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Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I love the crisp fall weather, being with my family, and enjoying football. Go Pack Go!

In school, I enjoyed learning the story of America's first Thanksgiving, the pilgrims, and Plymouth Rock. Now as an adult, I recognize that not everything was so simple, and I continue to learn about the many facets of our nation's founding.

As a farm boy and former Wisconsin agriculture secretary, Thanksgiving gives me pride because I know that much of the food on that table is grown regionally, if not locally.

Did you know that Wisconsin has the third largest wild turkey population in the nation? Wisconsin's wild turkey hunt continues to grow in popularity, putting food on families' tables. For the many Wisconsinites that don't hunt for their turkey, Wisconsin turkey farmers are also there to meet your needs.

I'm proud to share that our state grows 59 percent of the nation's cranberry crop. When you enjoy cranberry sauce and other dishes this Thanksgiving, you support Wisconsin farmers.

As you cover your mashed potatoes with a healthy serving of gravy, you should know Wisconsin is third in potato production behind Idaho and Washington.

For me, corn is also a must have on Thanksgiving. Wisconsin's sweet corn production is third in the nation. At the same time, our state is a leader in green beans and peas.

This is America's Dairyland, so butter and cheese are staples for any delicious holiday treat. Wisconsin's dairy farmers rank second in the nation for production and first for cheese.

If you enjoy apple or cherry pie for dessert, Wisconsin's apple and cherry growers are there for you too.

No matter what you serve on Thanksgiving and where it is grown, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday spent with family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse County, Vernon County, and parts of Monroe and Trempealeau County.