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Joint Committee on Finance Sow the Fields, Provides Dairy Hub Funding

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

"Earlier this year, in a party-line vote Republicans in the Joint Committee on Finance voted to provide funding for a new Dairy Innovation Hub at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, and UW-River Falls. The struggles of Wisconsin's agricultural community have been well-documented and publicized. This hub will serve as a great first step to help sow the fields of agriculture in Wisconsin and provide a more stable environment for those who put food on tables across the nation."

"Wisconsin is the proud home to about 77,000 farms, more than 99% of which are family-owned. Agriculture is a powerful economic engine for Wisconsin, generating over 400,000 jobs. We have a strong tradition of diverse agriculture, ranging from conventional to organic encompassing both large and small operations. We must continuously look for ways to keep agriculture moving forward. I am confident in saying our vote today will do just that."

"Governor Ever's proposed budget would have been a substantial blow to agriculture in Wisconsin. The Governor's efforts to scale back the agriculture tax credit would have significantly impacted farmers across Wisconsin. Governor Evers' middle-class tax cut was built on the backs of farmers to the tune of over \$500 million. Raising taxes on farmers is the last thing we should be doing."

"I would like to thank my Republican colleagues for their leadership on this issue and farmers across Wisconsin for their continued dedication."

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