

# 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](http://www.wisconsinsbdc.org/swwi) .

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/swwisbdc](http://www.facebook.com/swwisbdc)

**Kristi Smith**, Business Consultant

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608-287-9464

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[brock.waterman@uwex.edu](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](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](mailto:frank.friar@wisconsin.gov)  
608-224-5049

**Mike Lochner**, Farm Center Economic Consultant  
[michael.lochner@wisconsin.gov](mailto: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)

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing\\_WI/RuralElectricPowerServices.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/RuralElectricPowerServices.aspx)

P O Box 8911  
Madison, WI 53708-8911

## **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](mailto:dwilliams61@blackhawk.edu)  
608-329-8210

### **Southwest Technical College**

1800 Bronson Blvd  
Fennimore, WI 53809  
608-822-3262

#### **Deb Ihm**

Director of Agriculture  
[dihm@swtc.edu](mailto:dihm@swtc.edu)  
608-822-2741

*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-WHEDA/CROP	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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W  
Monroe, WI 53566  
Teresa Zimmer  
County Executive Director  
[teresa.zimmer@wi.usda.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W  
Monroe, WI 53566  
Todd Jenson  
County Conservationist  
[todd.jenson@wi.nacdnet.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**608-836-4633**  
608-265-2329 (FAX#)  
[mcc@chorus.net](mailto:mcc@chorus.net)

Kaisa Miller  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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.

(608)328-9390

N3150 Highway 81

Monroe WI 53566

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**

## **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

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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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