



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 873**

February 20, 2020 - Offered by Representatives CONSIDINE, SPREITZER, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, DOYLE, EMERSON, FIELDS, GOYKE, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, KOLSTE, MCGUIRE, B. MEYERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, RIEMER, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, VINING, VRUWINK and ZAMARRIPA.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 6: after “improvements” insert “, regional farmer support for
3 stress and mental illness,”.

4 **2.** Page 13, line 6: after that line insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. Fiscal changes.**

6 (1) REGIONAL FARMER SUPPORT AGENTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for
7 the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection
8 under s. 20.115 (3) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21 is increased by
9 \$350,500 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 5.0 GPR
10 positions to serve as on-the-ground agents to assist farmers in accessing mental
11 health support, to coordinate local and regional peer support programming, and to
12 provide confidential, one-on-one counseling tailored to concerns facing farmers, and
13 one-on-one assistance to farmers that face a crisis due to a natural disaster or

1 financial problem. The 5.0 positions authorized under this subsection shall cover
2 different regions of the state.

3 (2) REGIONAL FARMER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)
4 for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer
5 protection under s. 20.115 (3) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21 is
6 increased by \$90,600 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department
7 by 1.0 GPR position for supervising and coordinating the positions authorized under
8 sub. (1).

9 (3) REGIONAL FARMER SUPPORT TRAINING PROGRAM. In the schedule under s.
10 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and
11 consumer protection under s. 20.115 (3) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21
12 is increased by \$200,000 to provide trainings for mental health professionals and
13 agribusiness professionals. Trainings funded under this subsection shall provide the
14 skills necessary to understand sources of stress and issues facing the agricultural
15 community, identify the warning signs of stress and suicide, identify effective
16 communication strategies, reduce the stigma associated with mental health
17 concerns, and connect farmers with appropriate mental health resources and other
18 resources.”.

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