

WFBF: Members participate in round table with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture under Secretary Bill Northey

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MADISON – On Thursday, Oct. 8 Wisconsin Farm Bureau members participated in a round table discussion hosted by USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey at Solhawk Dairy in Chippewa Falls. State FSA Executive Director Sandy Chalmers also participated in the event.

“Today’s event was encouraging that USDA is listening to and understands the challenges that farmers are facing,” said Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation District 9 Board member Peter Kimball. “This was a great opportunity to have our voices as farmers heard at one of the highest levels of leadership.”

Members in attendance thanked the Under Secretary for the CFAP program and commented on the ease of completing the first application and quick turn around on receiving payments. Additionally, members talked about dairy pricing, crop insurance, consumer confidence in farmers, the need for flexibility in specialty crops within CFAP 2.0 and rural broadband.

During the conclusion of the round table event, Under Secretary Northey announced details about the [2021 Dairy Margin Coverage](#) program enrollment.

Prior to the round table, WFBF members Leslie Svacina, Peter Kimball and Dave Styer had an opportunity for a small group breakfast with the Under Secretary. At breakfast, these members talked about the importance of rural broadband, water quality, local meat processing and gave an update on harvest.

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