

Wisconsin Farmers Union:WFU pleased by governor's proposed budget investment in rural Wisconsin

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CHIPPEWA FALLS – Wisconsin Farmers Union President Darin Von Ruden issued the following statement in response to tonight's 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Address:

“The Governor’s proposed budget hits many of the checkboxes Wisconsin Farmers Union advocated for, and we are pleased to see a hearty investment in Wisconsin’s family farms and rural towns. The investment in agriculture and rural infrastructure is encouraging. This funding will widen the reach of rural broadband, expand local food systems and marketing opportunities for farmers, invest in meat processing, aid in addressing rural mental health, expand access to BadgerCare, and foster producer-led conservation efforts to protect the land and water and act on climate change. WFU looks forward to working with Governor Evers, DATCP, members of the Joint Finance Committee, Assembly, and Senate to advance these priorities. We also strongly urge ongoing opportunities for virtual engagement and public input as this process moves forward so we have a final budget that truly represents and serves the citizens of this state.”