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Date: March 11, 1999  
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(Representing) Wis. Strategic Pesticide Info. Project

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Representing: W.I. Federation of Coops

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Date: 3-11-99  
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Name: BEN BRANCKE  
Address: Sue Buraker  
City & Zip Code: DATCP  
Representing: [ ]

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Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subject John's disease - Budget

Dr. Libby Balzer  
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DATCP - DAH Division Animal Health  
(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

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BEFORE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
HEARING ON THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET  
Assembly Bill 133/Senate Bill 45

March 11, 1999

STATEMENT BY THOMAS J. DAWSON, DIRECTOR  
WISCONSIN STRATEGIC PESTICIDE INFORMATION PROJECT

Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee:

My name is Tom Dawson. I am the Director of the Wisconsin Strategic Pesticide Information Project.

Thank you very much for inviting me to testify on an item in the Governor's proposed budget to study the feasibility of a pesticide database [Executive Budget at 52].

Since October 1997 I have been working with many other people and groups on a legislative proposal to establish a state computer pesticide database. It would contain detailed information on pesticide use and sales in Wisconsin. We call it the "Pesticide Database System," or "PDS" for short.

I am now providing you and the members of the Committee a packet of materials that contains very detailed information on the PDS proposal, and a list of current supporters of the PDS. The packet also includes detailed documentation on the multiple public benefits of a PDS, especially including benefits to Wisconsin agriculture.

In short, our proposal is for one-time authorization of resources to design a database in a consensus process that takes into account the needs of pesticide applicators and sellers who would submit information to the database, and the needs of those who would use the information. Once the database is designed, tested, and consensus reached on permanent funding, further legislative authorization would be sought to put the PDS into operation.

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Benefits identified by agricultural, industry and university spokespeople include:

- Providing accurate information on which to base scientifically sound regulation
- Narrowing the scope of pesticides as potential causes of environmental or health problems
- Providing needed pesticide use information for farm family health researchers
- Providing valuable information to production agricultural researchers
- Informing the public with accurate pesticide use information that is less susceptible of distortion
- Helping to distinguish real-world pesticide risks from hypothetical risks
- Putting to good use information already being kept in farmer and applicator files

I have been working with representatives of agricultural, medical, public health, environmental, conservation, local and state government, legislative, educational, and university organizations and groups, and others, including the Chair of this Committee.

From our work and discussions, I have come away with two key messages. First, there is a widespread and intense need for accurate, reliable, and detailed information on what, where, when, how much and how pesticides are used. The agricultural and pesticide manufacturing industries need this information to meet the new requirements of the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act. The medical, public health, and scientific communities have been calling for this information for years.

The National Farm Medicine Center, State Medical Society, the Marshfield Clinic, and Wisconsin Public Health Association are among the many medical and health organizations who endorse our proposal. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and the CALS Nutrient & Pest Management Program also endorse it.

Second, a PDS must also meet the needs of farmers, applicators, businesses, and government institutions that would be reporting their pesticide use and sales to the database. This means putting to good use pesticide use and sales information that farmers and applicators already keep. It also means meeting the concerns of farmers about how the information in the database will be used. We have included components in the PDS proposal to meet all those needs and concerns.

The Governor's budget recommends \$35,000 to fund "a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a pesticide data base." [Executive Budget at 52.] It says, "This data base would be used to determine the level of outdoor pesticide use by homeowners, farmers, business and government throughout the state."

While we are encouraged the Governor endorses the value of a pesticide use database, his proposal misses the mark in a couple of crucial ways. First, we already know a pesticide database for the state is feasible. Several other states have pesticide use databases, and other Wisconsin state programs use the technology the PDS would use.

Second, the Governor's proposal excludes *indoor* pesticide use -- information farmers and agricultural groups say should be included in the database to be fair, and which our public health researchers say is essential, especially for protecting children's health.

In summary, we don't need another feasibility study. State resources would be put to better use by moving forward to design and create a database for Legislative review.

We would welcome this Committee's involvement and leadership to bring this about.

I welcome any questions you may have. Thank you.



GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL:  
PESTICIDE DATABASE SYSTEM (PDS)

WISCONSIN STRATEGIC PESTICIDE INFORMATION PROJECT  
POSITION STATEMENT  
(3-11-99)

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We are encouraged the Governor endorses the value of a pesticide use database to document when, how much and where pesticides are used.

However, his proposal misses the mark in a couple of crucial ways. First, we already know a pesticide database for the state is feasible. Several other states have pesticide use databases, and other Wisconsin state programs use the technology the PDS would use.

Second, the Governor's proposal excludes indoor pesticide use -- information farmers and agricultural groups say should be included in the database to be fair, and which our public health researchers say is essential, especially for protecting children's health.

Agricultural, medical, public health and environmental researchers for years have pressed their case for detailed pesticide use information. The PDS would complement similar information already reported to EPA by other industries. The PDS would put to good use the pesticide records commercial applicators and farmers already keep in their files.

A coalition of agricultural, public health and environmental organizations have been examining the feasibility of a PDS for almost 18 months. Wisconsin is ready now to create and develop the PDS.

The estimated \$400,000 cost of creating a pesticide use database would be consistent with the Governor's other investments this year to develop GIS and computer programs for environmental purposes (e.g., see Budget Summary at 23, 85, 329, 331, 336 (totaling \$ 4,218,900 (State) + \$ 1,537,500 (Federal) = \$ 5,756,400 for next two years).

Given the commitments and investments the Governor is making in information technologies for soil mapping, land information, brown fields and oil spill cleanups, public resources would be better spent to **DEVELOP THIS MUCH NEEDED PESTICIDE DATABASE FOR WISCONSIN.**

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GIS-RELATED GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ITEMS

Administration at 23	Digitize Soil Maps	\$620000
		\$620000
		\$400000
		\$400000
	Computer Land Info System	\$202300
		\$410300
	Stdize GIS re prop assess	\$186600
		\$ 81500
Commerce at 85	GIS Registry & Tracking	\$390800
		\$290800
Natural Res at 329	Brownfields GIS Site Invent	\$198300
		\$218300
at 331	GW GIS Registry	<u>\$200000</u>
	State Share Total	\$4,218,900
	Fed leverage money	<u>\$1,537,500</u>
	Total	\$5,756,400





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Date: March 11 1999

To: Members, Assembly Committee on Agriculture

From: John Manske, Director of Government Relations

RE: Recommendations on Agriculture Issues in 1999-2001 Biennial Budget

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**The Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives (WFC) supports several of the recommendations impacting agriculture in the 1999-2001 Governor's Budget Bill. Included in that list is the extension of funding for efforts aimed at federal dairy reform, and extension of the Agrichemical Management Fund fee holiday for two more years. We do have concerns regarding other items, and they are highlighted as follows:**

- **WFC farm supply members oppose the Weights and Measures proposal to convert the existing \$25 LPG meter registration fee from a one-time event that an owner is to pay to an annual license fee of \$25 imposed on the operators of each meter.** Last session, the LPG industry agreed to the one-time fee, and also accepted a requirement that they have their meters tested annually by a meter servicing company licensed by DATCP. Now, before the ink is barely dry from the previous enactment, the state is claiming it must have more fee revenue to fund random spot checks of the meters. We contend that the state should implement last session's law, and learn what revenue is derived from the one-time registration process.
- **We oppose the transfer of \$500,000 each year from the Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program Fund into the state's General Fund.** While the ACCP Fund has a robust balance, it is inappropriate to take money that is derived from fees on pesticide and fertilizer products that farmers have to pay, and direct it into the General Fund. Money left in the ACCP Fund will help keep fees down in the future, and assist our farmers as we continue with a program to clean up pesticide and fertilizer contaminated commercial and farm sites.
- **We will be working with legislators to advance a proposal of DATCP's Food Safety Task Force, which has not been funded to date in the budget process.** Twenty-six representatives of diverse organizations, meeting over many months, made the following consensus recommendation in May of 1998. "An increase in the proportion of food safety program costs paid by the general purpose revenue be restored to 60 percent, and that the remaining 40 percent be paid for through fees (program revenue)." This \$750,000 GPR added annual cost will assist Wisconsin's dairy industry and help assure that food safety efforts are maintained as required.

*File  
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March 15, 1999



Representative Al Ott  
318 North Capitol  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, Wisconsin 5308

MAR 16 1999

Re: March 11, 1999, Agriculture Hearing on Governor's Budget

Dear Representative Ott:

Once again thank you very much for providing me, along with Prof. Larry Binning, the opportunity to appear before the Assembly Agriculture Committee to shed light on our proposal to create a pesticide database system (PDS) for Wisconsin.

Your introduction of the issue to the Committee was both fair and necessary in the context of the Governor's budget bill proposal to conduct a feasibility study on the matter. You paved the way for a fair hearing on the merits of our proposal, and a productive question and answer period. This is much appreciated. I hope you and the Committee members got something of value from our time together. I'd appreciate knowing of the feedback you may have gotten after the hearing.

As you know, we remain eager to continue working with you in a bipartisan fashion to craft a proposal that would meet the needs of researchers, the public, farmers and applicators alike. We believe the PDS would be both in the public interest as well as in the interest of Wisconsin agriculture. Your continued leadership on this matter would be greatly welcomed.

Thanks again!

Sincerely yours,

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DATCP REQUEST	GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
	<p>FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Restructure the program to consist of two components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A refundable conservation tax credit which will be available to farmers who comply with soil and water conservation standards. Claimants will be required to file a certificate of compliance based on standards set by the Land and Water Conservation Board. The credit would be calculated under a formula consisting of an income factor, a \$4,000 maximum property tax amount and a proration factor. The maximum credit available will be \$2,100 and the minimum will be 10% of up to \$4,000 of property taxes paid. The credit will first be available for tax years beginning after December 31, 2000.</li> <li>2. A refundable farmland preservation acreage credit, which will be available to farmers who sell, donate or otherwise transfer development rights to a unit of government or a nonprofit organization which has signed an agreement with the department. The agreement will restrict the organization's use or subsequent transfer of the rights. A claimant will receive \$0.50 for each acre for which the claimant transfers the development rights but retains the farming, rights and \$0.30 for each acre for which the claimant transfers the development and farming rights.</li> </ol>
	<p>REAUTHORIZATION OF STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM - CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP) <i>10 -15 yr. contracts</i> / 100,000 acres</p> <p>Establish a new category in the stewardship program under the auspices of DATCP. The funding in the program is expected to leverage up to an additional \$200 million in federal funding through the <u>Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program</u>. CREP is a program that pays landowners for habitat and water quality protection efforts based on a plan approved by the Governor and the USDA. Taken together, this represents more than a 100% increase in funding for land acquisition, habitat protection, water quality improvement, property development and local park assistance. Changes related to reauthorizing the Stewardship Program will be included in the capital budget bill.</p>

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<p><b><u>GPR REQUESTS - NEW</u></b></p>	<p><i>marketing</i>  <b>THE WISCONSIN AGRICULTURAL EXPORT INITIATIVE (5300)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional staffing is needed to promote the Governor's goal of doubling agricultural exports by 2002.</li> </ul> <b>REQUEST:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$36,400 GPR., 1.0 FTE GPR, \$25,000 PR in FY99-00</li> <li>\$263,600 GPR, 5.0 FTE GPR, \$25,000 PR in FY00-01</li> </ul> </p>	<p>Provided 2.0 FTE and \$300,000 GPR, and \$25,000 PR for promotional and educational materials, data analysis, and trade missions.</p>
<p><b>SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANTS (5730)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional bonding authority is requested to fund implementation of county land and water resource plans.</li> </ul> <b>REQUEST:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4,475,000 GPR bonding in FY00-01</li> </ul> </p>	<p>Additional bonding authority is requested to fund implementation of county land and water resource plans.</p>	<p>\$3,575,000 in bonding authority. Land and Water Conservation Board to approve county land and water resource management plans based on joint recommendations of DATCP and DNR.</p>
<p><b>PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE CAREER CENTER (5310)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A four year .50 project position starting in year 2, is requested to establish a statewide production agriculture career center.</li> </ul> <b>REQUEST:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$28,500 GPR in FY00-01</li> </ul> </p>	<p>A four year .50 project position starting in year 2, is requested to establish a statewide production agriculture career center.</p>	<p>Denied.</p>
<p><b><u>REQUESTS-REALLOCATED FUNDS</u></b></p>	<p><b>DRAINAGE DISTRICT PROGRAM STAFFING (5720)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.00 FTE are requested to provide administrative support to drainage district boards.</li> <li>Funding is reallocated from the AG Chem Cleanup Grants appropriation.</li> </ul> <b>REQUEST:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$147,000 GPR in FY 00-01</li> </ul> </p>	<p>Denied. → Inappropriate request</p>
<p><b>ENGINEERING SERVICES IN NORTHERN COUNTIES (5740)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.00 FTE engineer positions are requested for northern counties to provide training, consultation and oversight to county conservation staff.</li> <li>Reallocate \$130,600 GPR in FY99-00 and \$146,600 GPR in FY00-01 from SWRM grants appropriation.</li> </ul> </p>	<p>2.00 FTE engineer positions are requested for northern counties to provide training, consultation and oversight to county conservation staff.  Reallocate \$130,600 GPR in FY99-00 and \$146,600 GPR in FY00-01 from SWRM grants appropriation.</p>	<p>1.00 FTE approved; \$65,400 GPR in FY99-00; \$80,000 GPR in FY00-01. SWRM GPR grant appropriation is reduced by the same amount.</p>

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<p><b>LTE CONVERSION- BITS (5800)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.00 FTE is requested to staff ongoing requests from the public and legislature for lists of specific industries.</li> <li>• Base funding is reallocated.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$21,000 PRO in FY99-00</li> <li>• \$28,200 PRO in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<p>.50 FTE approved.</p>
<p><b>LTE CONVERSION- BBA (5810)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A .50 FTE permanent position is requested for payroll and finance support.</li> <li>• Base funding is reallocated.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10,800 GPR in FY99-00</li> <li>• \$14,500 GPR in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<p>Denied.</p>
<p><b>HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER (5920)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A .60 FTE Health and Safety position is requested to provide support agencywide.</li> <li>• Savings from insurance premium reductions would be used to fund the position.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$22,700 PRS in FY99-00</li> <li>• \$30,300 PRS in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<p>Approved. Will combine with .40 FTE approved for the Department of Military Affairs. (Shared)</p>
<p><b>1% GPR LAPSE</b></p> <p>1% GPR LAPSE (4000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the 1997-99 biennial budget several agencies were required to lapse 1-2% of their GPR base. Agencies are required to convert these lapses to a permanent reduction to base. The Department is reducing the Agricultural Management Cleanup Reimbursement appropriation.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (\$171,300) GPR in FY99-00</li> <li>• (\$171,300) GPR in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved as requested.</li> </ul> <p>Not requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (\$1,000,000) in FY99-00</li> <li>• (\$178,700) in FY00-01</li> <li>• \$500,000 transfer from the ag chem cleanup fund to the general fund in each year in the biennium.</li> </ul>

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<p><u>PESTICIDE DATA BASE STUDY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not requested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$35,000 GPR in FY99-00 for a study to determine the <u>feasibility of establishing a statewide pesticide data base</u>. The data base would be used to determine the level of outdoor pesticide use by homeowners, farmers, business and government.</li> </ul>
<p><u>NON-GPR REQUESTS</u></p> <p>WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FUNDING (5400) <i>Consumer Protection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A transfer of 5.00 FTE from the weights and measures program revenue appropriation to the <u>Petroleum Inspection Fund is requested to align funding sources with work effort.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (\$264,000) PRO in FY99-00, and FY00-01</li> <li>• \$264,000 SEG-Petroleum Funds in FY99-00, and FY00-01</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A transfer of 1.00 FTE from the recycling fund to the Petroleum Inspection Fund is requested to reflect work effort. The recycling fund sunsets 6/30/99.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (\$48,400) SEG-Recycling Fund in FY99-00, and FY00-01</li> <li>• \$48,400 SEG-Petroleum Fund in FY99-00, and FY00-01</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A revision to the statutes is proposed which would increase the population threshold where a local weights and measures program is required in a municipality, from 5,000 to 7,000, and include towns in the requirement.</li> <li>• A change in fees is proposed which would generate additional program revenue. A 1 cent per ton charge for fertilizer and feed would be deposited to the <u>Weights &amp; Measures appropriation instead of the Agrichemical Management Fund.</u></li> <li>• The license fee for a vehicle scale operator would be increased from \$30 to \$60</li> <li>• The LPG meter registration fee would be converted from one-time to annual. <i>Not enough funding to test all meters.</i></li> <li>• DOA population estimates would be used in place of the U.S. census to determine populations of participating municipalities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.5 FTE and funding converted from PRO to the petroleum inspection fund.</li> <li>• 1.0 FTE and funding from the recycling fund converted to the petroleum inspection fund</li> <li>• 1.0 FTE and funding from the recycling fund converted to PRO</li> <li>• All fee proposals approved. The 1 cent per ton charge for fertilizer and feed to be deposited to the <u>Weights &amp; Measures appropriation instead of the Agrichemical Management Fund was increased to 2 cents. \$86,000</u></li> <li>• Not approved - the statutory language to <u>increase the population threshold</u> where a local weights and measures program is required in a municipality, from 5,000 to 7,000, and include towns in the requirement.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>STRAY VOLTAGE RESEARCH (5320)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for stray voltage research is needed to continue research currently being conducted on the adverse effects of stray voltage and related electrical phenomena on health and production capacity of dairy cattle.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$200,000 PRO in FY99-00</li> <li>\$200,000 PRO in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<p><b>Denied</b></p> <p>University - <del>needs</del> to be involved in stray voltage.</p>
<p><b>CONSUMER PROTECTION INVESTIGATIONS AND INFORMATION (5410)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language is proposed to allow courts to order recovery of consumer protection investigative costs, and assess a 15% fine or forfeiture. New appropriations are requested to receive and expend the funds.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$125,000 PRO in FY99-00</li> <li>\$125,000 PRO in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<p>The 15% fine and forfeiture and budget authority of \$75,000 PR was approved. The 10% recovery of investigative costs and budget authority of \$50,000 PR was not approved.</p>
<p><b>PLANT PEST DETECTION(5710)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fee basis for nursery growers and dealers license is simplified and converted from GPR-earned to PR.</li> <li>Christmas Tree Growers are required to be licensed.</li> <li>.75 FTE is converted from GPR to PR</li> <li>An additional 2.0 FTE are requested to assist with increasing workload related to gypsy moth.</li> <li>Request authority to receive gifts and grants for plant pest control.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$36,400) GPR in FY99-00 and FY00-01</li> <li>\$103,200 PRO in FY99-00</li> <li>\$172,100 PRO in FY00-01</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPR position converted to SEG.</li> <li>New 1.00 FTE authorized on SEG.</li> <li>Requested a new annual SEG appropriation.</li> <li>\$40,000 PR in FY99-00</li> <li>\$53,000 PR in FY00-01</li> <li>Authority to receive gifts and grants included.</li> </ul> <p>Fees for nursery and Christmas tree growers reduced to 50% of rate requested; fees for nursery dealers reduced by 20 - 30% of rate requested. After sufficient revenues are collected, the Department may request additional position authority on the PR account through a 16.515.</p>
<p><b>ANIMAL HEALTH - INSPECTION, TESTING AND ENFORCEMENT (5210)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$83,800 PR in both years for supplies and services.</li> </ul>	<p>Approved as requested</p>

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<p><b>I. T. APPROPRIATION SIMPLIFICATION (5880)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased spending authority is requested in the Computer Services (821) appropriation, increased spending authority is requested in PR appropriations, and revenue transfers will be replaced with expenditures.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1,359,000 PRS in FY99-00</li> <li>\$849,000 PRS in FY00-01</li> <li>\$85,400 PRO in FY99-00 and FY00-01</li> <li>\$120,700 SEG in FY99-00 and FY00-01</li> </ul>	<p>Approved as requested.</p>
<p><b>WEB PAGE MAINTENANCE (5900)</b> <i>800 pp. Web Page</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.00 FTE is requested to update the DATCP web page for open meeting notices, press releases, and other time sensitive information.</li> </ul> <p>REQUEST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$29,900 PRS in FY 99-00</li> <li>\$39,900 PRS in FY 00-01</li> </ul>	<p>Approved as requested.</p>
<p><b><u>TECHNICAL DECISION ITEMS-NO ISSUE PAPERS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3011 Transfer within the same alpha</li> <li>5420 Realign TCP Position with Funding Sources</li> <li>7100 Move Grain Inspection to Program 1</li> <li>7200 Move Fruit &amp; Vegetable Inspection to Program 1</li> <li>7300 Position Realignment</li> <li>7400 Program 1 - New Numeric</li> <li>7700 New Appropriation - Plant Pest Management</li> </ul>	<p>All approved as requested.</p>
<p><b><u>ISSUE PAPER FOR INFORMATION ONLY- NO REQUEST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for Food Safety - increase the GPR portion to 60%.</li> <li>Fish Farm Staffing - unfreeze 2.0 FTE</li> <li>Drainage Counties</li> </ul>	<p><u>No funding approved.</u>          2.0 FTE frozen fish farm positions and \$97,900 GPR eliminated. The Department will review the need for additional staffing following any proposed lab restructuring.          Provided \$750,000 GPR for 60% cost share grants to county drainage boards to update drainage district maps and comply with other statutory and regulatory requirements.  <i>Technical work to do profiles</i>  <i>Expensive</i></p>



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	<p><b><u>STATUTORY LANGUAGE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Dairy Reform - extend funding 2 more years.</li><li>• Agrichemical Management Fund - extend fee holiday 2 years.</li><li>• Vegetable Security Program - deposit 1 cent per \$100 contractual obligations in Dairy trade and vegetable security regulation instead of Fruit and vegetable inspection.</li><li>• Federal Model Food Code and Meat Inspection Rules - adopt by reference.</li></ul>	<p>All approved as requested.</p> <p><i>Current feed code</i></p>

## Farmland Preservation Program

	Current Law	Governor's Budget
<b>Tax Credit Formula</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income factor</li> <li>\$6,000 max. property taxes eligible</li> <li>Proration (90%, 70%, 50%)</li> <li>Additional proration based on zoning, plan or agreement</li> <li>Minimum credit of 10% of up to \$6,000 property taxes accrued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income factor</li> <li>\$4,000 max. property taxes eligible</li> <li>Proration (40%, 60%, 70%)</li> <li>Minimum credit of 10% of up to \$4,000 property taxes accrued</li> </ul>
<b>Conservation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil and water conservation standards or plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil erosion standards</li> <li>Nutrient management rules adopted under s. 92.05(3)</li> <li>Manure storage prohibitions</li> <li>Water quality performance standards adopted under s. 281.16</li> </ul>
<b>Land Use Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residence in area covered by exclusive agricultural zoning, county preservation plan or farmland preservation agreement required</li> <li>Payback requirement for removal of land from zoning or agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclusive agricultural zoning, county preservation plan or farmland preservation agreement no longer required</li> <li>No new or extended preservation agreements</li> <li>Require DATCP to relinquish any preservation agreement on request of landowner</li> <li>Payback requirements remain for relinquished agreements</li> </ul>
<b>Certification Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County zoning authority issues certificate indicating compliance with conservation standards, zoning, agreement, etc.</li> <li>Certificate of noncompliance with conservation standards issued by land conservation committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County land conservation committee issues certificate of compliance or noncompliance with conservation standards</li> <li>Certificate of noncompliance must be cancelled before credit may be received</li> <li>Certificates filed with DOR</li> </ul>
<b>Farmland Preservation Acreage Credit</b>	<p>N/A</p> <p><i>Not working - Need exclusive ag. Zoning</i></p> <p><i>500,000 production acres lost from 1992 - 1997</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refundable per acre tax credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ \$0.50 if development rights are transferred but farming rights are retained</li> <li>✓ \$0.30 if development rights, including farming rights, are transferred</li> </ul> </li> <li>Transfer to unit of government or nonprofit organization</li> <li>Nonprofit organization must enter into agreement with DATCP on management and subsequent transfer of rights</li> </ul>
<b>Participation</b>	21,500 landowners	58,000 landowners (maximum)
<b>Cost</b>	\$20 million	\$35 million (maximum) <i>annual</i>
<b>Sunset</b>	N/A	December 31, 2002
<b>Exclusive Ag. Zoning</b>	35-acre minimum parcel size	Ordinance must include a minimum parcel size

## Feasibility Study for Pesticide database

\$35,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to determine the feasibility of establishing a statewide pesticide database. The database shall be derived from valid statistical sampling of all pesticide applications. All such applications shall be surveyed in an equal and non-discriminatory manner, including the method of data collection, the type of data collected and the level of specificity of information requested. The sampling results must also be confidential.

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Would appreciate your input.

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