

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

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During the period, this station, as part of Wisconsin Public Radio's News and Classical Network, has served the public interest by producing and broadcasting diverse content that addresses national, statewide and regional issues. The following is a list of some of the content aired in response to areas of concern to listeners served by the News and Classical Network. Each segment duration is about 1 minute.

Issues of community concern:

- Agriculture
- Economy
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Politics
- Social Issues

1. Agriculture

Above normal temperatures in recent weeks have slowed down the harvest of Wisconsin's potato crop.

- BBC Newshour, October 4, 2023 at 3 p.m.

A Wisconsin expert says new federal requirements around how livestock owners use antibiotics will ensure farms aren't contributing to growing antibiotic resistance.

- All Things Considered, October 5, 2023 at 5 p.m.

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency visited a family-run farm in Eau Claire on Wednesday that's the world's largest horseradish grower and processor. Members of the Biden administration are touting investments in rural America.

- All Things Considered, November 9 at 5 p.m.

A Republican bill would block farmers hosting solar panels on their land from receiving tax credits aimed at preserving farmland. Supporters say it's about protecting farms from being used for renewable energy projects.

- BBC Newshour, November 29, 2023 at 3 p.m.

The Farm and Industry Short Course had been held for more than 130 years at UW-Madison. It has relaunched this year in River Falls.

- Morning Edition, December 26, 2023 at 5 a.m.

2. Economy

Wisconsin manufacturers are less pessimistic about the economy than they were last year. Workforce challenges continue to be a top concern even as inflation and supply chain worries lessen.

- All Things Considered, October 6, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Poverty in Wisconsin has come down from a peak registered after the 2008 recession. But a new UW-Extension report says it remains higher than it was two decades ago.

- All Things Considered, October 27, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Members of the United Auto Workers in Wisconsin will soon be voting on tentative deals with the nation's largest automakers. Hear what local leaders see as a victory.

- Morning Edition, November 7, 2023 at 5 a.m.

Wisconsin has a record-high number of apprentices enrolled in a century-old program. The state, unions and businesses are looking to foster diversity in the state's workforce.

- BBC Newshour, November 15, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Overall property taxes in Wisconsin are expected to climb by the largest amount since 2007. That's despite increased state funding for local government.

- All Things Considered, December 12, 2023 at 5 p.m.

3. Education

About 40 percent of Wisconsin students were proficient in reading and math last school year, according to data released by the Department of Public Instruction today.

- All Things Considered, October 10, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Classes will end next year at two more University of Wisconsin System campuses. The move comes amid enrollment declines at two-year colleges.

- BBC Newshour, October 17, 2023 at 3 p.m.

The author of Wisconsin's law overhauling how reading is taught says lawmakers could take up additional legislation to address concerns about bilingual students.

- All Things Considered, November 17, 2023 at 5 p.m.

A new study finds that after adjusting for inflation, median pay for teachers across the state has fallen more than 12 percent over the last 15 years.

- BBC Newshour, November 30, 2023 at 3 p.m.

The Elkhorn Area School District will consider changing its book policy after a parent challenged 444 book titles.

- Morning Edition, December 13, 2023 at 6 a.m.

4. Environment

Milwaukee plans to use \$12 million in federal funds to plant more trees across the city. That money could help address urban heat islands.

- Morning Edition, October 9, 2023 at 5 a.m.

Residents living with PFAS contamination say inaction will prove more costly if the state fails to pass groundwater standards for the chemicals.

- BBC Newshour, October 23, 2023 at 3 p.m.

The Public Service Commission last week rejected a proposal by Madison Gas and Electric that would have changed how the utility reimburses residential solar owners for energy they put back into the grid.

- All Things Considered, November 8, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Three Wisconsin academics are among those attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference underway in Dubai.

- BBC Newshour, November 29, 2023 at 3 p.m.

A Canadian energy firm hopes to begin work this winter on a project to slow erosion near its oil and gas pipeline on the Bad River reservation. It comes amid an ongoing legal struggle with the tribe over its Line 5 pipeline.

- BBC Newshour, December 18, 2023 at 3 p.m.

5. Health

State data shows 10 percent of K-12 students did not meet vaccination requirements last school year. Just under half of those had a personal conviction waiver.

- BBC Newshour, October 13, 2023 at 3 p.m.

A state Assembly Task Force on Childhood Obesity held its first public hearing yesterday. Organizations working to reduce obesity say a "one size fits all" approach isn't enough.

- Morning Edition, October 24, 2023 at 6 a.m.

Advocates for older adults and people with disabilities hope to bring back legislation to improve communication between Wisconsin hospitals and family caregivers.

- Morning Edition, November 15, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Underage tobacco and vape sales are on the rise. Federal and state laws are sending mixed messages.

- Morning Edition, November 20, 2023 at 6 a.m.

Respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 and the flu continue to circulate in Wisconsin communities. Health experts are encouraging masks and vaccines ahead of the holidays next week.

- Morning Edition, December 20, 2023 at 5 a.m.

6. Politics

Republican members of Wisconsin congressional delegation are hailing the election of a new GOP Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

- All Things Considered, October 25, 2023 at 5 p.m.

In hopes of speeding up election results in Wisconsin's largest cities, state lawmakers are reviving a bill to let them process absentee ballots before polls open.

- Morning Edition, October 31, 2023 at 5 a.m.

A special session Governor Tony Evers convened in September to push for a workforce development package ended yesterday. Republican lawmakers sent Evers a bill vastly different than the one he was asking for.

- Morning Edition, November 15, 2023 at 6 a.m.

The new liberal majority on Wisconsin's Supreme Court showed interest today in redrawing Wisconsin's legislative district lines.

- BBC Newshour, November 21, 2023 at 3 p.m.

The leader of the Lac du Flambeau tribe is again criticizing Republican state lawmakers for withholding tribal gaming revenues over disputes tied to tribal sovereignty.

- BBC Newshour, December 12, 2023 at 3 p.m.

7. Social Issues

Lawmakers approve bills to bar gender affirmation procedures and sports participation for transgender youth.

- BBC Newshour, October 12, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Wisconsin saw a 20 percent increase in domestic violence-related deaths in 2022 compared to the previous year.

- All Things Considered, October 18, 2023 at 5 p.m.

A bill advancing in Wisconsin would create a re-entry center that aims to ease transitions for people leaving prison.

- Morning Edition, November 6, 2023 at 5 a.m.

Demand for broadband expansion grant funding in Wisconsin far exceeds the cash available in the program.

- All Things Considered, November 17, 2023 at 6 p.m.

A provision in the Wisconsin state constitution defining marriage as between "one man and one woman" would be repealed under a proposal Democrats unveiled today. The change would require a constitutional amendment.

- BBC Newshour, December 13, 2023 at 3 p.m.