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## Calling all Farmers to Apply for Wisconsin Farm Support Program

On June 15th the Wisconsin Farm Support Program opened applications for a package that will release \$50 million to farmers across "America's Dairyland" who were affected by COVID-19.

During an extremely difficult time for farmers across our great state, the Wisconsin Farm Support Program will potentially provide direct aid payments to over 26,000 farmers here in Wisconsin depending on the number of applicants. With that being said, there were over 3,600 applications filed on the opening day.

The application process is relatively quick to complete, make sure to have your 2019 tax returns ready when you apply. The \$1,000 to \$3,500 to be distributed to individual farmers will be determined based on a sliding scale from your 2019 gross farm receipts for those between \$35,000 and \$5 million from your 2019 Schedule F statement, so please make sure you have your business taxes and your bank account information ready as the money will be direct deposited to your bank account.

Applications will be accepted between Monday, June 15th and Monday, June 29th, so I encourage you to apply immediately. If the application is incomplete or needs further information, it is better to get it done sooner than later to correct those concerns before the deadline passes.

DATCP expects the \$50 million to be distributed beginning on July 15, so it is a fast turnaround to receive between \$1,000 and \$3,500 depending on your eligibility.

To apply, please visit the following website and click "Apply Here." <u>https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/TaxPro/2020/FarmSupportProgram.aspx</u>

The website also includes more frequently asked questions with detailed answers on eligibility and the program itself. For those farmers that may not be able to apply online, please feel free to call the Department of Revenue (DOR) at (608) 266-2772 to request assistance in applying for the program.

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

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