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2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 98

November 27, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Tranel, Oldenburg, Schutt, Mursau, Murphy, Hurd, Dittrich, Penterman, Armstrong, Novak, Magnafici and Schmidt, cosponsored by Senators James, Nass and Marklein. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Whereas, the state of Wisconsin has a rich and storied history of agricultural production and a thriving agricultural industry; and
Whereas, agriculture is the second largest industry in Wisconsin—contributing approximately \$105 billion to the state's economy—and a significant driver of national and international exportation of agricultural products; and
Whereas, the agricultural sector plays a pivotal role in furnishing nutritious

Relating to: supporting Wisconsin agricultural autonomy and food security.

Whereas, the agricultural sector plays a pivotal role in furnishing nutritious food and other resources to the population; and

Whereas, certain states have enacted laws imposing production standards and criteria for agricultural products that prohibit the sale of agricultural products that do not conform to these arbitrary requirements; and

Whereas, such laws can have significant repercussions, potentially destabilizing the U.S. food supply chain and hindering agricultural product sales; and

Whereas, laws that dictate agricultural practices and prohibit product sales that fall outside of these requirements can result in excessive financial burdens on farmers, have a detrimental impact on out-of-state producers, introduce competitive disparities, increase farm closures, and develop an unmanageable patchwork of agricultural markets obstructing the free flow of goods throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature reaffirms its commitment to uphold farmers' right to establish appropriate protocols for agricultural practices that align with the needs of their farms; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Legislature steadfastly supports the continuance of national commodity markets that permit farmers to sell their agricultural products in any state.

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