

# Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Provides resources to farmers, agricultural businesses on COVID-19

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is providing resources for the state’s consumers, farmers, and agricultural businesses as they navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19. These resources can be found at <https://www.datcp.wi.gov/> and include helpful information such as:

- Information on [Executive Order #72](#) and [Emergency Order #5](#) regarding gatherings of 10 people or more, which makes important exemptions for manufacturing, processing, distribution, and production facilities.
- Links to state and federal agency tips and information (also available at [gov/COVID19](#))
- Toolkit for farmers and agricultural organizations to assist in planning ahead
- FAQs on price gouging, animal and livestock health, food supply and delivery, and crops and agribusinesses

“We understand this is a confusing and stressful time, especially for those in agriculture,” said DATCP Interim Secretary Randy Romanski. “We aim to serve as a resource for farmers, consumers, and agribusinesses in need of assistance as they plan their response to COVID-19.”

In addition to continually updating the DATCP website as information on COVID-19

evolves, the agency is conducting weekly calls with industry stakeholders to provide updates, share information, and access resources. Agricultural stakeholders should work through their agricultural associations to compile questions and concerns. These organizations will then share those items with DATCP on their designated weekly call.

People should follow simple steps to prevent illness and avoid exposure to the 2019 novel coronavirus, including:

- Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching your face; and
- Staying home when sick.