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Coronavirus Information and Resources

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WCMA offers member bulletins regarding coronavirus resources on Mondays and Thursdays, and as news warrants. WCMA delivers electronic newsletters with broader content on Tuesdays. Please contact [WCMA staff](#) with any questions.

USDA Announces Cheese Purchasing Plan for National School Lunch, Nutrition Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced plans to purchase mozzarella, process and natural American cheddar cheese for the National School Lunch Program and other food nutrition assistance programs.

Solicitations will be issued in September on the [Web-based Supply Chain Management \(WBSCM\) system](#) for deliveries beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

To be eligible to submit offers, potential contractors must meet the [AMS vendor qualification requirements](#). To become a new vendor, contact [USDA staff](#).

SBA Issues Updated Loan Forgiveness FAQs

The U.S. Small Business Administration this week released [guidance with answers to frequently asked questions](#) regarding the forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program loans. Most notably, the document details forgiveness of non-payroll expenses, and explains how borrowers should calculate the reduction in their loan forgiveness amount arising from reductions in employee salary or hourly wage, providing three examples for reference.

File DWD Form for Unemployment Claims Relief

Wisconsin-based WCMA members are reminded to [file a unemployment benefits relief form](#) with the state's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) by August 15, if any of their employees were laid off, had hours reduced, or participated in a

WorkShare program between May 16 and June 30. Via form [UCB-118823-E](#), business owners can assert that claims during this time period were due to pandemic impacts on their business, triggering protections from charges to their unemployment account, per [Wisconsin Act 185](#).

Questions? Please contact [WCMA staff](#).

Coronavirus Headline News

Dairy Industry

- *Reuters*: [World food price index rises in July, extending rebound](#)
- *Wall Street Journal*: [More farmers declare bankruptcy, despite record levels of federal aid](#)

Wisconsin

- *Kenosha News*: [47 GOP members send letter to Wisconsin superintendents, pressing for in-person instruction](#)
- *Wisconsin Public Radio*: [Evers administration says statewide mask mandate can be enforced despite sheriffs' opposition](#)
- *WISC-TV*: [Vast majority of Wisconsin counties have high COVID-19 activity levels as over 800 new cases confirmed](#)
- *WBAY-TV*: [More than one million now tested in Wisconsin; DHS reports nine new deaths](#)
- *Cap Times*: [Wisconsin increases testing capacity as COVID-19 cases rise, school year approaches](#)
- *WISN-TV*: [Wisconsin National Guard troops to serve as poll workers for August election](#)
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: [Milwaukee leaders express disappointment, but understanding, as DNC slips away](#)

National/International

- *Reuters*: [White House, congressional Democrats harden stances on coronavirus relief](#)
- *Reuters*: [Trump says coronavirus vaccine possible before November 3 election](#)
- *The Hill*: [Fauci says virus may never be eradicated, contradicting Trump](#)
- *FOX Business*: [Over 1.18M Americans filed for unemployment last week, lowest level since pandemic began](#)
- *USA Today*: [Ohio Governor Mike DeWine tests positive for COVID-19 ahead of Trump visit](#)

Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](#) for More Resources

WCMA will provide links to new and timely coronavirus resources for members in these bulletins, but we want to alert you that we update our coronavirus resources page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](#) daily. Please visit the page for additional information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and ways to salute your critical, essential staff.

WCMA Key Contacts

WCMA staff is continuously reaching out to dairy manufacturer and processor members throughout this crisis to identify ways we can be of service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Here are ways to get in touch.

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