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June is Dairy Month

While many things in this world are happening this year, one thing remains constant: June is Dairy Month. In a year that has been so unique, it is deeply important to recognize the hard work and dedication that goes into creating “America’s Dairyland.”

One of the main issues that our farmers have been facing for many years is their mental health and the resources that are available to help. These are the people who feed our families, it is so important to support them anyway that we can. Under the Farm Center from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), farmers can receive help with strategies to be successful and also for mental health services, including understanding the counseling vouchers offered. Farm Center service are completely free to farmers and are kept 100% confidential. They can be reached at 800-942-2474 or online at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx.

Some other ways to lighten the burdens on farmers include many of the proposed bills from this session. Senator Jacque and I introduced Senate Bill 842 that would allow farmers to subtract their medical insurance from their annual taxes as a sole proprietor. Representative Tranel has also Assembly Bill (AB) 875 which would allow for a tax credit on agricultural buildings. These bills have passed the State Assembly but have yet to be taken up by the State Senate. Along with proposed tax bills I have also focused in on what should be a simple issue; Milk choice. Kids today are not drinking enough healthy milk, and even when they want to are not allowed to under a federal program. I have introduced a resolution and have written a letter to President Trump asking for a waiver for Wisconsin to allow schools to serve both 2% and whole milk, which is currently not allowed. On top of that, the milk cartons of today are not appealing. I have also introduced AB 956 which would provide grants for schools to purchase and use milk dispensers to help promote dairy consumption for kids.

On a more local level it was sad to see the dairy breakfast events canceled because it is so important to teach our kids about dairy. However I am extremely proud and glad to see so many continuing efforts to promote our dairy farms. Some of the things you may have noticed are free gallons of milk in our district as well as cheese curd delivery. Our local heritages and family farms are extremely important and we need to pass this history and these values on to the next generation.

Simply put, thank you to all of the farmers in Wisconsin and across the nation for supplying our families with nutritious food. I will continue to fight to protect your industry.



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As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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