

Dave Considine: Recognize farmer sacrifice throughout the pandemic

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COVID-19 has impacted us all in many ways, and through it all Wisconsin's agricultural producers have continued to work hard to provide us with nutritious food. A recent study from the independent polling and research firm Gallup showed that Americans view the farming and agriculture industry with a 69% positivity rating. In Wisconsin, many of us see the dedication of our farmers firsthand. Despite the many challenges they have faced throughout these uncertain times, they continue to work to provide for people in Wisconsin, the United States, and the world.

Wisconsin's economy is largely driven by agriculture from cheese to ginseng. Our local rural economies are supported by agriculture producers, processors, and those in the food supply chain. Farmers deserve recognition for all of the sacrifices they have made for our communities throughout the past years and especially the past several months. COVID-19 has forced many farmers to make difficult decisions as the supply chain faced hardship. As a former farmer, I understand the fragility of the food supply chain and the hard work that goes into ensuring your community continues to have food on the table.

Thank you to all of our essential agricultural producers for your dedication. As the ranking member on the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, I am committed to helping you. I promise to continue to encourage targeted and sustainable investments in the agricultural industry so our farms - the hearts of our rural communities - continue to beat. If you don't live or work on a farm, choose to support local producers next time you go to the grocery store. Our support is as essential as their hard work.

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