

Ideas Network

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

April to June 2018

AGRICULTURE	PROGRAM	DATE
Wisconsin legalized the growing and processing of industrial hemp last year and now the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is rolling out its pilot program. (Duration: 10 min, 30 sec)	Central Time	4/18/18 @ 4:05 pm
Food security means having sufficient access to food and proper nutrition, but for many people around the world, significant challenges remain. We hear about efforts, in Wisconsin and elsewhere, to combat food insecurity, as well as how related health, agricultural and environmental challenges are being addressed. (Duration: 35 min, 38 sec)	The Larry Meiller Show	5/1/18 @ 11:45 am
With the number of Wisconsin dairy farms down 20 percent compared to 10 years ago, we discuss what the shift away from dairy farming means for local economies and the culture of the places these farms helped shape. (Duration: 20 min, 57 sec)	Central Time	5/7/18 @ 4:30 pm
22 states have reported illnesses linked to bad romaine lettuce, now including Wisconsin. We discuss what the E. coli outbreak means for consumers and examine food safety practices in the U.S. (Duration: 11 min, 52 sec)	Central Time	4/30/18 @ 3 pm
With the U.S. House taking on updates to the Farm Bill, we look at what changes may be coming and what they could mean for Wisconsin. (Duration: 9 min, 6 sec)	Central Time	5/16/18 @ 4:05 pm
Congress has failed to reauthorize the Farm Bill, and it isn't up for a new vote until late June. A political scientist says lawmakers torpedoed the legislation for a variety of reasons, not because of the ongoing immigration debate. (Duration: 29 min, 17 sec)	The Morning Show	5/23/18 @ 7 am
We take a look at what is being offered at local farmers markets at this time of the year. We also talk about how to pick the best produce, why growers like farmers markets and what to do with the food you bring home. (Duration: 36 min, 41 sec)	The Larry Meiller Show	5/24/18 @ 11:45 am
The dairy industry has a long and rich history in Wisconsin. We talk about that history with the director of the Hoard Historical Museum and also take a look at dairy tourism with Inga Witscher, host of Wisconsin Public Television's Around the Farm Table. (Duration: 38 min, 35 sec)	The Larry Meiller Show	5/29/18 @ 11 am

Low milk prices due in large part to overproduction for a few years has some experts wondering about whether a dairy model similar to Canada might be a solution. (Duration: 13 min, 24 sec)	Central Time	6/21/18 @ 3:15 pm
The U.S. House narrowly passed a five-year Farm Bill. A public policy analyst discusses what's in this version of the bill, what didn't make the cut and what's ahead as the measure moves to the U.S. Senate for consideration. (Duration: 42 min, 3 sec)	The Morning Show	6/22/18 @ 7 am

ECONOMY	PROGRAM	DATE
Wages in the U.S. have been more or less stagnant for the last four decades. Economists have long looked at variables in the labor market, such as unions or automation, as affecting these wages. But a new theory from a group of labor economists says that the issue could have less to do with workers and more to do with fewer businesses in the market. (Duration: 11 min, 51 sec)	Central Time	4/2/18 @ 4:15 pm
The U.S. and China are proposing dueling tariffs on one another, leading to concerns over a trade war between the economic powers. A 25 percent tariff announced this week on over 1,300 imported Chinese goods was matched with a similar plan by China, rattling consumers and manufacturers alike. (Duration: 10 min, 48 sec)	Central Time	4/5/18 @ 3 pm
President Trump is considering joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership after withdrawing from the multi-nation trade agreement last year. Trump tweeted that the agreement would have to be "substantially better than the deal" than President Obama agreed to while he was in office. But the reaction to the news was mixed from leaders of the countries who negotiated and signed onto the deal in 2016. (Duration: 9 min, 28 sec)	Central Time	4/13/18 @ 3:05 pm
With Tax Day on April 17 and the Republican tax cuts in place for just over four months, we talk to a federal tax policy expert about how the cuts are playing out across the country. (Duration: 20 min, 37 sec)	Central Time	4/16/18 @ 4:30 pm
Wisconsin's tourism industry has seen steady growth in recent years, with more than 23,000 jobs added since 2011. We talk with the state's tourism secretary about what factors have led to that success, and some of her favorite recommendations for visitors and state residents alike. (Duration: 10 min, 22 sec)	Central Time	5/9/18 @ 3:45 pm

A new report from the Economic Policy Institute takes a look at the old Wisconsin-Minnesota rivalry from an economics angle. Spoiler alert: Wisconsin is worse off by almost every measure, including wage growth, job growth and healthcare. (Duration: 42 min, 20 sec)	The Morning Show	5/10/18 @ 7 am
The Trump Administration has made dealing with international trade deals a top priority, but what could these changes mean for Wisconsin's economy? (Duration: 11 min, 14 sec)	Central Time	5/16/18 @ 3:35 pm
Wisconsin's Harley-Davidson Corporation received generous tax breaks in the 2017 federal tax bill. But soon after, they closed a plant in Kansas City, launched a stock buyback and increased dividends to shareholders. Our guest explores how this has been a pattern for corporations that received similar tax breaks. (Duration: 8 min, 22 sec)	Central Time	5/24/18 @ 4:15 pm
A new report from the Wisconsin Policy Institute found that a state law regulating when someone can or cannot seal a criminal conviction from public records could be stunting the state's workforce. (Duration: 9 min, 22 sec)	Central Time	6/7/18 @ 3:05 pm
Gov. Scott Walker says any windfall from taxing internet purchases should be returned to the "hard-working taxpayers." A look at the potential for new revenue following the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn a ruling that barred states from collecting sales taxes on out-of-state online retailers. (Duration: 10 min, 29 sec)	Central Time	6/25/18 @ 3 pm

EDUCATION	PROGRAM	DATE
Readers of all ages mark Hans Christian Andersen's birthday by celebrating books around the world. A look at the process of writing literature for kids, how children's books have evolved, why we read them and what they offer growing minds. (Duration 41 min, 18 sec)	The Morning Show	4/2/18 @ 7 am
Teachers in three states are striking over pension benefits, higher wages and more education funding. (Duration: 7 min, 41 sec)	Central Time	4/2/18 @ 3 pm
The results from the latest national academic test are in and reading scores for Wisconsin's fourth-graders are dropping. (Duration: 8 min, 52 sec)	Central Time	4/12/18 @ 3:15 pm
Federal law requires schools to have transition plans, including goals for work, school and independent living, for all special education students by the age of 16. While this is good on paper, students are not always challenged to push their abilities or follow through on larger goals. (Duration: 21 min, 58 sec)	Central Time	4/12/18 @ 3:35 pm

Twenty-two school districts in Wisconsin were awarded \$500,000 in grant money for fabrication laboratory, or fab lab, programs. Fab labs are similar to the shop classroom in high school -- but instead of welding equipment and wood cutters, there are 3D printers, laser engravers, plasma cutters and other high-tech tools used in digital design and fabrication. (Duration: 42 min, 5 sec)	The Morning Show	5/7/18 @ 7 am
As teachers in Wisconsin and around the nation celebrate National Teachers' Day and Teacher Appreciation Week, we talk to the president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council to learn more about the work teachers do and the challenges they face and the state of education in Wisconsin. (Duration: 12 min, 58 sec)	The Morning Show	5/8/18 @ 6:22 am
Gov. Scott Walker is floating the idea of having the state take over control of Milwaukee Public Schools, Wisconsin's largest school district. (Duration: 10 min, 25 sec)	Central Time	5/15/18 @ 3 pm
New data that takes a look at college students from the U.S., Canada and Britain shows that perfectionism has increased by 33 percent since 1989. We take a look at factors like social media and technology to examine perfectionism and why its becoming ever present. (Duration: 21 min, 49 sec)	Central Time	5/18/18 @ 4:35 pm
The book titled "The Guide for White Women Who Teach Black Boys" brings up tough conversations about race. A growing number of schools in Wisconsin, where teachers make up nearly 70 percent of the workforce, are turning to the book to bridge cultural gaps. (Duration: 6 min, 49 sec)	Central Time	6/8/18 @ 3:15 pm
It's a situation that's playing out all across rural America. In the wake of the Great Recession, small towns are finding themselves with fewer economic opportunities and aging populations. That's having an impact on rural schools - often the lifeblood of the communities they serve. What happens when those schools close? (Duration: 12 min, 6 sec)	Central Time	6/22/18 @ 4:15 pm

ENVIRONMENT	PROGRAM	DATE
Claiming they're "too high," the Environmental Protection Agency is doing away with Obama-era fuel efficiency standards for new vehicles. A look at the EPA's decision and what it means for automobile makers, the broader auto industry and consumers. (Duration: 21 min, 13 sec)	Central Time	4/3/18 @ 4:30 pm

A Milwaukee judge will rule on whether the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources followed the law when it signed off on a project that would build a frac sand plant on rare wetlands in Monroe County. (Duration: 10 min, 59 sec)	The Morning Show	4/9/18 @ 7 am
Water is a vital part of our communities and when it's contaminated or there isn't enough to go around, that's a significant problem. A water law scholar discusses the challenges communities, from major cities to rural areas, face when water isn't safe to drink. (Duration: 42 min, 40 sec)	The Morning Show	4/19/18 @ 7 am
Some of Wisconsin's counties get an F for ozone air quality. The annual State of the Air report shows certain areas of Wisconsin struggle with clean air. The study also illuminates progress toward cleaner air. (Duration: 42 min, 9 sec)	The Morning Show	4/18/18 @ 7 am
Wondering why we had such unusual weather in April? The Weather Guys are back to tell us what happened and share some statistics with us. (Duration: 34 min, 31 sec)	The Larry Meiller Show	4/30/18 @ 11:45 am
After a long winter, we're finally starting to see some summer-like temperatures in Wisconsin. But what does this wacky weather mean for the wildlife around us? (Duration: 1 hr, 13 min, 42 sec)	The Larry Meiller Show	5/2/18 @ 11 am
While there are some obvious hard-and-fast rules when visiting areas of nature, such as "leave no trace" or "pack it in, pack it out," there may be some room for improvement. (Duration: 18 min, 3 sec)	Central Time	5/10/18 @ 4 pm
Emails show that the White House and the Environmental Protection Agency tried to delay a report on chemical pollutants due to fears of a "public relations nightmare." The chemicals detailed in the study are the same that contaminated about 100 private wells in the Peshtigo area late last year. (Duration: 12 min)	Central Time	5/21/18 @ 4:15 pm
Ongoing development projects from Foxconn and Kohler Company will involve filling in wetlands and subsequently creating or restoring wetlands elsewhere. But how does that creation or restoration work? And do those wetlands provide all the benefits of the real thing? (Duration: 11 min. 31 sec)	Central Time	6/5/18 @ 3:15 pm
Thirty years ago, climate change became a national issue after the director of NASA's Institute for Space Studies testified before Congress. A look at how people reacted then and how we got to where we are today. (Duration: 21 min, 6 sec)	Central Time	6/22/18 @ 4:35 pm

HEALTHCARE	PROGRAM	DATE
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<p>A breastfeeding awareness campaign in the Madison area is trying to reach African-American mothers and eventually reduce the gap in infant mortality between black and white babies. (Duration: 12 min, 32 sec)</p>	<p>Central Time</p>	<p>4/3/18 @ 3:15 pm</p>
<p>Communities coping with opioid abuse should have drugs ready to reverse overdoses. That's the new advisory from the U.S. Surgeon General. A look at how naloxone saves lives, what an official advisory means and how the intricacies of the opioid epidemic complicate public health efforts. (Duration: 42 min, 8 sec)</p>	<p>The Morning Show</p>	<p>4/9/18 @ 6 am</p>
<p>It's not always easy to talk about but planning for end of life and the decisions that go with it can make a very difficult time easier. Our guests talk about what you should do to be ready in the event you cannot speak for yourself. (Duration: 39 min, 55 min)</p>	<p>The Larry Meiller Show</p>	<p>4/9/18 @ 11 am</p>
<p>A recent study showed that some people with allergies can get relief from acupuncture. We talk with a licensed acupuncturist about allergies and other medical conditions that can be helped with this ancient practice. (Duration: 39 min, 30 sec)</p>	<p>The Larry Meiller Show</p>	<p>4/30/18 @ 11 am</p>
<p>The shortage of nurses and other healthcare workers in the U.S. persists, with a projected need for over 2 million new healthcare workers by 2025. At the same time, nursing schools routinely reject qualified applicants and are maintaining small class sizes and strict admissions policies. (Duration: 42 min, 5 sec)</p>	<p>The Morning Show</p>	<p>5/9/18 @ 6 am</p>
<p>According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infections from mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas in the U.S. have tripled in the last 13 years. To understand what's behind the spike and how to avoid infection, we talk with an expert on insect disease. (Duration: 11 min, 16 sec)</p>	<p>Central Time</p>	<p>5/10/18 @ 3:15 pm</p>
<p>May is National Stroke Awareness Month, which aims to inform the public about the signs and symptoms of strokes, as well as encourage prevention. Learn how best to reduce your risk factors for a stroke, how to spot a stroke happening and what treatment options are available. (Duration: 34 min, 51 sec)</p>	<p>The Larry Meiller Show</p>	<p>5/14/18 @ 11:45 am</p>
<p>A new survey shows 95 percent of mental health professionals in rural areas say they can't meet the needs of all patients in their communities. (Duration: 42 min, 13 sec)</p>	<p>Central Time</p>	<p>5/21/18 @ 6 am</p>
<p>Do you take all your vacation time? Studies show more than half of us don't. We talk to a clinical psychologist about why vacations are important and why employees who take time off are more productive. (Duration: 40 min, 21 sec)</p>	<p>The Larry Meiller Show</p>	<p>6/5/18 @ 11 am</p>

Video game addiction is now recognized as a standalone mental health issue by the World Health Organization. (Duration: 11 min, 35 sec)	Central Time	6/25/18 @ 3:15 pm
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POLITICS	PROGRAM	DATE
When Wisconsinites head to the polls on April 3, one question on the ballot will ask if the office of the state treasurer should be eliminated from the state's constitution. A look at the history of the office and how its duties have diminished over time. (Duration: 29 min, 42 sec)	The Morning Show	4/2/18 @ 7 am
After Rebecca Dallet's state Supreme Court win and an earlier Democratic victory in a conservative state Senate district, Wisconsin Democrats are hopeful for a "blue wave" in the fall midterms. (Duration: 21 min, 38)	Central Time	4/5/18 @ 4:30 pm
Wisconsin's Senate race is seeing a flood of outside spending, with the Center for Responsive Politics showing the total from super PACs and nonprofits totaling nearly \$10 million so far. (Duration: 9 min, 42 sec)	Central Time	4/9/18 @ 3 pm
Women are taking greater leadership in political campaigns in Wisconsin and nationwide. Some are running for office themselves and others are catapulting candidates toward election day. (Duration: 42 min)	The Morning Show	4/16/18 @ 6 am
President Donald Trump announced he is pulling the U.S. out of the multinational Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), better known as the Iran Nuclear Deal. (Duration: 21 min, 16 sec)	Central Time	5/8/18 @ 4:35 pm
Milwaukee attorney Michael Brennan has been appointed by the Senate to fill a vacant seat on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. The position has been vacant since 2010, and disagreements between both parties in the Senate played a role in remaining open. (Duration: 11 min, 7 sec)	Central Time	5/11/18 @ 3:05 pm
A new push for Congressional term limits is underway. A group of freshman lawmakers recently pitched the idea to President Trump, who signaled his support...but passing term limit legislation is anything but a sure thing. (Duration: 42 min, 20 sec)	The Morning Show	5/15/18 @ 7 am
Palestinian officials are accusing Israel of using excessive force following the deaths of 59 Palestinians during protests along the Israel-Gaza border on Monday. We talk with a Palestinian activist about why she says she's lost all hope for a peaceful existence with the Israelis. (Duration: 21 min, 39 sec)	Central Time	5/17/18 @ 4:30 pm

Women face unique opportunities and challenges when they run for elected office. We discuss trends on the campaign trail involving women candidates and the role of the #MeToo Movement this election season. (Duration: 42 min, 11 sec)	The Morning Show	6/1/18 @ 7 am
As the 2020 presidential election approaches, some Americans may be craving a candidate that's a little more boring. Can "quiet, competent governance" actually win the race? (Duration: 48 min, 52 sec)	The Morning Show	6/21/18 @ 8 am