

Farmers Resource Guide

Covering Green & Lafayette Counties

Financial Analysis and Counseling – Financial Assistance

Legal Information and Assistance – Stress Management & Mental Health

Basic Needs: Food, Fuel, Shelter, Clothing and Medical

Job Counseling – Training and Education



For more information call:

Green County UW-Extension (608) 328-9440

Lafayette County UW-Extension (608) 776-4820

Monroe Clinic, SSM Health (608) 324-2000

County and State Resources

The Wisconsin Farmer's Resource Guide represents a coordinated effort by state agencies, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, community organizations, farm groups, and churches. Its purpose is to identify and deliver a wide range of services county by county to farmers and rural citizens.

If you have suggestions for improving the directory or resources which should be added to it, please call the Green County UW-Extension office at 608-328-9440 or the Lafayette County UW-Extension office at 608-776-4820.

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I. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, COUNSELING & SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

S. W. Wisconsin Small Business Development Center —Small Business Counselor Agents

For business counseling and information about small business funding sources. Covers Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties. Website: www.wisconsinsbdc.org/swwi.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/swwisbdc

Kristi Smith, Business Consultant

kristi.smith@ces.uwex.edu

608-287-9464

Brock Waterman, Business Consultant

brock.waterman@uwex.edu

608-574-1757

Wisconsin Small Business Development Center

A business answer line staffed by telephone counselors. Advice, information and resources for existing and new businesses.

800-940-7232 Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

www.wisconsinsbdc.org/business-answerline

432 N. Lake Street — Room 423

Madison, WI 53706

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation

Putting dreams to work— entrepreneurship, financial impact, education, lending, coaching.

www.wwbic.com

Wisconsin Farm Center

Provides financial and legal information, job counseling, mediation services, and other services for Wisconsin farm families. Web Site: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx

800-942-2474

P O Box 8911

Madison, WI 53708-8911

Frank Friar, Farm Center Economic Consultant

frank.friar@wisconsin.gov

608-224-5049

Mike Lochner, Farm Center Economic Consultant

michael.lochner@wisconsin.gov

608-224-5139

Rural Electric Power Services

Energy Management, Farm Rewiring, Stray Voltage, Energy and Agriculture, Utility Disconnects or Service Disputes.

800-942-2474

608-224-5111 (Fax)

P O Box 8911

Madison, WI 53708-8911

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/RuralElectricPowerServices.aspx

Wisconsin Technical Colleges

Agriculture and Farm Instructor Courses. Enrollment required for assistance. Tuition assistance may be available.

Crystal Seeley-Schreck, Ag, Natural Resources & STEM Education Director

608-267-9064

Blackhawk Technical Colleges

210 4th Ave

Monroe, WI 53566

608-328-1660

Dustin Williams

Agribusiness & Farm Management Instructor

dwilliams61@blackhawk.edu

608-329-8210

Southwest Technical College

1800 Bronson Blvd

Fennimore, WI 53809

608-822-3262

Kory Stalsberg

Agribusiness & Farm Management Instructor

kstalsberg@swtc.edu

608-822-2742

The following State-level resources may also be consulted for additional information:

WISCONSIN DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

WISCONSIN FARM CENTER – 800-942-2474 – INFO LINE

General information; stray voltage, Ag diversification, financial and legal problem referrals.

TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION		GENERAL FARM ORGANIZATIONS	
General Consumer Complaints Hotline	800-422-7128	WI Farm Bureau Federation	800-261-3276
Green Bay Regional Office	920-448-5110	Wisconsin Farmers Union	715-723-5561
Eau Claire Regional Office	715-839-3848	WI National Farmers Organization	608-643-3341
Milwaukee Regional Office	414-266-1231	WI Women for Agriculture	920-754-4510
Madison Regional Office	608-224-4960		
		COOPERATING AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS	
FARMLAND PRESERVATION		WI Comm Action Program	608-244-4422
Tax credit information	608-224-4634	WI Housing and Economic Development Authority-WHEDAICROP	800-334-6873
		WI Rural Development Center	608-226-0300
OTHER STATE AGENCIES			
Insurance Commissioner	800-236-8517	Support group networks dealing with policy, research and training for WI Ag Groups, supporting a variety of farm crisis projects.	
Health Ins Risk Sharing Plan	800-828-4777		
Dept, of Financial Institutions	800-452-3328		
WI Consumer Acts Section	800-452-3328		
Department of Commerce	800-435-7287	UW Health & Human Issues	608-263-4432
		Wisconsin Technical College System	608-266-1207
ATTORNEY GENERAL		Instant Career Education Directory	800-472-0024
Office	608-266-1221	FSA State Office (FmHA)	608-276-8732
		Farm Credit Services St. Paul	651-282-8800
STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN		National Farm Medicine Center	800-782-8581
Lawyer Referral and Information Service	800-362-9082 608-257-3838	SCORE (Small Business Admin)	608-441-2820 414-297-3942
LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE			
Office	800-362-9472		

II. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Veteran's Service Offices

Economic assistance loans are available to qualified veterans and survivors. Grants available to qualified veterans for training and schooling.

Green County Veteran's Office

N3150B Hwy 81
 Monroe, WI 53566
 Hours 8:00am –4:30pm
 Clayton Ruegsegger
cruegsegger@greencountywi.org
 608-328-9415

Lafayette County Veteran's Office

627 Washington St
 Darlington, WI 53530
 Hours 8:00am – 4:30pm
 Samuel Fuller
samuel.fuller@lafayettecountywi.org
 608-776-4886

Compeer Financial Services (Formerly Badgerland)

Compeer Financial is a cooperative owned by our client-stockholders, providing financial service to agricultural clients in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Compeer Financial

Kayla Ruf
1631 4th Ave W
Monroe, WI 53566
608-328-2282

Compeer Financial

Lance Lansing
3348 State Road 23
Dodgeville, WI 53533
608-935-3396

Farm Credit Services Agency (FSA)

USDA agriculture lender. Beginning farmer loan programs, guaranteed and direct farm ownership loans, personal property loans, operating loans.

Green County Farm Service Office

1627 4th Ave W
Monroe, WI 53566
Teresa Zimmer
County Executive Director
teresa.zimmer@wi.usda.gov
608-325-4195 ext 2

Lafayette County Farm Service Office

1900 Ervin Johnson Drive
Darlington, WI 53530
Monica Yates-Olsen
County Executive Director
monica.olsen@wi.usda.gov
608-776-4028 ext 2

Farmland Preservation Program

Information about farmland preservation program, which provides state income tax credit to farmers who meet requirements: soil & water conservation standards and to only use land for agriculture.

Green County Land Conservation Department

1627 4th Ave W
Monroe, WI 53566
Todd Jenson
County Conservationist
todd.jenson@wi.nacdnet.net
608-325-4195

Lafayette County Land Conservation Department

1900 Ervin Johnson Drive
Darlington, WI 53530
Terry Loeffelholz
County Conservationist
terry.loeffelholz@lafayettecountywi.org
608-776-3836

Harvest of Hope, Community of Hope

What does a Wisconsin farm family do when they experience a financial crisis due to low commodity prices, escalating cost of fuel, fertilizer and other inputs, shifting global markets, a medical emergency, drought, flooding or other climatic conditions or some combination of these factors? Contact Harvest of Hope.

Phone: 608-836-4633

mcc@chorus.net

Website: <http://www.madisonchristiancommunity.org>

Harvest of Hope

7118 Old Sauk Road

Madison, WI 53717

USDA Microloan Program

The focus of Microloans is on the financing needs of small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm operations, such as truck farms, farms participating in direct marketing and sales such as farmers' markets, CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture), restaurants and grocery stores, or those using hydroponic, aquaponic, organic and vertical growing methods.

Website and application materials:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/microloans/index>

Social Security Administration, Local Office

Information about retirement program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program for the aged, blind, and disabled.

800-772-1213

WHEDA Loans

Financial assistance programs for Ag. Production loans (CROP) and Ag. Expansion and modernization loans (FARM). Beginning Farmer bond program also available. Must work with a local lender to apply for any of these.

<https://www.wheda.com/Forms/Agriculture-Guarantee/>

III. LEGAL INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Better Business Bureau

Provides reports on business firms, information about charity groups, helps resolve consumers' disputes with businesses.

800-273-1002

Legal Action of Wisconsin

Since 1968, the non-profit law firm of Legal Action of Wisconsin has been providing justice for low-income individuals – legal aid to eligible persons for social security, SSI & public assistance program problems and emergency family matters.

email: law@legalaction.org

Phone: 414-278-7777 Ext. 3051

State Bar of Wisconsin

The State Bar of Wisconsin serves the public by providing attorney referrals, public education, reduced-fee legal assistance for low income state residents and enhancing the administration of and access to justice.

Phone: (800) 728-7788 (nationwide)

Website: <https://www.wisbar.org/forPublic/Pages/for-public.aspx>

Trade and Consumer Protection, Hotline

Wisconsin's consumer complaint hotline. Also provides information on companies doing business in Wisconsin.

800-422-7128

DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov

2811 Agriculture Drive

Madison WI53718-6777

Wisconsin Farm Center

Provides financial and legal information, job counseling, mediation services and other services for Wisconsin farm families.

800-942-2474

Kathy Schmitt

608-224-5048

PO Box 8911

608-224-5107(FAX #)

Madison, WI 53708-8911

Web Site: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx

Farm Mediation & Arbitration Program (FMAP)

800-942-2474

WI DATCP

608-224-5138

PO Box 8911

farmcenter@wi.gov

Madison WI 53708-8911

IV. STRESS MANAGEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Catholic Charities Madison

Individual, marriage & family counseling, domestic abuse counseling, and alcohol counseling.

608-821-3100

Emergency 24-Hour Crisis Line

Suicide and depression counseling

800-784-2433

888-552-6642

Human Services Alcohol and Other Drugs Unit

Information and eligibility requirements for food stamps, medical assistance, day care assistance, fuel assistance, home weatherization, and other assistance programs.

Green County 608-328-9393

Lafayette County 608-776-4800

Mental Health Unit

Individual, marriage & family counseling, domestic abuse counseling, and alcohol counseling.

Green County 608-328-9393

Lafayette County 608-776-4800

Green Haven Family Advocates

Services to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Includes emergency shelter, counseling, and support groups.

Phone: 608-325-7711

Website: <http://greenhaven4help.com/>

V. BASIC HUMAN AND FAMILY NEEDS: FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL

Green County Aging & Disability Resource Center

Provides resource and referral information for programs serving families with older adult or disabled family members.

Green County 608-328-9499

Lafayette County 608-776-4960

800-514-0066

Department of Human Services

Information and eligibility requirements for food stamps, BadgerCare, medical assistance, day care assistance, fuel assistance, home weatherization, and other assistance programs.

Green County 608-328-9393 Lafayette County 608-776-4800

Health Department

Provides immunizations to children. The Wisconsin Well Woman Program pays for certain health screening exams if eligibility requirements are met.

Green County 608-328-9390 Lafayette County 608-776-4895

Rural Housing, Inc

USDA rural housing loan programs

608-238-3448

Nutrition and Health Associates WIC

Provides nutrition and health education, health screening, & supplemental foods to income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and new mothers, infants, and children under 5 years old.

Green Co Health Dept. N3150 Highway 81

(608)328-9390 Monroe WI 53566

Website: <http://greencountyhealth.org>

Food Pantry

Provides free groceries to eligible families on a limited basis.

Green County Inter Church 608-329-7511 Lafayette County 608-776-3500

United Way: List of Resources for your family

Phone: (dial) 211

Website: <https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/wisconsin/united-way-of-green-county>

VI. JOB COUNSELING, TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Wisconsin Job Center

Web Site: <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>

Phone: 888-258-9966

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Counseling, employment, training and placement services for people with disabilities.

Rock County Job Center

1900 Center Avenue

Janesville, WI 53546

608-741-3583

800-228-2648

608-741-3579 (FAX #)

Iowa County Job Center

201 South Iowa Street

Dodgeville, WI 53533

608-935-3113 (Voice)

866-796-9683 (TTY)

800-228-2648 (Toll Free)

608-935-5072 (FAX)

Workforce Investment Act -Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

Provides short term job training and employment assistance for economically disadvantaged persons and those facing employment barriers. Adult and youth programs.

Executive Director

608-342-4220

608-935-5072 (FAX #)

Roberta Early

1370 N Water St

Platteville, WI 53818

Wisconsin Farm Center

Provides financial and legal information, job counseling, mediation services and other services for Wisconsin farm families.

1-800-942-2474

VII. HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS & INFORMATION

BadgerCare

Provides health insurance to uninsured families with incomes below 185% of the federal poverty level.

800-362-3002

Commissioner of Insurance

Publishes numerous brochures on all types of insurance

800-236-8517

Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan

Offers health insurance to Wisconsin residents who either are unable to find adequate health insurance coverage in the private market due to medical conditions or who have lost their employer-sponsored group health insurance.

800-828-4777

Board of Aging and Long Term Care

1402 Pankratz Street

Madison WI 53704-4001

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