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## Rep. Mark Spreitzer Introduces Agriculture Package With Legislative Colleagues, Governor Evers

MADISON -- Yesterday, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) was proud to join his legislative colleagues and Governor Evers to introduce a package of bills to support Wisconsin farms and farmers. Rep. Spreitzer was the lead author with State Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) on LRB 4244, which allocates \$20 million to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to provide grants to food banks and pantries to purchase food products from Wisconsin farmers.

"Farmers have supported our state for generations, and this proposal is an important step to support our state's agricultural economy and to meet the needs of people facing hunger," said Rep. Spreitzer. "This program is modeled after a successful program that was administered with one-time federal funds in 2020, and I am proud that this bill builds on the investments made in our agricultural industry in the 2021-23 state budget. I hope to quickly see bipartisan action on this bill to help family farms across our state."

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[Attachment: LRB 4244]