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## 2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91

November 15, 2023 - Introduced by Senators James, Marklein and Nass, cosponsored by Representatives Tranel, Armstrong, Dittrich, Hurd, Magnafici, Murphy, Mursau, Novak, Oldenburg, Penterman, Schmidt and Schutt. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

2 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin has a rich and storied history of agricultural production and a thriving agricultural industry; and 3 4 Whereas, agriculture is the second largest industry in Wisconsin—contributing 5 approximately \$105 billion to the state's economy—and a significant driver of 6 national and international exportation of agricultural products; and 7 Whereas, the agricultural sector plays a pivotal role in furnishing nutritious 8 food and other resources to the population; and 9 Whereas, certain states have enacted laws imposing production standards and 10 criteria for agricultural products that prohibit the sale of agricultural products that 11 do not conform to these arbitrary requirements; and

Whereas, such laws can have significant repercussions, potentially

destabilizing the U.S. food supply chain and hindering agricultural product sales;

**Relating to:** supporting Wisconsin agricultural autonomy and food security.

Whereas, laws that dictate agricultural practices and prohibit product sales that fall outside of these requirements can result in excessive financial burdens on farmers, have a detrimental impact on out-of-state producers, introduce competitive disparities, increase farm closures, and develop an unmanageable patchwork of agricultural markets obstructing the free flow of goods throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature reaffirms its commitment to uphold farmers' right to establish appropriate protocols for agricultural practices that align with the needs of their farms; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the Wisconsin Legislature steadfastly supports the continuance of national commodity markets that permit farmers to sell their agricultural products in any state.

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