



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 155**  
[2017 Senate Bill 599]

**Agricultural Producer Security  
Program**

2017 Wisconsin Act 155 makes a number of changes to the agricultural producer security program, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The changes made by the Act include:

- Exempting vegetable contractors who spend less than \$15,000 per year to procure processing vegetables from vegetable producers and producer agents from licensing requirements, paying fees and assessments, and filing annual financial statements.
- Allowing milk contractors and milk producers or agents to enter into deferred payment contracts, which must be in writing and meet additional requirements, and directing DATCP to write administrative rules to establish a deferred payment contract assessment.
- Combining the separate security fund balances for grain dealers and grain warehouse keepers into a single fund balance for both.
- Requiring DATCP to disallow a default claim from a producer if the producer did not file a claim against a defaulting contractor in court at any time before filing the default claim with DATCP.

*Effective date:* April 28, 2018. The provisions of the Act regarding disallowed claims takes effect on May 28, 2018, and first applies to a claim that is filed on that date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.