

# Sen. Smith: Encourages farmers to apply in second round of farm support program

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MADISON - This week, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Revenue (DOR) announced a second round of funding for the Wisconsin Farm Support Program. Applications for the second round will be accepted between August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> with payments expected to be distributed in mid-September. Farmers whose gross income is between \$10,000 and \$5 million will be eligible to receive a payment.

Governor Tony Evers announced the \$50 million Wisconsin Farm Support Program in May, a program made possible from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The application period for the first round of Farm Support Program funding occurred in June. According to DATCP, 11,884 Wisconsin farmers received a \$3,500 payment during this round, amounting to a total of \$41.6 million. **In counties within the 31<sup>st</sup> Senate District, 1,390 farmers received a Farm Support Program award, which came to a total of \$4.8 million.** There is \$8.4 million remaining from the first round of the Wisconsin Farm Support Program will now be made available to a second round of applicants.

"I'm glad to hear so many farmers were able to successfully apply for the Wisconsin Farm Support Program in the first round, especially in western Wisconsin," said Senator Jeff Smith. "I encourage farmers to apply now, during the second round, if they missed the deadline or were previously ineligible. This program is not the be-all, end-all. Clearly, more support must be made available for our farmers, but the Farm Support Program has already proven to provide quick relief for farmers."

Farmers interested in applying, can visit the [DOR Wisconsin Farm Support Program page](#).