

DATCP 161.62 - GROW WISCONSIN DAIRY PROCESSOR GRANT PROGRAM; Final Rule (Clearinghouse Rule #14-026)

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) hereby submits the following rule for publication:

CLEARINGHOUSE RULE #: 14-026

SUBJECT: Dairy Processor Grant Program

ADM. CODE REFERENCE: ATCP 161.50,161.60,161.61 and 161.62

DATCP DOCKET #: 13-R-16

We are enclosing a copy of the final rule, as adopted by DATCP. We are also providing the following information for publication with the rule, as required by s. 227.114(6), Stats.

Business Impact Analysis (Summary)

The “dairy processor” grant program is voluntary and thus imposes no cost on businesses. By providing \$200,000 in grant funding to dairy processors, the “dairy processor” grant program will benefit dairy farms, other dairy businesses and communities that participate in production, distribution or marketing of dairy products. Grant recipients will benefit directly, while others will benefit indirectly from the creation of a stronger dairy industry. DATCP plans to use application procedures that will make the cost of applying insignificant and particularly make it possible for small businesses to apply for funding without hiring consulting services.

Comments from Legislative Committees (Summary)

On January 7, 2015, DATCP transmitted the above rule for legislative committee review. The rule was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Small Business and Tourism. Neither committee took action. The Senate referred the rule to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) on February 27, 2015 and the Assembly referred it to JCRAR on February 26, 2015. JCRAR took no action on the rule.