Pursuant to section 227.112 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is hereby accepting comments on the proposed guidance document:

**Letter to Livestock Associations Regarding Spent Grains**

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE**
Proposed guidance document may be reviewed by accessing:
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**SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**
The comment period will run no fewer than 21 days after the publication of this document in the Administrative Register.

**AGENCY PUBLICATION**
The attached guidance document contains statements or interpretations of law under the following applicable provisions of federal law or the applicable state statutory or administrative code provisions: Wis. Stat. ch. 94.72, Wis. Admin. Code, ch. ATCP 42.

**CERTIFICATION**
Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I have reviewed the attached guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections 227.10 and 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is not explicitly required or explicitly permitted by a statute or a rule that has been lawfully promulgated. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is more restrictive than a standard, requirement, or threshold contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.

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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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Letter that will go out to various livestock associations, asking for assistance with connecting breweries and distilleries with animal producers that would like to feed spent grains and other similar byproducts to their animals.

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9/30/19
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Dear Sir or Madam:

As the Commercial Feed Program Manager for the Wisconsin Commercial Animal Feed Program, I am writing to let you know how the commercial animal feed program can be a resource to your stakeholders; as well as to ask for your help in connecting companies who produce brewery or distillery by-products to livestock producers. These producers may be interested in incorporating those by-products into their animal feed rations.

What can the program do for your stakeholders?
Wisconsin’s Commercial Animal Feed Program activities promote the safety of feed for livestock and companion animals, ensure the safety and integrity of the human food chain, protect consumers against fraud and deception, and support a fair and honest feed commerce environment. The program staff:

- Provide regulatory information related to distributing, labeling, or manufacturing commercial animal feed;
- Issue certificates of free sale for exporting animal feeds to other countries;
- Answer questions or provide resources related to Veterinary Feed Directives for medicated feeds; and
- Investigate suspected feed issues related to animal loss of productivity, illness or death.

Outreach effort of the commercial animal feed program
Recently, the commercial animal feed program initiated an outreach effort, specifically towards breweries and distilleries, illustrating the benefits of reusing spent grains and byproducts as a commercial animal feed/ingredient source. Furthermore, the program will be encouraging breweries and distilleries that are not already doing so to consider distributing their spent grain, and other byproducts as feed ingredients. As such, we are actively working to inform facilities about the benefits of reusing their spent grains or other by-products as animal feed through outreach related to program assistance and licensing requirements to ensure a safe, healthy animal feed supply chain is maintained in Wisconsin.

We would like you to consider providing your company and contact information as a resource for us to provide to livestock producers who may be interested in receiving these beneficial by-products. If you are willing to serve as a resource, please respond by phone (608-224-4539) or in writing (heather.bartley@wisconsin.gov) to let us know or to ask any questions you may have about serving in this role. If you do not explicitly volunteer to connect human food manufacturing facilities distributing animal feed by-products with animal producers, we will not share your information.
Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and willingness to collaborate with Wisconsin’s feed program!

Kind regards,

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