



# Governor Evers' Budget Proposals for Agriculture

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# SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

1. Food Security Grant Program
2. Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports
3. Farm Business Consultant Grant Program
4. Dairy Processor Grant Program
5. Value-Added Agriculture Grant Program
6. Farm to School Grant Program
7. Farm to Fork Grant Program
8. Small Farm Diversity Grant Program
9. Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Grant Program
10. Something Special from Wisconsin
11. Agricultural Assistance
12. Meat Processor Grant Program
13. Meat Talent Development Grant Program
14. Meat Inspection Program
15. County Conservation Staffing
16. Soil and Water Resource Management Aids
17. Producer-Led Watershed Grant Program
18. Farmland Preservation Planning Grants
19. Conservation Grant Program
20. Water Stewardship Grant Program
21. Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program
22. Reducing Carbon with Agricultural Practices Pilot
23. Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project Grant
24. Biodigester Planning Grant Program
25. Regional Farmer Support
26. Bureau of Laboratory Services Staffing
27. Agricultural Economist
28. Hemp Inspection Program
29. Veterinary Examining Board Staffing
30. Broadband Customer Protections
31. Vaping Products
32. Prescription Drug Consumer Protections
33. Marijuana Legalization and Community Reinvestment
34. Latinx Outreach Specialist
35. Development of Rural Business Enterprises
36. Division of Food and Recreational Safety Software Update
37. Dog Sellers Program
38. Agency Equity Officer
39. Debt Service Reestimate
40. Revenue Reestimates and Position Realignment
41. Standard Budget Adjustments



# 2021-23 GOVERNORS BUDGET FOR CLIMATE CHANGE IN AG

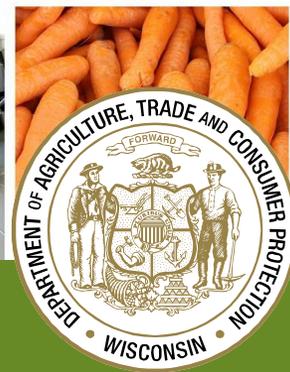
- **Increase County Land Conservation Staffing**
  - Climate change assessment and strategy development - \$1.8 million/yr
  - Overall staffing grant increase of \$3.6 million in 2021-22, \$3.708 million in 2022-23
- **Regenerative Ag and Carbon Sequestration Grant Program**
  - \$370,000/yr for a pilot program that studies the feasibility of a carbon market covering the state
  - Provide grants to producers and producer-led groups who participate in a carbon market pilot program
- **Soil Health Incentives**
  - Provide funding and 1.0 FTE at the State Laboratory of Hygiene for soil health testing
  - Increased funding for Producer Led Program to \$1 million/yr
  - Grazing Program –
    - Grazing education and training (no positions)
    - Grants for grazing/conservation/regenerative ag - \$320,000/yr



# OTHER CONSERVATION FOCUSED BUDGET AND PROGRAMMATIC ITEMS

- **Nutrient and Manure Management**
  - Biodigester Planning Grants - \$250,000/yr
  - Nitrogen Optimization Grants - \$500,000/yr
- **Water Stewardship Certification Program**
  - \$250,000/yr in grants to producers for Alliance for Water Stewardship Certification
  - 0.5 FTE at DATCP to administer
- **Related -**
  - **Farmland Preservation Planning Grant funds** - able to use unallocated dollars for implementation of county farmland preservation programs
  - **Increased bonding authority** for cost-share projects such as grassed waterways, manure storage, streambank stabilization, etc.
  - **Public Service Commission** - reevaluate the appropriate social cost of carbon every two years, and consider it when determining issuance of construction certifications.





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