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Quarterly Issues and Programs List

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AGRICULTURE	PROGRAM	DATE
Wisconsin farms produced a record number of eggs in November, according to the latest state data. Egg producers in the state say demand for cage-free production is a driving force for the industry. (Duration: 45 sec)	Morning Edition	1/2/20 @ 5 am
Wisconsin lost 10 percent of the state's dairy farms in 2019, according to the latest state data. What's behind the decline and what it means for the state's dairy industry. (Duration: 47 sec)	Morning Edition	1/7/20 @ 5 am
Assembly Republicans plan to introduce their own package of bills to help farmers before the Legislature adjourns. Their announcement comes less than two weeks after Democratic Gov. Evers called a special session on agriculture. (Duration: 39 sec)	Morning Edition	2/4/20 @ 5 am
Wisconsin dairy farmers and other producers are feeling the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. The deadly respiratory illness in China has created uncertainty about the future of exports. (Duration: 43 sec)	Morning Edition	2/4/20 @ 6 am
As the new coronavirus continues to spread across the state, dairy farmers are bracing for the pandemic's impact on the industry. (Duration: 46 sec)	Morning Edition	3/23/20 @ 5 am

ECONOMY	PROGRAM	DATE
Gov. Evers is creating a new Office of Rural Prosperity to boost opportunities outside of Wisconsin's big cities. Those who work in economic development for small communities say the office could help rural entrepreneurs. (Duration: 45 sec)	Morning Edition	1/23/20 @ 5 am
New projections from a conservative think tank suggest an expansion of the state's school choice voucher program could have a big economic impact. (Duration: 53 sec)	Morning Edition	1/27/20 @ 6 am

Wisconsin could be the first state to expand a real estate tax incentive program that Pres. Trump touted in his State of the Union Address. The program creates opportunity zones to promote development in low-income urban and rural areas. (Duration: 51 sec)	Morning Edition	2/6/20 @ 5 am
Wisconsin is on stronger footing to face the economic turmoil created by COVID-19 than it was ahead of the Great Recession. That's according to a new report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum. (Duration: 38 sec)	All Things Considered	3/23/20 @ 4 pm
The governor's order that all non-essential businesses should close has created uncertainty about what exactly counts as an essential business. But with broad exemptions for manufacturers, retail and service providers, a surprising number of businesses in Wisconsin are finding ways to stay open. (Duration: 45 sec)	Morning Edition	3/25/20 @ 5 am

EDUCATION	PROGRAM	DATE
A rural southeastern Wisconsin school district won't dissolve after the state denied its petition. In July, the Palmyra-Eagle School Board voted to end the district, which would have forced the state to assign students to neighboring school districts. (Duration: 45 sec)	All Things Considered	1/10/20 @ 4 pm
Gov. Evers signed an executive order creating a student debt task force. During his State of the State address Evers said he wants to work on making higher education accessible. (Duration: 43 sec)	All Things Considered	1/29/20 @ 4 pm
For many college students their first math class is a major barrier to graduation. To improve student success and boost graduation rates Wisconsin is joining a growing number of states reforming how math is taught. (Duration: 3 min, 34 sec)	All Things Considered	2/3/20 @ 4 pm
Voters rejected several school spending referendums around the state in Tuesday's spring primary elections. Those districts say they will likely have to return to voters again in the future. (Duration: 46 sec)	BBC Newshour	2/19/20 @ 3 pm
Gov. Evers is mandating statewide closure of all public and private schools due to the new coronavirus. (Duration: 38 sec)	All Things Considered	3/13/20 @ 6 pm

ENVIRONMENT	PROGRAM	DATE
State environmental and health officials are cautioning anglers to limit how much fish they eat from two Madison bodies of water. (Duration: 47 sec)	Morning Edition	1/15/20 @ 5 am
Gov. Evers has a goal to make Wisconsin carbon-neutral by 2050. That includes a push towards carbon-free energy production. A group of policymakers has ideas on how to make that happen. (Duration: 45 sec)	Morning Edition	1/16/20 @ 6 am
Weather changes. To account for that shift, experts have to recalculate what is considered "normal". Next year experts will come up with a 30-year average of weather patterns that are needed for energy projections and growing seasons. (Duration: 40 sec)	Morning Edition	2/9/20 @ 6 am
Climate change could rob Wisconsin of its maple syrup. That's according to a Northwoods forest ecologist. If carbon emissions aren't cut back, the state will become much less hospitable to the sugar maple and a host of other tree species. (Duration: 47 sec)	Morning Edition	2/16/20 @ 6 am
Five University of Wisconsin System campuses will stop burning coal as a heat source this year. (Duration: 44 sec)	Morning Edition	3/9/20 @ 5 am

HEALTHCARE	PROGRAM	DATE
The U.S. had 2.9 million fewer cancer deaths in 2017 compared to 2016. This is the biggest single year drop since the 1930's. But Wisconsin health officials still have some concerns. (Duration: 43 sec)	Morning Edition	1/8/20 @ 5 am
Wisconsin continues to struggle with high rates mental illness and suicide among youth. In La Crosse County, 28 percent of youth are at risk for depression. A new project is working to lower that number by turning the county into a trauma-informed community. (Duration: 3 min, 50 sec)	All Things Considered	1/27/20 @ 4 pm
The opioid crisis is one of the biggest issues facing Native Americans in Wisconsin, according to the chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community. (Duration: 43 sec)	All Things Considered	2/18/20 @ 4 pm

Hope for the best and prepare for the worst. That's what federal health officials are telling communities to do in regards to the spread of coronavirus. (Duration: 45 sec)	Morning Edition	2/25/20 @ 5 am
Health care workers across the country are preparing to respond to a potential surge in COVID-19 patients. But in Wisconsin, one group of clinicians say regulations in the state are making it hard for them to help out. (Duration: 3 min, 12 sec)	Morning Edition	3/25/20 @ 5 am

POLITICS	PROGRAM	DATE
The Republican assembly speaker announced that he will call a special session to address Wisconsin's dairy crisis. Gov. Evers called on lawmakers to do so during the state of the state address last week. (Duration: 47 sec)	All Things Considered	1/27/20 @ 4 pm
Wisconsin's two U.S. Senators are using their positions on key committees to urge action against the coronavirus which originated in China and is spreading to other countries. (Duration: 40 sec)	All Things Considered	1/29/20 @ 4 pm
Sen. Ron Johnson says he'll vote to acquit Pres. Trump on both articles of impeachment. And he says a recent federal agency's finding that Trump broke the law is irrelevant. (Duration: 47 sec)	All Things Considered	2/4/20 @ 4 pm
Milwaukee County will spend \$100,000 on voter registration and education efforts following recent attempts to purge more than 200,000 voters from Wisconsin's registration list. (Duration: 47 sec)	Morning Edition	2/6/20 @ 5 am
The city of Green Bay has filed a federal lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the Evers administration. The lawsuit is seeking to delay the state's April 7 election and transition it to an election conducted entirely by mail. (Duration: 46 sec)	All Things Considered	3/25/20 @ 5 pm