

Donald Trump's Disastrous Agenda for America's Dairyland

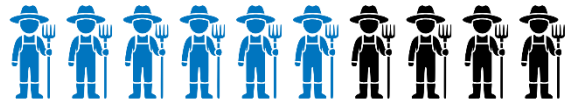
As Wisconsin celebrates June as Dairy Month, Wisconsin farmers and rural communities are being hit hard with higher costs, fewer places to sell their products, and deep cuts to health care.

Higher Input Costs

- **80% ↑ Fuel Price:** While the average cost of regular gas in Wisconsin surpassed \$4.00 per gallon, diesel hit record highs in mid-May at over \$5.87 per gallon, which farmers rely on for heavy machinery like tractors.
- **50% ↑ Fertilizer:** President Trump's war has caused global fertilizer prices to increase by 50%. This price hike comes on top of Donald Trump's trade war which jeopardized access to another key fertilizer component and raised prices.

Balance Sheet

DIESEL	↑ 80%
FERTILIZER	↑ 50%



6 in 10 Farmers Report Worsening Finances



7 in 10 Can't Afford Fertilizer They Need

Cutting Off Customers, Reducing Profits

- **Dairy Profits Drop 28%:** Wisconsin dairy profit expectations have fallen sharply – from 74% in 2025 to just 46% this year.
- **Tariffs Cost Farmers \$35 Billion:** According to the American Farm Bureau, crop farmers lost \$34.6 billion in 2025 in large part due to Donald Trump's trade war.
- **Soybean Farmers Lose \$75/Harvest Acre:** President Trump's trade war caused the top buyer of U.S. soybeans China to effectively boycott U.S. soybeans, cutting off a major export market for Wisconsin farmers and driving the price of soybeans even lower. Soybean farmers lost almost \$75 per harvested acre of soybeans in the 2025 crop.
- **SNAP Cuts:** Republicans made the largest cut to the SNAP program in history, hurting farmers who sell nutritious food to American families on the food assistance program.
- **300 Farmers' Big Customer Cut:** The Trump Administration cancelled a USDA program that supported 300 Wisconsin farmers and \$4.2 million dollars' worth of food.



Farm bankruptcies
increased 46%
from 2024.



WI farm bankruptcies
increased 700%
over 2024.



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Increasing Health Care Costs

- **\$1 Trillion Cut to Medicaid:** Republicans' historic \$1 trillion cut to Medicaid will devastate rural hospitals, which disproportionately rely on the program to keep their doors open. In light of these cuts, [one estimate](#) found three hospitals in rural Wisconsin are at risk of closing.
- **\$780 Increase for 1 in 4 Farmers:** With Republicans taking away the premium tax credits on the Affordable Care Act, [1 in 4 farmers](#) who get their insurance through the marketplace will pay on average [\\$780 more this year](#).

What Wisconsin Farmers Are Saying

On fuel costs: "It **affects the margins**, and in often case your dairy, corn, or soybeans is **negative margins**."

- Jeff Peck
Peck Dairy Farms, Chippewa Valley

"The **price of diesel is at a record high**. It's something that affects every farmer in the area, especially at this time when everyone is out planting and getting crops in the ground. For us, **it's going to impact the bottom line**."

- Isaiah Skenandore
Skenandore Farm, Seymour

"**Fuel** has been a huge one for us. We're figuring we might **end up spending double this year**. And you've got to obviously make cuts elsewhere to afford that."

- Zach Servais
Hamburg Hills Farm, Stoddard

"**Farmers want to feed the people**... Having that insecurity of what our production costs are going to look like and whether or not you're going to be able to stay in business is **a real threat to farmers**."

- Darin Von Ruden
Von Ruden Farm, Westby

"Last year — **we spent \$120,000 in fuel** on the farm... this year, **that price could be around \$200,000**."

- Doug Rebout
Rebout Farms, Janesville