



## Media Release

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### **Rep. Shankland Receives the 2023-2024 Legislative Excellence Award from Dairy Business Association**

MADISON— Today, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) announced she has been awarded the 2023-2024 Legislative Excellence Award from the Dairy Business Association. Upon receiving the award, Rep. Shankland released the following statement:

“While serving in the State Assembly, it has been my priority to find commonsense solutions to the most pressing challenges impacting Wisconsin. I firmly believe that protecting our water quality and supporting Wisconsin’s family farmers go hand in hand.

“That’s why I am honored to be recognized by the Dairy Business Association, a leading voice for sustainable agricultural practices, for my work to support Wisconsin’s family farmers with investments in infrastructure and protecting our land and water.

“Below are a few of the legislative issues I worked on with the Dairy Business Association during the 2023-2024 legislative session:

1. Establishing a new \$150 million grant program to improve roads used for agriculture
2. Improving and expanding access to Wisconsin’s Farmland Preservation Program and providing farmers with greater tax credits per acre
3. Funding the Cover Crop Insurance Premium Rebate Program, a new program established through the leadership of our Water Quality Task Force
4. Funding the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program, a new program our Water Quality Task Force created

“As a member of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and someone who strongly supports Wisconsin’s agricultural heritage, I am proud to have co-authored, co-sponsored, and championed these legislative initiatives. Many of these laws have built on our successful bipartisan work that our Task Force on Water Quality led. I am proud that we continue to grow these programs and demonstrate that working together across the aisle, we can support agriculture and conservation. I look forward to continuing to partner with the Dairy Business Association and other agriculture and environmental organizations to find innovative and comprehensive solutions to the problems facing family farmers and rural Wisconsin.”

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Katrina Shankland**

71<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**About the Dairy Business Association**

DBA is a nonprofit organization of Wisconsin dairy farmers, milk processors and business partners who work together to boost the state's dairy community. DBA's integrated approach, with farmers alongside industry partners, is a unique model that fosters collaboration and innovation for the collective good of the dairy community. We focus on advocating to advance the dairy industry at the state level. DBA represents more than 250,000 cows in Wisconsin and has over 650 members.

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