

# Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation: Statement on budget approval

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MADISON – Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation President Jim Holte issued the following statement regarding Gov. Tony Evers’ budget approval.

*“Wisconsin Farm Bureau is pleased that Governor Evers has approved a budget with support for agricultural items.*

*We were pleased to see further funding given to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection’s producer-led watershed grant program. This program is essential to keeping farmers proactively involved in local water quality discussions.*

*Transportation issues continue to be a large concern for our rural residents. We are happy to see extra funding for our town roads and appreciate that the Governor and State Legislature understood the importance of sound infrastructure for our rural businesses.*

*Rural residents continue to struggle with limited or no access to broadband across much of the state. We support the much-needed funding for the Broadband Expansion Grant to bring updates and upgrades to rural areas.*

*Increased funding for other agricultural resources such as the UW System's Dairy Innovation Hub are important. This \$8.8 million investment in research for our state's dairy community is extremely needed.*

*We appreciate the work by the State Legislature and the Governor to assure farmers have access to the programs and resources needed to be successful."*

Made up of 61 county Farm Bureaus, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general farm organization, representing farms of every commodity, size and management style.