

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Nitrogen optimization pilot grant application open through January 31

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites Wisconsin farmers to apply for commercial nitrogen optimization research grants through January 31, 2023. These grants aim to enhance the understanding of and refine new methods that optimize commercial nitrogen applied to agricultural fields.

Eligible applicants must be an agricultural producer, agree to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin System (UW) on their project, and voluntarily conduct commercial nitrogen optimization field studies for a minimum of two years. For a full list of requirements, visit [DATCP's website](#).

“As stewards of the land, Wisconsin farmers understand that our rich soil and water resources are our strength, and they work tirelessly to ensure that our farmland is maintained for future generations” said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. “These grants will give farmers across the state the opportunity to continue preserving our natural resources and identify new opportunities in nitrogen optimization.”

There is \$1.6 million available for this round of grants. Multiple agricultural producers may work together to submit a single application, and each agricultural producer who is part of the application is eligible to receive up to a maximum award of \$50,000. Of the amount awarded to a producer, up to 20% will be awarded to UW for their monitoring and research assistance.

The grant application is available on [DATCP's website](#). Applications are due to DATCPNOPP@wisconsin.gov by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Grant recipients will be announced in March 2023.

DATCP will hold a webinar to review the request for proposals and grant program on November 28, 2022 from 1 – 2 p.m. Registration is required and can be found on [DATCP's website](#).