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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**  
Ben Brancel, Secretary

**DATE:** December 2, 2016

**TO:** Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

**FROM:** Ben Brancel, Secretary  
John Petty, Administrator, Division of Agricultural Resource Management

**SUBJECT:** Land and Water Resources Bureau Report – Agricultural Impact Statement Program and 2015 Land and Water Conservation Annual Report

**PRESENTED BY:** Marilyn Weiss, AIS program manager  
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**REQUESTED ACTION:** For Informational Purposes Only

This report is provided as an update to the board on Bureau of Land and Water Resources activities related to the development of agricultural impact statements. The presentation will also provide a short overview of soil and water conservation efforts for 2015 as reported in the 2015 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Annual Report.

Agricultural Impact Statements (AIS)

Agricultural impact statements are prepared by the agency for public projects that could involve acquiring farmland, through either outright purchase or easements. Public projects include roads, railroads, airports, electric transmission lines, pipelines, parks, and wastewater treatment plants. AIS development identifies the potential economic impact on individual farms, the acreage that could be lost or affected, and farmland owner concerns.

2015 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Annual Report

Each year, county land conservation committees report to the department on their activities and accomplishments related to soil and water conservation. These reports provide information on the counties progress in implementing county land and water resource management plans. By compiling the annual reporting information from all 72 counties, DATCP and DNR are able to prepare the joint 2015 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Annual Report.

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