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Celebrate National Ag Day
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Today is National Ag Day which provides us with another opportunity to celebrate Wisconsin's involvement in agriculture. This includes all of the producers, processors, transporters, retailers, and consumers who contribute to Wisconsin's agricultural economy. 1 in 9 people in Wisconsin have a job that touches agriculture in some way. Each member of the food supply chain is integral to Wisconsin's economic success.

This year, those who work in the food supply chain had to work even longer hours and modify their routines to ensure Wisconsinites had access to safe and reliable food at the grocery store. Agricultural leaders across Wisconsin pivoted to COVID-19 safe work environments, took pay cuts to cover business costs, and worked extra hours to ensure we avoided even more massive shortages than were our experience a year ago.

Thankfully, we're continuing to overcome COVID-19 and returning to "normal" is on the horizon. However we must not forget the issues that were presented to us during this pandemic. With the added strain of this virus, workforce and processing bottlenecks became all too apparent. That is why I am glad to support Governor Tony Evers' 2021-23 Biennial Budget, which invests in every aspect of our agricultural economy.

This budget invests millions to increase our capacity in meat processing, workforce, and market development for Wisconsin products. It also supports agricultural operations by ensuring the roads on which these products are transported are repaired in a timely manner. Finally this budget invests in producer resiliency. Our farmers work extremely hard and unfortunately experience a higher suicide rate than the general population. This budget provides mental health supports as well as business planning support to aid in difficult situations often encountered on the farm.

I am glad to support a budget aimed at supporting our agricultural history, and I'm proud to celebrate National Ag Day with all of you. If you're interested in learning more about the budget, [click here](#). If you're interested in helping your local producers and processors celebrate National Ag Day, order or pick up a local product from your grocer today.