About Wisconsin Agriculture

- Agriculture is Wisconsin’s signature industry, generating more than $88 billion in economic activity.
- According to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, agriculture accounts for 353,991 jobs or 10 percent of our state’s total workforce.
- Wisconsin’s dairy industry contributes $26 billion to our state’s economy. Wisconsin ranks no. 1 in the nation for cheese production and Wisconsin cheese makers produce over 600 types, styles and varieties of cheese.
- In addition to a robust dairy industry, Wisconsin is the top state for the production of many other foods, including cranberries, snap beans and ginseng.

About Outagamie County Agriculture

- Agriculture provides jobs for 11,593 Outagamie County residents. This is 9.3% of Outagamie County's workforce.
- Agriculture pays $58 million in taxes. This figure does not include all property taxes paid to local schools.
- Agriculture contributes $704.6 million to Outagamie County’s total income.
- Agriculture accounts for $5.8 Billion in economic activity in Outagamie County.

$5.8 Billion Economic Activity Breakdown:

$1.99 Billion
The direct effect of agriculture is and includes the sale of all farm products and value-added products.

$637.2 million
Purchases of agricultural inputs; for example, business-to-business purchases such as fuel, fertilizer, feed, veterinary services and crop consultants.

$161.1 million
Economic activity created because people who work in agriculture-related businesses spend their earnings.

The Mission of Agricultural Education at Freedom High School is to challenge students to explore and prepare for the diversity of the agriculture industry and careers that it provides.
State Superintendent Tony Evers: Schools need to do a better job promoting careers that don't require a four-year college degree. Evers says there is a perception about these jobs that needs to change. "We have tended a message around the issue that if you don't get a four-year degree you're not doing what you need to do, and we have to message there's all sorts of good trade jobs that are available now, and really change that message for students."

### Outagamie County’s Top Commodities
(Sales by dollar value, 2002)

1. Milk $145.9 million
2. Grain $37.8 million
3. Cattle and calves $35.1 million
4. Nursery & Greenhouse $7.8 mil.
5. Vegetables $5.8 million

### Supporting Outagamie County Agriculture
Through Secondary Education
Courses running for 2015-2016:

- Ag. Science 1
- Ag. Science 2
- Animal Science and Pet Care
- Aquaculture & Advanced
- Aquaculture Lab & Advanced
- Food Science
- Forestry
- Leadership for Life
- Horse Science
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Management 1
- Wildlife Management 2


### Aligning Agricultural Careers At Freedom High School
Wisconsin Career Pathways are modeled after 16 national career clusters developed by the States’ Career Clusters Initiative (SCCI). The Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources cluster at Freedom High School showcases careers involved in the production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing and development of agricultural commodities and resources. These include food, fuel, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture and other plant and animal products/resources. This cluster is divided into 7 pathways listed below. The pathways marked with "*" are ones currently offered at Freedom as a part of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Program:

1. *Agribusiness Systems
2. *Environmental Service Systems
3. *Natural Resource Systems
4. Power, Structural & Technical Systems
5. *Animal Systems
6. *Food Products and Processing Systems
7. *Plant Systems

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### Freedom FFA By The Numbers…
- Gold Rated Chapter In WI (20th Time)
- 3-Star National Chapter (20th Time)
- Members collected over 1,000 lbs. for Food Pantry
- Participated in 8 community service projects

In 1950, the 81st Congress of the United States, recognizing the importance of the FFA as an integral part of the program of vocational agriculture, granted a Federal Charter to the FFA.