Research and farm update

2021 Ag Economic Outlook Forum

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Funding and focus

2019–2021 BIENNIAL
$8.8M
STATE BUDGET

24%  UW River Falls
52%  WISCONSIN
24%  UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

LAND & WATER
FARM BUSINESS & COMMUNITY
ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE
HUMAN HEALTH & NUTRITION

DAIRY INNOVATION HUB
How did we get here?

- **May 2019**: Concept endorsed by Dairy Task Force 2.0
- **Aug. 2019**: UW Board of Regents approves Hub spending plan
- **Oct. 2019**: JFC releases funding
- **Dec. 2019**: Funding available to campuses
- **Jan. 2020**: First funding decisions made
- **March 2020**: Campuses close due to COVID19
- **July 1 2020**: New fiscal year begins
- **Aug. 2020**: Fiscal year reporting
- **Jan. 2021**
ToldYaSo Holsteins

- 55-cow, registered Holstein dairy
- First-generation farmers
- Combination of rented facilities, owned infrastructure
- Mostly family labor
- Sun Prairie, Wis.
- 2020 was a good year!