Governor "Legislative Package to Invest in Agricultural Industries and Farm Families"

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers delivered the Democratic Radio Address on Thursday highlighting a new legislative package announced earlier this week aimed at advancing several initiatives previously proposed by the governor that would invest in bolstering Wisconsin's agricultural workforce, promote and build local markets for agricultural products, and combat food insecurity and hunger.

 Audio file of Radio Address.

Hey, folks. Governor Evers here.

As we all know, Wisconsin's farms have been the backbone of the state for generations, and you don't have to look very far to know they still are.

Unfortunately—as far too many farm families across our state know firsthand—the industry continues to face long-standing challenges, many of which have only been underscored over the last 18 months.

That's why I joined Legislative Democrats in introducing a package of legislation to pick up where the Legislature left off in the last budget. This legislation aims to build off the successes of my budget and provide additional investment to support Wisconsin's farmers and agricultural economy.

We're proposing a nearly $25 million investment toward bolstering our ag economy workforce, promote and build local markets for Wisconsin ag products, and connect the dots with our farmers and local communities to help tackle food insecurity and hunger at the same time.

This plan includes $20 million to help Wisconsin food banks and pantries purchase food directly from Wisconsin producers, the creation of a meat talent development program, and

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investing in and expanding the Farm-to-School program.

And we're creating a new regional program to better support the mental health and well-being of farmers and their families.

While I signed a budget that represents another step forward in supporting Wisconsin farmers, more can be done to support and invigorate Wisconsin's agriculture industry that represents the state's past, present, and future.

Thank you.