



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 196
[2017 Assembly Bill 946]

**Producer-Led Watershed
Protection Grants**

The Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers a producer-led watershed protection grant program, which is a voluntary program through which farmers may implement projects to improve water quality.

2017 Wisconsin Act 196 temporarily increases the amount that DATCP may allocate for such grants by \$500,000 per year. Specifically, under prior law, retained by the Act for future fiscal biennia, DATCP may allocate up to \$250,000 for producer-led watershed protection grants in each fiscal year. The Act increases the amount that DATCP may allocate to \$750,000 in each year of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium.

The Act increases the amount of a transfer from the management account to the nonpoint source account within the environmental fund by a corresponding amount. In addition, the Act directs DATCP to proceed as if the appropriation had not been increased when the department submits its next biennial budget request.

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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>.