



## 2023-2024 Policy Priorities - updated

### SUPPORTING CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

**AB 64/SB 58** expands eligibility to participate in the DNR's Well Compensation Program which will provide relief to rural Wisconsinites with nitrate-contaminated wells. This bill has bipartisan support and provides commonsense updates that will allow the program to achieve its purpose.

**AB 655/SB 619** creates a 'transition to grass' program at DATCP providing grants and support to farmers and agri-businesses who are implementing livestock grass-based managed grazing systems and farmers and agribusinesses in the grass-fed livestock business.

**AB 419/SB 409** directs DATCP to develop and maintain or contract with a third party to develop or maintain, an online, interactive carbon calculator that can be used by farmers to determine the carbon emissions produced directly and indirectly from their agricultural activities.

**AB 25/SB 24** makes minor changes to statute allowing a person to distribute a fertilizer that is produced from converting manure into compost and that has a combined weight of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium that is less than 24 percent of the total weight of the fertilizer.

### PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF WISCONSIN DAIRY

**AB 440/SB 431** supports the growth in the dairy community and recognizes the need to update dairy hauling regulations and weight limits. Updated standards in this bill recognize changes in equipment and benefits of reduced trips to and from the farm.

**AB 952/SB 886 and AB 999/SB 947** prohibit the plant-based industry using terms like milk, cheese to ride on the marketing coattails of dairy farmers and processors. This practice is blatantly misleading and unfair as money paid by dairy farmers into the dairy checkoff is used to promote milk, cheese and other dairy products. Also, consumers are being misled by this false labeling. The use of dairy terms suggests their products have the same nutritional content of milk and other dairy products, which is not true.

**(OPPOSE) AB 831/SB 781** would allow a milk producer to receive a license from DATCP to sell unpasteurized dairy products processed on farm premises to consumers through delivery, at retail stores, or directly from a dairy farm.

**(OPPOSE) AB 397/SB 384** requires a law enforcement officer to determine whether a person who is arrested for or charged with a crime or civil violation is lawfully present in the state. If the person cannot provide adequate proof they are to be reported to immigration officials.



## ENSURING REGULATORY FAIRNESS & ENHANCING RURAL COMMUNITIES

**AB 957/SB 892** prohibits counties and municipalities from taking actions to regulate commercial animal operations in areas that are zoned exclusively or primarily for agricultural use. The bill prohibits local regulations that: (1) establish animal welfare standards that are more stringent than those under state law; (2) require or prohibit medications or vaccinations that are not required or prohibited under state law; (3) limit the use to which any animal may be put while in the facility or after it leaves the facility, except as otherwise provided in state law; or (4) limit the species of animals that may be raised or kept.

**AJR 98/SJR 91** reaffirms the Legislature's commitment to protect the autonomy of farmers in determining the best practices for their farms and acknowledging the damage that laws prohibiting the sale of agricultural goods can have on our nation's food supply.

**AB 798/SB 746** requires DATCP to maintain an inventory of gas/fuel storage tanks. The bill requires the inventory to include every aboveground storage tank with a capacity of at least 110 gallons and every underground storage tank with a capacity of at least 60 gallons. Except for reporting inventory information, this subchapter does NOT apply to farm tanks.

**AB 834/SB 787** creates a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) in the city of Evansville for the purpose of building a state-of-the-art 70-million-bushel oilseed processing facility. The proposed TIF relief is essential to the project.

## WHO ARE WE?



DBA members are the

**THOUGHT-LEADERS  
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dairy men & women of Wisconsin!

- 44% have herd sizes of 500 or less
- 25% have herd sizes of 500 or greater
- 31% have herd sizes of 1,000 or greater
- Veterinarians, cheese makers, equipment dealers, nutritionists, bankers and others who realize that the success of our dairy farms means success for their businesses

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