer Labeling**
  - Legislation impacts the labeling requirements for fertilizer sold in Wisconsin
  - Introduced: 9/27/19
  - Passed Assembly: 2/20/20

- **AB 515 / SB 463 – Labeling food as a type of dairy product or as a dairy ingredient**
  - Legislation requires changes to retail food inspections related to product labeling
  - Introduced: 9/27/19
  - DATCP registered in favor of this bill in committee
  - Passed Assembly: 2/20/20
  - DATCP rulemaking required to implement this

- **AB 516 / SB 466 – Labeling a food product as a type of milk**
  - Legislation requires changes to retail food inspections related to product labeling
  - Introduced: 9/27/19
• AB 518 / SB 464 – Labeling a food product as meat
  o Legislation requires changes to retail food inspections related to product labeling
  o Introduced: 9/27/19
  o DATCP registered in favor of this bill in committee
  o Passed Assembly: 2/20/20
  o DATCP rulemaking required to implement this

• AB 524 / SB 505 – Restores funding for a farmer tuition program that was eliminated in the early 2000s by $50,000 annually
  o Legislation reactivates a currently unfunded grant program at DATCP and moves the grant award decision-making from DATCP to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board
  o Introduced: 10/11/19
  o Passed Assembly: 11/7/19

• AB 627 / SB 563 – Extension Services at the UW System
  o Legislation provides additional funding for state specialists at UW CALS
  o Introduced: 11/15/19
  o DATCP provided testimony in committee
  o Passed Assembly: 2/20/20

• AB 713 / SB 670 – Residuals from Waste-to-Energy facilities to be exempt from tipping fees at waste disposal facilities
  o Legislation would have a minimal, but negative impact on the environmental fund
  o Introduced: 1/8/20
  o Passed Assembly: 2/20/20

• AB 790 / SB 723 – County conservation staffing
  o Legislation would provide additional funding for county conservation staff
  o Introduced: 1/24/20
  o DATCP provided testimony in committee
  o Passed Assembly: 2/18/20

• AB 792 / SB 717 – Clean sweep / PFAS
  o Legislation would create a new grant program at DATCP to dispose of PFAS chemicals
  o Introduced: 1/24/20
  o DATCP provided testimony in committee
  o Passed Assembly: 2/18/20

• AB 795 / SB 715 – Water quality task force omnibus bill
  o Legislation creates a number of different water quality related programs at DATCP, including:
    - Water stewardship certification grants, increased funding for producer-led watershed protection grants, crop insurance rebates, and a grazing coordinator position
  o Introduced: 1/24/20
  o DATCP provided testimony in committee
  o Passed Assembly: 2/18/20
  o DATCP may promulgate rules to implement this

• AB 796 / SB 718 – Nitrate pilot program
  o Legislation creates a pilot grant program at DATCP for farmers to experiment with new practices to reduce nitrate loading
  o Introduced: 1/24/20
  o DATCP provided testimony in committee
  o Passed Assembly: 2/18/20
• DATCP emergency rulemaking required
• DATCP permanent rulemaking required

• **AB 873 / SB 818 – Agriculture building tax credit**
  o Legislation would create a tax credit on buildings used exclusively for farming of up to $7,500
  o Introduced: 2/10/20
  o Passed in Assembly: 2/20/20

**COVID-19 Emergency Response:**

• **EmR 2002 – Residential rental late fees**
  o Rule created in response to Emergency Order 8 to prevent residential tenants from being charged late fees on their rent during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  o JCRAR voted to suspend EmR 2002: 6/25/20
    ▪ JCRAR also voted to introduce legislation next year to prevent a similar rule during a future emergency order by the Governor.

• **Executive Order 72 – Price Gouging**
  o Executive Order 72 authorized DATCP to enforce prohibitions against price gouging during an emergency, and proclaimed a period of abnormal economic disruption.
  o DATCP explored opening an emergency rule on price gouging, but ultimately pulled it back.
  o Period of economic disruption officially ended: 7/3/20
    ▪ DATCP continues to investigate instances of price gouging up until July 3rd.

**2021-2023 DATCP budget:**

• **Governor’s budget letter to state agencies received: 6/5/20**
  o State agencies to not request any additional GPR-funded expenditures in either year of the upcoming biennium.
  o State agencies to not seek any new positions, from any fund source in either year of the upcoming biennium.
  o State agencies to repurpose existing vacancies wherever it is feasible.

• **Official budget request due: 9/15/20**