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**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **WCMA Applauds Plan to Boost Farmers, Food Aid**

MADISON, WI - The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) applauds Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers' plan to direct \$50 million in federal funds to the new Wisconsin Farm Support Program, providing direct aid to farmers, and \$15 million to the new Food Security Initiative, combatting hunger.

WCMA Executive Director John Umhoefer released the following statement in reaction to the Evers Administration announcement:

*"Wisconsin's dairy industry saw its markets decimated as coronavirus spread across the country, triggering milk disposal, farm bankruptcies, and even the closure of a processing plant.*

*"Aid is urgently needed from farm to table, and we applaud Governor Evers' plan to stabilize the supply chain with support both for the agricultural community and for those faced with food insecurity.*

*"Dairy processors are committed to the essential, critical work of feeding the nation and the world, and we welcome every bit of support in meeting that mission."*

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