

Gov. Evers Radio Address: On National Dairy Month, highlights badger bounceback agenda investments in Wisconsin's agricultural economy and farm families

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address celebrating National Dairy Month in Wisconsin and highlighting his Badger Bounceback Agenda investments in Wisconsin's agricultural economy and farm families.

Hi Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers here.

This month we're celebrating June Dairy Month in Wisconsin and if there's one thing we all know for sure, it's that they don't call Wisconsin "America's Dairyland" for nothing.

As one of the nation's top producers of dairy and supplier of more than a quarter of the country's cheese, no one does dairy quite like us.

With more than 1.2 million dairy cows across our state and more than 95% of our dairy farms being family-owned, it's impossible to go anywhere in Wisconsin and not be reminded how critically important the dairy industry is to our state, our

economy, and who we are as Wisconsinites.

Our state has relied on the resilience and dedication of our farmers for generations, and that's why my budget has prioritized helping our farmers and farming industries bounce back.

My Badger Bounceback agenda invests more than \$43 million in our agricultural economy and farm families. These investments are critically important so that we can work to expand market opportunities, develop new and innovative farming practices, strengthen our agricultural workforce, connect local producers to foodbanks and pantries, and support farmer mental health and wellbeing.

These historic investments will create and fund the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports, boosting export opportunities for our agricultural products. It will also increase support for the Dairy Processor Grant Program and fund the Farm-to-School Grant Program, which can help get fresh, nutritious, and locally-produced foods onto kids' plates in school cafeterias across Wisconsin.

Our agricultural industry is Wisconsin's past and present, and it will be our future, so this Dairy Month, join me in supporting Wisconsin's dairy farmers and producers.

Thank you.