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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 24,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 50**

July 2, 2025 - Offered by Representatives J. JACOBSON, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, CRUZ, DESANTO, DESMIDT, DOYLE, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, HONG, HYSELL, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MCGUIRE, MIRESSE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK, TAYLOR, TENORIO, UDELL and VINING.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment, as follows:

2 **1.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

3 **“SECTION 9149. Nonstatutory provisions; Wisconsin Economic**
4 **Development Corporation.**

5 (1) ACCELERATE WISCONSIN. Notwithstanding the cap on expenditures
6 specified in s. 20.192 (1) (a), in fiscal year 2025-26, the amount the Wisconsin
7 Economic Development Corporation may expend from the appropriation under s.
8 20.192 (1) (a) is increased by \$10,000,000 for the purpose of supporting a business
9 accelerator program to be administered in cooperation with the University of
10 Wisconsin System and aimed at developing research, including research from the
11 University of Wisconsin System, into new startup businesses. As part of the

1 program, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation may award grants
2 directly to businesses to assist in their growth and development and may award
3 grants to or in support of business incubators.”.

4 **2.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

5 “**SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
6 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2025-26	2026-27
8 20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer		
9 protection, department of		

10 (4) AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

11 (aq) Food security and Wisconsin

12 products grants	GPR	C	30,000,000	-0-
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13 **SECTION 2.** 20.115 (4) (aq) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.115 (4) (aq) *Food security and Wisconsin products grants.* As a continuing
15 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for food security and Wisconsin
16 products grants under s. 93.62.

17 **SECTION 3.** 93.62 of the statutes is created to read:

18 **93.62 Food security and Wisconsin products grant program.** The
19 department may award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (aq) to
20 nonprofit food banks, nonprofit food pantries, and other nonprofit organizations
21 that provide food assistance for the purpose of purchasing food products that are
22 made or grown in this state.”.

23 **3.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“**SECTION 4.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2025-26	2026-27
20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer protection, department of		

(3) AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(f) Meat processing tuition and

curriculum development grants	GPR	A	-0-	810,000
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SECTION 5. 20.115 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 **(3)** (f) *Meat processing tuition and curriculum development grants.*

The amounts in the schedule for providing meat processing tuition grants and curriculum development grants under s. 93.525.

SECTION 6. 93.525 of the statutes is created to read:

93.525 Meat processing tuition and curriculum development grants.

(1) From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (3) (f), the department shall provide grants to universities, colleges, and technical colleges located in this state that have programs in meat processing to reimburse tuition costs of students enrolled in a meat processing program and for curriculum development for the meat processing program.

(2) Each tuition reimbursement made with a grant received under this section shall reimburse a student for not more than 80 percent of the first \$9,375 of the tuition cost for enrolling in a meat processing program.”.

4. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“SECTION 7. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2025-26	2026-27
20.395 Transportation, department of		
(2) LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE		
(fc) Local roads improvement		
program; agricultural roads,		
general fund	SEG C 25,000,000	-0-

SECTION 8. 20.395 (2) (fc) of the statutes is created to read:

20.395 (2) (fc) *Local roads improvement program; agricultural roads, general fund.* From the general fund, as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for improvements to local agricultural roads under s. 86.31 (3o).

SECTION 9. 86.31 (3o) (m) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 86.31 (3o) (m) 1m.

a. and amended to read:

86.31 (3o) (m) 1m. a. ~~After June 23, 2026, the~~ The department may not award a grant under this subsection from moneys appropriated in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium after June 23, 2026.

SECTION 10. 86.31 (3o) (m) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 86.31 (3o) (m) 1m.

b. and amended to read:

86.31 (3o) (m) 1m. b. ~~After June 23, 2028, the~~ The department may not reimburse any costs incurred under this subsection after June 23, 2028, with moneys appropriated in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 11. 86.31 (3o) (m) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

86.31 (3o) (m) 2m. a. The department may not award a grant under this

1 subsection from moneys appropriated in the 2025-27 fiscal biennium after 3 years
2 after the effective date of this subd. 2m. a. [LRB inserts date].

3 b. The department may not reimburse any costs incurred under this
4 subsection after 5 years after the effective date of this subd. 2m. b. [LRB inserts
5 date], with moneys appropriated in the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

6 **SECTION 12.** 86.31 (3o) (n) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 86.31 (**3o**) (n) Except as provided in pars. (k) and (m) ~~2~~, this subsection does
8 not apply after ~~June 23, 2028~~ 5 years after the effective date of this paragraph
9 [LRB inserts date].”.

10 **5.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

11 “**SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
12 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

13 **2025-26** **2026-27**

14 **20.435 Health, department of**

15 (4) MEDICAID SERVICES

16 (bu) Payment processing program for

17 farmers GPR B 735,000 -0-

18 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (4) (bu) of the statutes is created to read:

19 20.435 (4) (bu) *Payment processing program for farmers.* Biennially, the
20 amounts in the schedule to provide electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit
21 card processing equipment and services to farmers’ markets and farmers who sell
22 directly to consumers under s. 49.79 (7s).

23 **SECTION 3.** 49.79 (7s) of the statutes is created to read:

1 49.79 (7s) PAYMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM. The department shall administer
2 a payment processing program to provide to farmers' markets and farmers who sell
3 directly to consumers electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card
4 processing equipment and services, including electronic benefit transfer for the food
5 stamp program. To participate in the payment processing program, the vendor that
6 is under contract to process the electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card
7 transactions shall also process any local purchasing incentives, even if those local
8 purchasing incentives are funded by a local 3rd-party entity.”.

9 **6.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

10 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
11 **Protection.**

12 (1) AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST POSITION AUTHORITY. In the schedule under s.
13 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and
14 consumer protection under s. 20.115 (8) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-
15 26 is increased by \$73,400 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is
16 increased by \$97,900 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department
17 by 1.0 GPR position for an agricultural economist.”.

18 **7.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

19 **“SECTION 13.** 20.115 (4) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

20 20.115 (4) (ar) *Value-added agricultural practices*. Biennially, the amounts in
21 the schedule for value-added agricultural practices under s. 93.61.

22 **SECTION 14.** 93.61 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **93.61 Value-added agricultural practices. (1) DEFINITION.** In this

1 section, “value-added agricultural product” means a farm product that satisfies any
2 of the following:

- 3 (a) The product has undergone a change in physical state.
- 4 (b) The product is produced in a manner that enhances its value.
- 5 (c) The product is physically segregated in a manner that enhances its value.
- 6 (d) The product is a source of farm-based or ranch-based renewable energy.
- 7 (e) The product is aggregated and marketed as a locally produced farm
8 product.

9 **(2) VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.** The department may provide
10 education and technical assistance related to promoting and implementing
11 agricultural practices that produce value-added agricultural products, including by
12 doing all of the following:

13 (a) *Assistance for organic farming practices.* Providing education and
14 technical assistance related to organic farming practices, including business and
15 market development assistance; collaborating with organic producers, industry
16 participants, and local organizations that coordinate organic farming; and
17 stimulating interest and investment in organic production. The department may
18 award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (ar) to organic producers,
19 industry participants, and local organizations that coordinate organic farming. The
20 department may award a grant to an organic producer, industry participant, or
21 local organization under this paragraph for any of the following purposes:

- 22 1. Providing education and technical assistance related to implementing
23 organic farming practices.

1 2. Helping to create organic farming plans.

2 3. Assisting farmers to transition to organic farming.

3 (b) *Grazing grants*. Awarding grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115
4 (4) (f) to appropriate entities to provide education and training to farmers about
5 best practices related to grazing.

6 (c) *Promotion*. Helping producers market value-added agricultural products.

7 **(3) RULES.** The department may promulgate rules to administer this
8 section.”.

9 **8.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

10 “**SECTION 15.** 20.115 (4) (at) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.115 (4) (at) *Farm to fork program*. Biennially, the amounts in the schedule
12 for farm to fork grants under s. 93.63.

13 **SECTION 16.** 93.63 of the statutes is created to read:

14 **93.63 Farm to fork program. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, “farm to fork
15 program” means a program to connect entities that are not school districts and that
16 have cafeterias to nearby farms to provide locally produced fresh fruits and
17 vegetables, dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced foods in meals
18 and snacks; to help the public develop healthy eating habits; to provide nutritional
19 and agricultural education; and to improve farmers’ incomes and direct access to
20 markets.

21 **(2) GRANTS.** (a) The department may award grants from the appropriation
22 under s. 20.115 (4) (at) to businesses, universities, hospitals, and other entities that
23 are not school districts and that have cafeterias for the creation and expansion of

1 farm to fork programs. The department shall give preference to proposals that are
2 innovative or that provide models that other entities can adopt.

3 (b) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall promote
4 agricultural development and farm profitability by supporting the development and
5 adoption of practices and agribusiness opportunities that involve the production of
6 value-added agricultural products. For purposes of this paragraph, “value-added
7 agricultural product” means a farm product that satisfies any of the following:

- 8 1. The product has undergone a change in physical state.
- 9 2. The product is produced in a manner that enhances its value.
- 10 3. The product is physically segregated in a manner that enhances its value.
- 11 4. The product is a source of farm-based or ranch-based renewable energy.
- 12 5. The product is aggregated and marketed as a locally produced farm
13 product.

14 (c) The department may award grants under this subsection for projects that
15 do any of the following:

- 16 1. Create, expand, diversify, or promote production, processing, marketing,
17 and distribution of food produced in this state for sale to entities in this state other
18 than school districts.
- 19 2. Create, expand, or renovate facilities, including purchases of equipment for
20 the facilities, that would ensure the use of food produced in this state in locations in
21 this state other than schools.
- 22 3. Provide, expand, or promote training for food service personnel, farmers,
23 and distributors.

1 4. Provide, expand, or promote nutritional and agricultural education.

2 (d) The department shall consult with interested persons to establish grant
3 priorities for each fiscal year.

4 (3) REPORTS. At least annually, the department shall report to the legislature
5 under s. 13.172 (2) and to the secretary on the needs and opportunities for farm to
6 fork programs.

7 (4) RULES. The department may promulgate rules to administer this
8 section.”.

9 **9.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

10 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
11 **Protection.**

12 (1) SOMETHING SPECIAL FROM WISCONSIN EXPENDITURE INCREASE. In the
13 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture,
14 trade and consumer protection under s. 20.115 (3) (L), the dollar amount for fiscal
15 year 2025-26 is increased by \$200,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27
16 is increased by \$200,000.”.

17 **10.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

18 **“SECTION 17.** 20.115 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

19 20.115 (3) (e) *Food waste reduction grants.* The amounts in the schedule for
20 providing food waste reduction grants under s. 93.53.

21 **SECTION 18.** 93.53 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **93.53 Food waste reduction grants.** (1) The department shall provide
23 grants for food waste reduction pilot projects that have an objective of preventing

1 food waste, redirecting surplus food to hunger relief organizations, and composting
2 food waste. In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give
3 preference to proposals that serve census tracts for which the median household
4 income is below the statewide median household income and in which no grocery
5 store is located.

6 (2) The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of this
7 section.”.

8 **11.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

9 **“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

10 (1) VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY POSITIONS. In the schedule under s.
11 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of
12 Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (fj), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26
13 is increased by \$568,500 to increase the authorized FTE positions assigned to the
14 veterinary diagnostic laboratory by 6.0 GPR microbiologist positions and 1.0 GPR
15 sample receiving technician position. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
16 appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under
17 s. 20.285 (1) (fj), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$568,500
18 to provide funding for the positions authorized under this subsection.”.

19 **12.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

20 **“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

21 (1) VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY; COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS. In
22 the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the
23 University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (fj), the dollar amount for fiscal

1 year 2025-26 is increased by \$217,300 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27
2 is increased by \$217,300 to provide funding for compensation adjustments to
3 achieve compensation equity for 8 University of Wisconsin System employees
4 assigned to the veterinary diagnostic laboratory as pathologists, specialists, or
5 section heads.”.

6 **13.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

7 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
8 **Protection.**

9 (1) AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST POSITION AUTHORITY. 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) (at), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-
12 26 is increased by \$16,800 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is
13 increased by \$16,800 to to support administration of the farm-to-school program.”.

14 **14.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

15 **“SECTION 19.** 93.425 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 93.425 (3) Of the moneys appropriated under s. 20.115 (3) (b), the center for
17 international agribusiness marketing shall ensure that \$2,500,000 is expended for
18 the objective specified in sub. (2) (a), \$1,250,000 is expended for the objective
19 specified in sub. (2) (b), and \$1,250,000 is expended for the objective specified in
20 sub. (2) (c). ~~The center may not expend more than \$1,000,000 under the program in~~
21 ~~any fiscal year.~~”.

22 **15.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

1 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
2 **Protection.**

3 (1) COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING — GENERAL FUND. In the schedule
4 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and
5 consumer protection under s. 20.115 (7) (c), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-
6 26 is increased by \$2,759,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is
7 increased by \$2,990,000 for support of counties’ 3rd local land conservation
8 personnel positions under the soil and water resource management program under
9 s. 92.14.

10 (2) COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING — ENVIRONMENTAL FUND. In the
11 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture,
12 trade and consumer protection under s. 20.115 (7) (qe), the dollar amount for fiscal
13 year 2025-26 is increased by \$3,372,100 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-
14 27 is increased by \$3,654,400 for support of counties’ first and 2nd local land
15 conservation personnel positions under the soil and water resource management
16 program under s. 92.14.”.

17 **16.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

18 **“SECTION 20.** 20.115 (7) (qf) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 20.115 (7) (qf) *Soil and water management; aids.* From the environmental
20 fund, the amounts in the schedule for cost-sharing grants and contracts under the
21 soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14, but not for the
22 support of local land conservation personnel, and for producer-led watershed
23 protection grants under s. 93.59. Prior to fiscal year 2021-22, the department shall

1 allocate funds, in an amount that does not exceed \$750,000 in each fiscal year, for
2 the producer-led watershed protection grants. ~~Beginning in In~~ In fiscal year ~~years~~
3 2021-22 ~~to 2024-25~~, the department shall allocate funds, in an amount that does
4 not exceed \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year, for the producer-led watershed protection
5 grants. Beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, the department shall allocate funds, in an
6 amount that does not exceed \$1,250,000 in each fiscal year, for the producer-led
7 watershed protection grants.”.

8 **17.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

9 “**SECTION 21.** 20.115 (7) (tm) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 20.115 (7) (tm) *Farmland preservation planning grants, working lands fund.*

11 From the working lands fund, the amounts in the schedule for farmland
12 preservation planning grants under s. 91.10 (6) and for farmland preservation
13 implementation grants under s. 91.10 (7).

14 **SECTION 22.** 91.10 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 **91.10** (title) **County plan required; planning and implementation**
16 **grants.**

17 **SECTION 23.** 91.10 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

18 91.10 (7) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (tm), the department
19 may award implementation grants to counties for implementing a county’s certified
20 farmland preservation plan.

21 (b) The department shall enter into a contract with a county to which it
22 awards an implementation grant under par. (a) before the department distributes

1 any grant funds to the county. In the contract, the department shall identify the
2 costs that are eligible for reimbursement through the grant.

3 (c) The department may distribute grant funds under this subsection only
4 after the county shows that it has incurred costs that are eligible for reimbursement
5 under par. (b).”.

6 **18.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

7 “**SECTION 24.** 91.84 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 91.84 (1) (b) The department may designate agricultural enterprise areas
9 with a combined area of not more than ~~2,000,000~~ 3,000,000 acres of land.”.

10 **19.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

11 “**SECTION 25.** 20.115 (7) (u) of the statutes is created to read:

12 20.115 (7) (u) *Planning grants for regional biodigesters.* From the
13 environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule for providing planning grants for
14 establishing regional biodigesters under s. 93.74.

15 **SECTION 26.** 93.74 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **93.74 Planning grants for regional biodigesters. (1) GRANT PROGRAM.**
17 From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (u), the department shall provide
18 planning grants for establishing regional biodigesters.

19 **(2) RULES.** The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of
20 this section.”.

21 **20.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

22 “**SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
23 **Protection.**

(1) BUREAU OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES FINANCIAL SPECIALIST POSITION.

In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 20.115 (8) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$61,800 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$82,300 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 1.0 GPR position for a financial specialist position to support the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection's Bureau of Land and Water Resources.”.

21. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“**SECTION 27.** 20.115 (2) (jm) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.115 (2) (jm) *Veterinary examining board, dog licensing, rabies control program, and humane officers.* All moneys received from issuing and renewing credentials under ch. 89 for the licensing, rule-making, and regulatory functions of the veterinary examining board and to provide dog license tags and forms under s. 174.07 (2), to perform other program responsibilities under ch. 174, to administer the rabies control program under s. 95.21, to help administer the rabies control media campaign, and to carry out activities under s. 93.07 (11) and ch. 173.”.

22. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“**SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.**

(1) BUY LOCAL, BUY WISCONSIN GRANTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 20.115 (3) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is

1 increased by \$500,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by
2 \$500,000 for the purpose of Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin grants.”.

3 **23.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

4 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
5 **Protection.**

6 (1) REGIONAL FARMER SUPPORT. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
7 appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection
8 under s. 20.115 (3) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by
9 \$150,400 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$200,500 to
10 increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 2.0 GPR positions for
11 expanding access to the department’s farm center services and support in the
12 northwest and northeast regions of the state.”.

13 **24.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

14 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
15 **Protection.**

16 (1) FUNDING AND LTE POSITION FOR THE STATE LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE
17 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to
18 the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 20.115 (3)
19 (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$366,800 and the
20 dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$401,600 for the purpose of
21 contracting with a local food procurement entity to work with food producers under
22 the state’s local food purchase assistance program and for one or more LTE
23 positions to provide support to the state’s local food purchase assistance program.”.

1 **25.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

2 “**SECTION 28.** 20.437 (1) (bc) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 20.437 (1) (bc) ~~Grants for children's community~~ Youth support programs. The
4 amounts in the schedule for grants for ~~children's community youth support~~
5 programs under s. 48.481. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the
6 department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph. All
7 moneys under this appropriation account that are distributed under s. 48.481 but
8 are not encumbered by December 31 of each year lapse to the general fund on the
9 next January 1 unless carried forward to the next calendar year by the joint
10 committee on finance.

11 **SECTION 29.** 48.481 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **48.481** (title) ~~Grants for children's community~~ Youth support
13 programs.

14 **SECTION 30.** 48.481 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 48.481 (2) (b) and
15 amended to read:

16 48.481 (2) (b) ~~The~~ From the appropriation under s. 20.437 (1) (bc), the
17 department shall distribute ~~at least \$231,700 in each fiscal year~~ funds for the
18 purpose of assisting any of the following individuals who attain, if the individual is
19 under the age of 23, to make the transition from out-of-home care to a successful
20 adulthood:

21 1. An individual who attained the age of 18 while residing in a foster home,
22 ~~group home, or residential care center for children and youth, in the home of a~~
23 ~~relative other than a parent, or in a supervised independent living arrangement to~~

1 ~~make the transition from out-of-home care to a successful adulthood~~ out-of-home
2 care.

3 (c) Public or private agencies or organizations are eligible for funding under
4 this subsection. No county department or Indian tribe may use funds provided
5 under this subsection to replace funds previously used by the county department or
6 Indian tribe for this purpose.

7 **SECTION 31.** 48.481 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

8 48.481 (2) (a) In this subsection, “out-of-home care” means the placement and
9 care of a child by the department, a county department, or a tribal child welfare
10 agency in a foster home, group home, or residential care center for children and
11 youth, in the home of a relative other than a parent, in the home of like-kin, in the
12 home of a person who is not a relative or like-kin, or in a supervised independent
13 living arrangement.

14 **SECTION 32.** 48.481 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

15 48.481 (2) (b) 2. An individual who resided in out-of-home care for at least 6
16 months after his or her 16th birthday.

17 **SECTION 33.** 48.481 (2) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

18 48.481 (2) (b) 3. An individual who was placed under a guardianship under s.
19 48.977 on or after his or her 16th birthday.

20 **SECTION 34.** 48.481 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

21 48.481 (2) (b) 4. An individual who was adopted on or after his or her 16th
22 birthday following time spent in out-of-home care.

23 **SECTION 9206. Fiscal changes; Children and Families.**

(1) INDEPENDENT LIVING SUPPORTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (1) (bc), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$5,251,400 for maintaining and enhancing services for individuals aged 18 to 23 who were formerly in out-of-home care. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (1) (bc), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$5,251,400 for maintaining and enhancing services for individuals aged 18 to 23 who were formerly in out-of-home care.”.

26. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“**SECTION 35.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2025-26	2026-27
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20.115	Agriculture, trade and consumer protection, department of
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(4)	AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE
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(t)	Transition to grass pilot program	SEG	A	500,000	500,000
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SECTION 36. 20.115 (4) (t) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (4) (t) *Transition to grass pilot program.* From the environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule for the transition to grass pilot program under s. 93.60.

SECTION 37. 93.60 of the statutes is created to read:

93.60 Transition to grass pilot program. (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

1 (a) “Managed grazing” means a grazing system alternative to continuous
2 grazing, in which pastured fields are subdivided into smaller paddocks, livestock
3 density is controlled, and animals are rotated through paddocks at a frequency that
4 maintains perennial grass-based vegetative cover, ensures regular access to fresh
5 higher quality forage, and reduces soil compaction and erosion.

6 (b) “Marginal area” means land that is excluded from cultivation due to
7 economic infeasibility or physical restriction for growing conventional crops, and
8 includes riparian areas, low areas prone to flooding, and steep lands not conducive
9 to conventional cultivation.

10 **(2) TRANSITION TO GRASS PILOT PROGRAM.** From the appropriation under s.
11 20.115 (4) (t), the department shall create and administer a transition to grass pilot
12 program that awards grants to farmers for managed grazing technical assistance
13 and implementation support.

14 **(3) GRAZING GRANTS.** (a) Subject to par. (b), the transition to grass pilot
15 program shall award grants to farmers for any of the following purposes:

16 1. To assist a farmer with establishing perennial forages for rotational
17 grazing of livestock raised in a grass-based managed grazing system.

18 2. To provide assistance to a farmer in establishing harvestable continuous
19 cover in marginal areas that can produce supplemental feed for livestock that is
20 raised in a grass-based managed grazing system.

21 3. To provide a farmer with incentive payments during the first 3 years of the
22 farmer’s transition to grass-based managed grazing systems.

23 4. To assist a farmer with paying for grass-based managed grazing system

1 infrastructure needs, including fencing, watering, and other livestock management
2 infrastructure.

3 5. Technical assistance and support from a certified grazing specialist in
4 developing grazing plans, including determining field layout, infrastructure setup,
5 seed selection, and establishment of rotational grazing patterns.

6 (b) Grants awarded under par. (a) shall be awarded only to a farmer
7 implementing a new grass-based managed grazing system or a new managed
8 grazing practice that improves the conservation and financial performance of
9 existing grazing systems; grants may not be awarded to a farmer for the support of
10 the farmer's existing grazing practices.

11 (c) The department may not award more than \$40,000 in grants under par. (a)
12 to any one grantee.

13 (d) In the year following the department's decision to grant an award under
14 par. (a), the department shall provide 75 percent of the award to the grantee, and in
15 each of the 2nd and 3rd years following the department's decision to grant an award
16 under par. (a), the department shall provide 12.5 percent of the award to the
17 grantee.

18 **(4) SUPPORT FOR FARMERS.** (a) The transition to grass pilot program shall
19 provide the following for farmers and persons in agribusiness:

20 1. Assistance in navigating and analyzing the economics of grass-based
21 managed grazing and providing grass-fed livestock research, market development
22 initiatives, and other market opportunities.

1 2. Best practices for meeting consumer demand for grass-fed livestock
2 products.

3 3. Assistance in fostering innovation in and expanding farm and agribusiness
4 strategies in grass-based managed grazing systems and grass-fed livestock
5 practices.

6 (b) The department's division of agricultural development shall support the
7 state's grass-fed livestock supply chain, including regional processors, aggregators,
8 distributors, and markets.”.

9 **27.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

10 “**SECTION 38.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
11 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2025-26 2026-27

12 **20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer**

13 **protection, department of**

14 (7) AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

15 (br) Principal repayment and

16 interest; agricultural

17 conservation easements GPR S -0- 155,900

18 (tb) Principal and interest;

19 agricultural conservation

20 easements SEG A -0- -0-

21 **SECTION 39.** 20.115 (7) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

22 20.115 (7) (br) *Principal repayment and interest; agricultural conservation*

1 *easements.* A sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the principal and
2 interest costs incurred in purchasing agricultural conservation easements under s.
3 93.73, to make the payments determined by the building commission under s.
4 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of obligations incurred to
5 purchase agricultural conservation easements under s. 93.73, and to make
6 payments under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s.
7 18.06 (8) (a).

8 **SECTION 40.** 20.115 (7) (tb) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.115 (7) (tb) *Principal and interest; agricultural conservation easements.*
10 From the working lands fund, the amounts in the schedule to reimburse s. 20.866
11 (1) (u) for the principal and interest costs incurred in purchasing agricultural
12 conservation easements under s. 93.73, to make the payments determined by the
13 building commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of
14 obligations incurred to purchase agricultural conservation easements under s.
15 93.73, and to make payments under an agreement or ancillary agreement entered
16 into under s. 18.06 (8) (a).

17 **SECTION 41.** 20.866 (1) (u) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 20.866 (1) (u) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient from
19 moneys appropriated under sub. (2) (zp) and ss. 20.115 (2) (d) and (7) (b) ~~and, (br),~~
20 (s), and (tb), 20.190 (1) (c), (d), (i), and (j), 20.225 (1) (c) and (i), 20.245 (1) (e) and (j),
21 20.250 (1) (c) and (e), 20.255 (1) (d), 20.285 (1) (d), (gj), and (je), 20.320 (1) (c) and (t)
22 and (2) (c), 20.370 (7) (aa), (ad), (ag), (aq), (ar), (at), (au), (bq), (br), (cb), (cc), (cd),
23 (cg), (cq), (cr), (cs), (ct), (ea), (eq), and (er), 20.395 (6) (af), (aq), (ar), and (au), 20.410
24 (1) (e), (ec), and (ko) and (3) (e) and (fm), 20.435 (2) (ee), 20.465 (1) (d), 20.485 (1) (f)

1 and (go) and (4) (qm), 20.505 (4) (es), (et), (ha), and (hb) and (5) (c), (g), and (kc),
2 20.855 (8) (a), and 20.867 (1) (a) and (b) and (3) (a), (b), (bb), (bc), (bd), (be), (bf), (bg),
3 (bh), (bj), (bL), (bm), (bn), (bo), (bq), (br), (bt), (bu), (bv), (bw), (bx), (cb), (cd), (cf),
4 (ch), (cj), (cq), (cr), (cs), (cv), (cw), (cx), (cz), (g), (h), (i), (kd), and (q) for the payment
5 of principal, interest, premium due, if any, and payment due, if any, under an
6 agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a) relating to
7 any public debt contracted under subchs. I and IV of ch. 18.

8 **SECTION 42.** 20.866 (2) (wg) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.866 (2) (wg) *Agricultural conservation easements.* From the capital
10 improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the department of agriculture, trade and
11 consumer protection to purchase agricultural conservation easements under s.
12 93.73. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000
13 for this purpose.

14 **SECTION 43.** 23.197 (15) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 44.** 93.73 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 93.73 (2) (b) The department, after consultation with the council under sub.
17 (13), shall solicit applications under sub. (3) at least annually. The department
18 shall issue each solicitation in writing and shall publish a notice announcing the
19 solicitation. In soliciting applications, the department may specify the total
20 amount of funds available, application deadlines, application requirements and
21 procedures, preliminary criteria for evaluating applications, and other relevant
22 information.”.

23 **28.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

1 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
2 **Protection.**

3 (1) DAIRY PROCESSING PLANT GRANTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for
4 the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection
5 under s. 20.115 (4) (dm), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by
6 \$1,000,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$1,000,000
7 for the purpose of providing dairy processing plant grants.”.

8 **29.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

9 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
10 **Protection.**

11 (1) GRANTS FOR MEAT PROCESSING FACILITIES. In the schedule under s. 20.005
12 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer
13 protection under s. 20.115 (4) (f), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is
14 increased by \$1,000,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased
15 by \$1,000,000 for the provision of grants to meat processing facilities under s.
16 93.68.”.

17 **30.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

18 **“SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
19 **Protection.**

20 (1) FARMER MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMING. In the schedule
21 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and
22 consumer protection under s. 20.115 (3) (c), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-

26 is increased by \$200,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$200,000 for farmer mental health assistance programming.”.

31. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“**SECTION 45.** 20.866 (2) (we) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.866 (2) (we) *Agriculture; soil and water.* From the capital improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection to provide for soil and water resource management under s. 92.14. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed ~~\$68,075,000~~ \$92,075,000 for this purpose. ~~The state may contract additional public debt in an amount up to \$7,000,000 for this purpose. The state may contract additional public debt in an amount up to \$7,000,000 for this purpose.~~”.

32. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“**SECTION 46.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2025-26	2026-27
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20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer

protection, department of

(7) AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

(qm) Commercial nitrogen

optimization program	SEG	B	1,600,000	1,600,000
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SECTION 47. 20.115 (7) (qm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (7) (qm) *Commercial nitrogen optimization program.* Biennially, from

1 the environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule for the commercial nitrogen
2 optimization program under s. 92.14 (16).

3 **SECTION 48.** 92.14 (16) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 92.14 (16) (title) COMMERCIAL NITROGEN OPTIMIZATION ~~PILOT~~ PROGRAM.

5 **SECTION 49.** 92.14 (16) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 92.14 (16) (a) In addition to any grants provided under sub. (3), the
7 department shall award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) ~~(qf)~~ (qm)
8 to agricultural producers and to University of Wisconsin System institutions as
9 provided under this subsection.

10 **SECTION 9202. Fiscal changes; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer**
11 **Protection.**

12 (1) COVER CROP INSURANCE REBATE PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005
13 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer
14 protection under s. 20.115 (7) (qf), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is
15 increased by \$800,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by
16 \$800,000 for the provision of crop insurance premium rebates under s. 92.14 (17).”.

17 **33.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

18 “**SECTION 50.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
19 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2025-26**2026-27****20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer****protection, department of****(7) AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT****(da) Biodigester operator certification**

grants

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SECTION 51. 20.115 (7) (da) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (7) (da) *Biodigester operator certification grants*. The amounts in the schedule for biodigester operator certification grants under s. 93.75.

SECTION 52. 93.75 of the statutes is created to read:

93.75 Biodigester operator certification grants. (1) GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (da), the department shall award grants to individuals seeking biodigester operator certification.

(2) RULES. The department may promulgate rules establishing the application process and grant-awarding criteria for the biodigester operator certification grants.”.

34. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:**“SECTION 53.** 97.26 of the statutes is created to read:

97.26 Labeling of food product as milk. (1) PROHIBITION. No person may label a food product as, or sell or offer for sale a food product that is labeled as, any type of “milk” unless the food product is at least one of the following:

(a) Milk, lowfat milk, skim milk, or nonfat dry milk.

(b) A product described in 21 CFR 131.110 to 131.147.

(c) Hooved or camelid mammals' milk, as defined in s. 97.20 (1) (fm).

(2) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 54. 97.265 of the statutes is created to read:

97.265 Labeling food as a type of dairy product. (1) DAIRY PRODUCTS.

No person may label a food product as, or sell or offer for sale a food product that is labeled as, a type of dairy product described in s. 97.20 (1) (b) 3. to 5. or a similar term unless the food product is a dairy product, as defined in s. 97.20 (1) (b).

(2) DAIRY INGREDIENTS. No person may label a food product as, or sell or offer for sale a food product that is labeled as, a type of dairy ingredient unless the food product is derived from at least one of the following:

(a) Milk, lowfat milk, skim milk, or nonfat dry milk.

(b) A product described in 21 CFR 131.110 to 131.147.

(c) Hooved or camelid mammals' milk, as defined in s. 97.20 (1) (fm).

(3) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.”.

35. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“SECTION 55. 97.57 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

97.57 (4) No person may sell or offer for sale wild rice labeled “traditionally harvested” unless the wild rice is harvested using traditional wild rice harvesting methods of American Indian tribes or bands, as defined by the department by rule. The department shall obtain the advice and recommendations of the Great Lakes

1 Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., before promulgating a rule defining a traditional wild
2 rice harvesting method.”.

3 (END)