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Sen. Testin Introduces Bipartisan Farm Succession Proposal

Bill Aims to Help Family Farmers Plan for the Future

Madison – What happens to the family farm when the owner wants to retire? That’s a question a bipartisan group of legislators are trying to help answer with new legislation.

Sen. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) and Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) introduced a bill on Tuesday that will create two new positions in the University of Wisconsin System to help farmers create succession plans that fit their specific situations.

“It’s important for family farmers to have a succession plan in place, but that can be difficult in today’s society,” said Sen. Testin. “Our bill gives farmers the resources they need to ensure a smooth transition between generations so that today’s family farm will still be thriving decades from now.”

The bill is part of a broader “Our Farms, Our Future” package which aims to strengthen Wisconsin farmers at every stage of their careers.



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