



Farmer Awardees Selected for 2023 Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

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The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and Marbleseed announced 165 Wisconsin farmers have been awarded funds through the 2023 Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program. Recipients were awarded amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000 to grow and provide food for hunger relief efforts across the state. The farmers and farms selected represent 51 of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

Farmer awardees gathered at the recent Marbleseed Organic Farming Conference in La Crosse. There, awardees were introduced to key partners; connected with resources in food production, food safety, and scaling up their farm business; and networked with historically underserved producers, distributors, and food outlets. Of the 165 Wisconsin farmers, 60 percent are part of a socially disadvantaged or historically underserved community, while 56 percent are new or beginning farmers and 18 percent of the farms are woman owned.

For a complete list of farmer awardees and where their farms are located, click [here](#).

About the Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service to create and implement the Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program. The LFPA program aims to strengthen local food systems, support Wisconsin farmers, and distribute fresh, nutritious foods to underserved communities.

DATCP is collaborating with producers, distributors, food security organizations, and tribal partners to provide program development, coordinate transportation and logistics, and procure food from local producers through partnerships with [Marbleseed](#), [Wisconsin Farmers Union](#), and [Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative](#). For more information, visit wilocalfood.org.

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