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Sen. Pfaff: "Governor Evers' historic investment in agriculture is great for Wisconsin"

(Madison, WI) – This morning, Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) released the following statement regarding Governor Evers proposed investments in agriculture and food supply chains for the '21-'23 budget:

"Governor Evers' historic investment in agriculture is great for Wisconsin."

"As someone who has spent the greater part of my career advocating for our state's family farmers and rural residents, I am excited about this comprehensive, long-term investment. This proposal touches every element of our rural supply chain—supporting farmers, local processors, and rural residents alike. It also brings serious focus to critical issues like conservation and broadband connectivity."

"Agriculture has been the backbone of our state for over a century. It employs one in nine Wisconsinites and contributes nearly \$105 billion to Wisconsin's economy every year. Farming is in the fabric of our rural communities, and this proposal is a catalyst for success well into the future."

"I'm ready to work with Governor Evers and my colleagues in the legislature to get things done. I will fight for every dollar that supports a farmer, farm family, local producer, and rural resident."

The budget proposal would invest more than \$43 million in programs that will expand market opportunities, support innovative practices, strengthen the agriculture workforce, connect producers to local food banks and pantries, and improve land and water conservation efforts.

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.