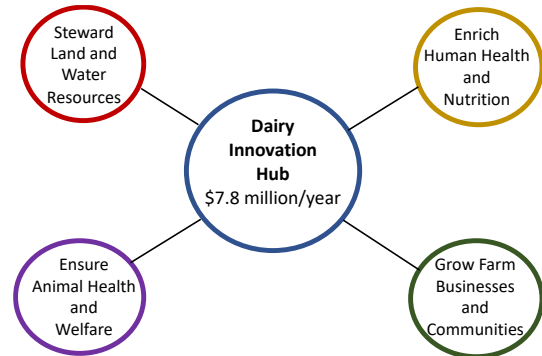


University of Wisconsin
Dairy Innovation Hub
<https://cals.wisc.edu/dairy-innovation-hub/>

The Dairy Innovation Hub, included in the FY19-21 biennial budget passed by the Wisconsin Legislature and signed by Gov. Tony Evers, provides \$8.8M in funding in this biennium for broadly-defined dairy research at UW–Madison, UW-Platteville, and UW-River Falls. It is expected that this will be a \$7.8M increase to base funding each year.

Once the spending plan is approved, the funding will support faculty, post-doc and graduate student positions, as well as other capacity-building personnel and infrastructure in four areas related to dairy that each span many academic departments:

- Stewarding land and water resources
- Enriching human health and nutrition
- Ensuring animal health and welfare
- Growing farm business and communities



What is the current status of the hub?

- In June 2019 the DIH was included in the state budget approved by both the Assembly and the Senate
- Governor Tony Evers approved the budget on July 3, 2019
- On August 1, 2019 the UW Board of Regents approved the proposed spending plan
- The Joint Finance Committee has to approve the spending plan prior to release of funds. This meeting is expected in October.

How will DIH funds be used once a spending plan is approved?

- Funds will be prioritized differently at each campus.
- Funds will be used for net increases in capacity, not to replace current commitment or funding support.
- An Advisory Council comprised of industry and university representatives will advise the deans on priorities for investments, review progress, and aid in reporting and communication.
- The proposed spending plan includes:
 - Faculty
 - Post-doctoral research fellows (research and teaching)
 - Graduate students
 - Research capacity-building staff
 - Capacity improvements in farms, labs, and equipment
 - Dairy Innovation Summit
 - Advanced Dairy Management Academy
- The first RFPs will be released after JFC approval and will include calls for postdoctoral research fellows, capacity-building equipment, and high-impact, short-term projects that address Dairy Task Force 2.0 recommendations (https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/DairyTaskForce.aspx).

