# FARM INCOME SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

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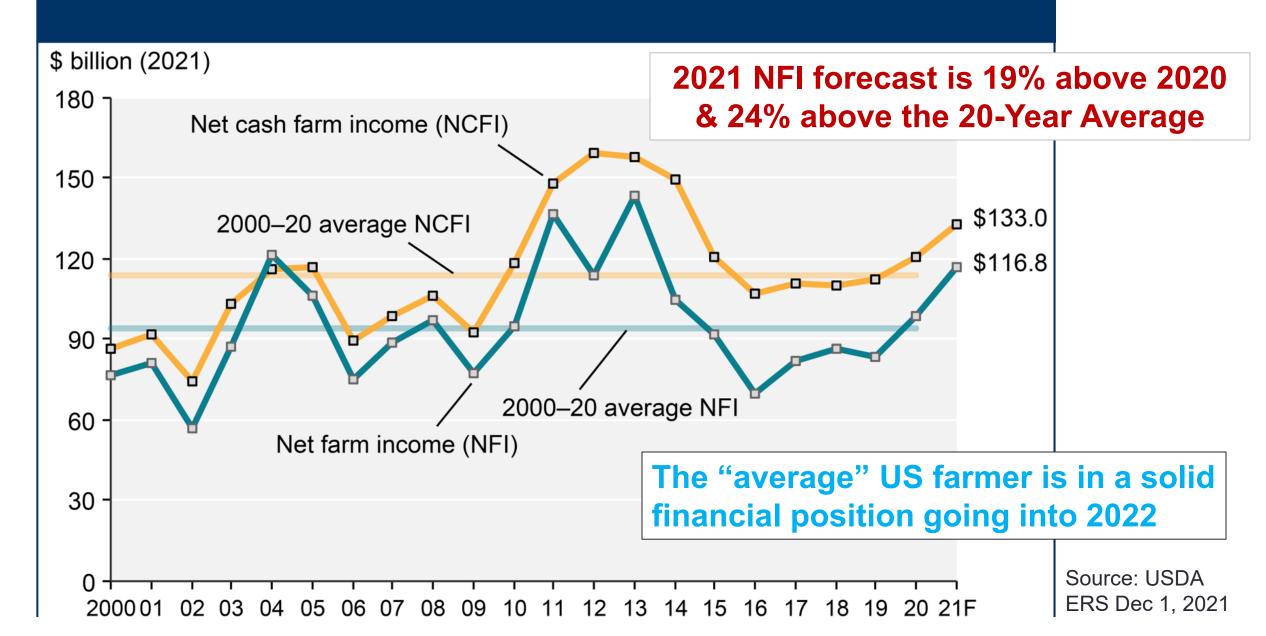
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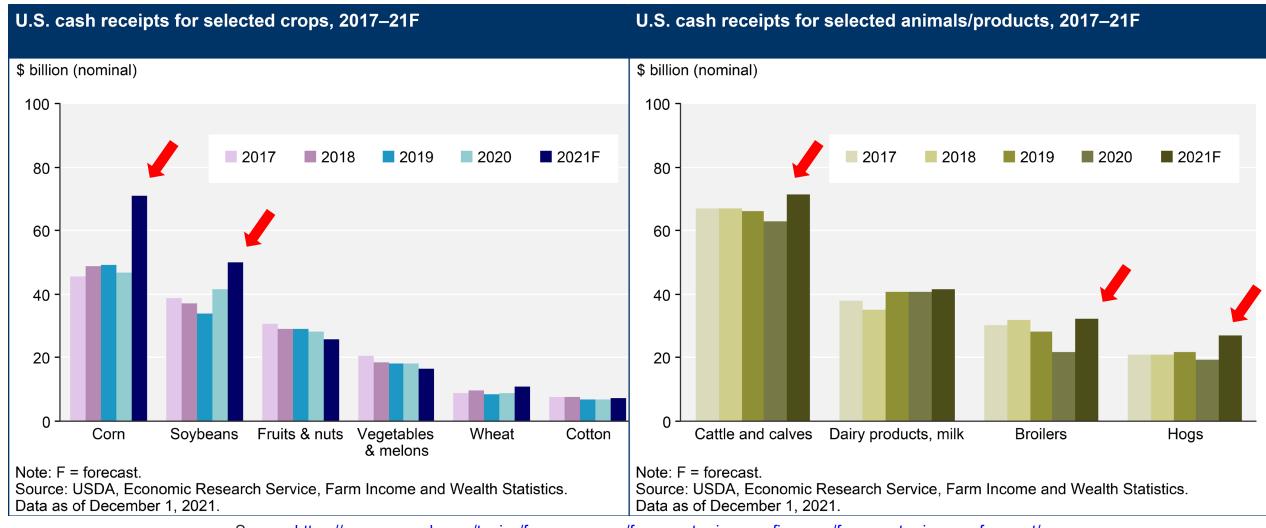




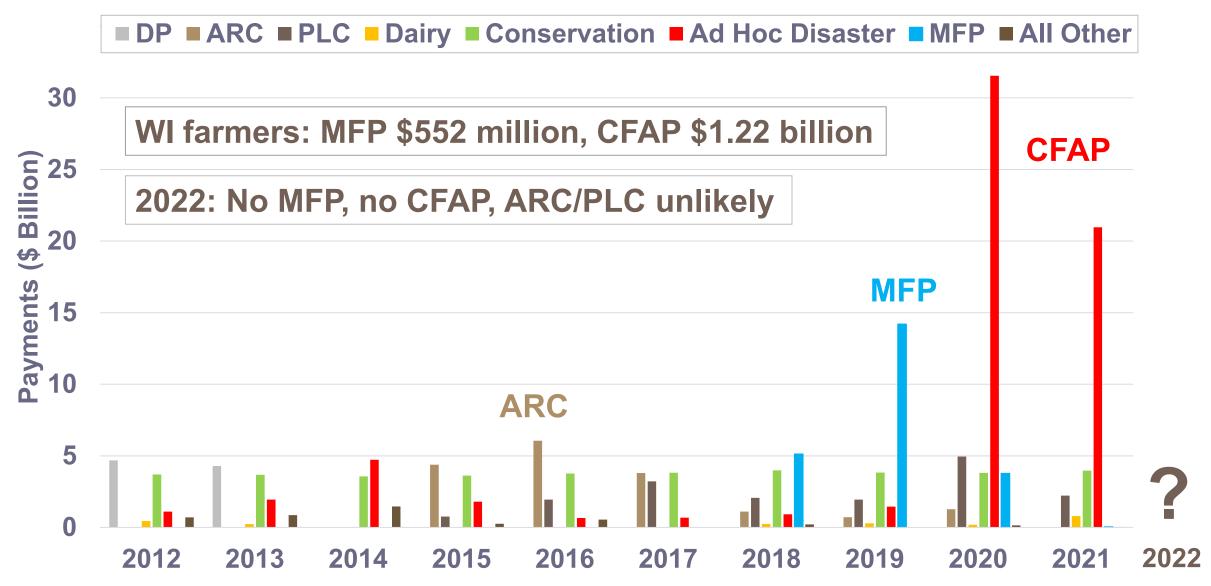
### U.S. net farm income and net cash farm income, 2000-21F



# Most of the 2021 Farm Income Increase was from Corn and Soybeans and Livestock (but not Dairy)



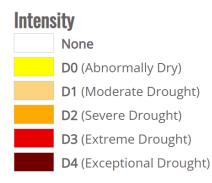
### **Government Payments by Program**



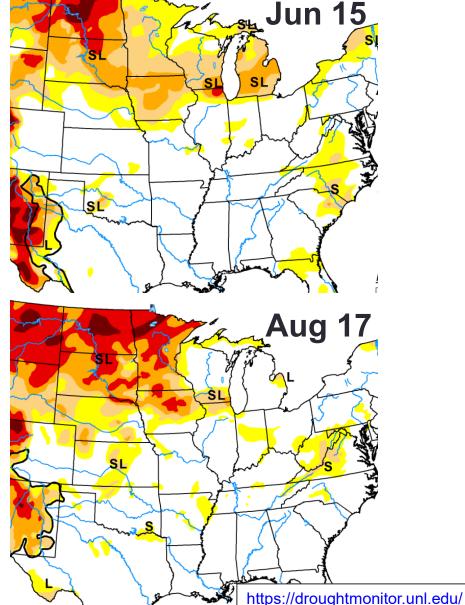
Based on: <a href="https://data.ers.usda.gov/reports.aspx?ID=17833">https://data.ers.usda.gov/reports.aspx?ID=17833</a>

# 2021 was a Great Year for Crops in Wisconsin

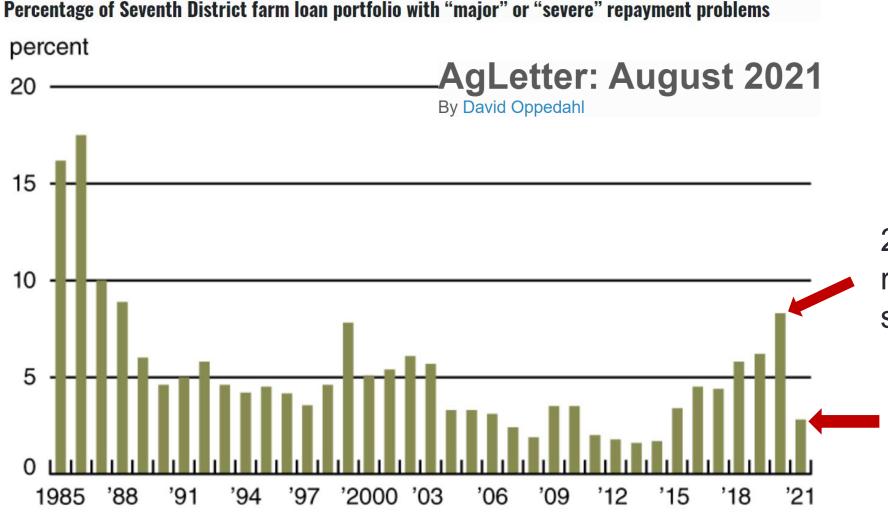
- Corn averaged 180 bu/ac (new record)
- Silage averaged 21.5 tons/ac (new record)
- Soybeans averaged 55 bu/ac (new record)
- Hay Stocks are up 18% from Dec 2020 after three years of record lows
- All of this despite a lingering drought all summer



### **US Drought Monitor**



## Farmers are Paying Down Debt



#### **Seventh Federal Reserve District**



2020: Highest rate of repayment problems since the 1980's

2021: Not since 2014 have repayment problems been this low

Source: https://www.chicagofed.org/publications/agletter/2020-2024/august-2021

# Farmers are Paying Higher Costs



Source: https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PPIACO

### Land Values are Up

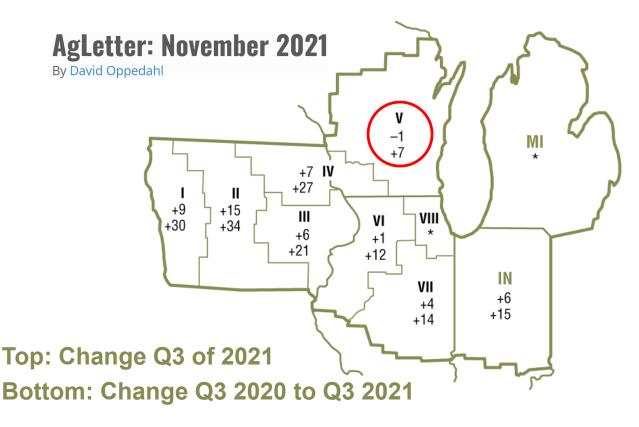
### 2021 Cropland Value by State

Dollars per Acre and Percent Change from 2020

#### 2,060 5,270 6.7% 9.8% 5,280 4,700 10.7% 3,390 4.9% 11.9% 7,810 4,960 8.9% 6,800 13.8% 6,800 5.3% 8.2% 2,370 3,810 13.9% 7.9%

Land Values 2021 Summary (August 2021) USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

### % Change in value of "good" farmland



# 2022 Cost of Production for Corn and Soybeans is up about 25% from 2021, but farmers can still make money

Location	Corn after Corn	Corn after Soybeans	Soybeans after Corn		
% Change in Non-Land Costs 2021 to 2022					
Northern Illinois	25%	26%	24%		
Iowa	25%	27%	23%		
	Breakeven Price with High Rental Rate				
Northern Illinois	\$5.04	\$4.74	\$11.52		
Iowa	\$4.98	\$4.24	\$11.03		
Breakeven Price with Average Rental Rate					
Northern Illinois	\$4.76	\$4.47	\$10.59		
Iowa	\$4.68	\$3.96	\$10.09		

Source: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a1-20.html and https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2021/12/2022-updated-crop-budgets.html

## Good News: The PPI has stopped increasing



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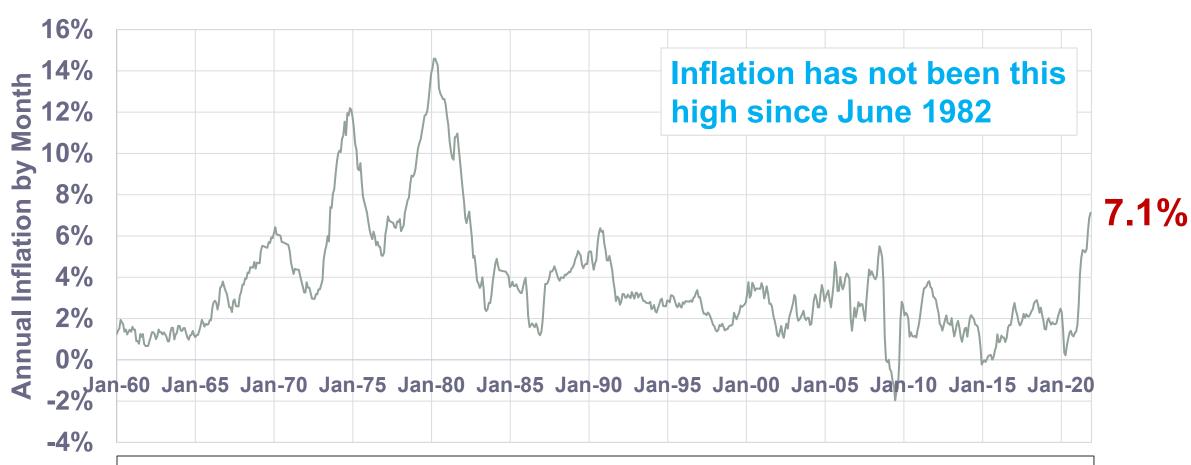
### Fertilizer prices also have stopped increasing

	Last 12 Months		Last 2 Weeks	
	Des Moines, IA	Springfield, IL	Des Moines, IA	Springfield, IL
Anhydrous	205%	197%	0.6%	-0.6%
Urea	123%	142%	-1.3%	-1.8%
Liquid N	190%	158%	-0.1%	-0.9%
DAP		66%	1.8%	0.1%
MAP	71%	67%	-0.4%	-4.7%
Potash	111%	120%	-0.1%	0.6%

USDA AMS: <a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/gx\_gr210.txt">https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/gx\_gr210.txt</a>

"Prices for New Orleans urea ... fell 6.2% ... as reports of full warehouses signal 'the new price level is here to stay,' said Alexis Maxwell, an analyst at Bloomberg's Green Markets."

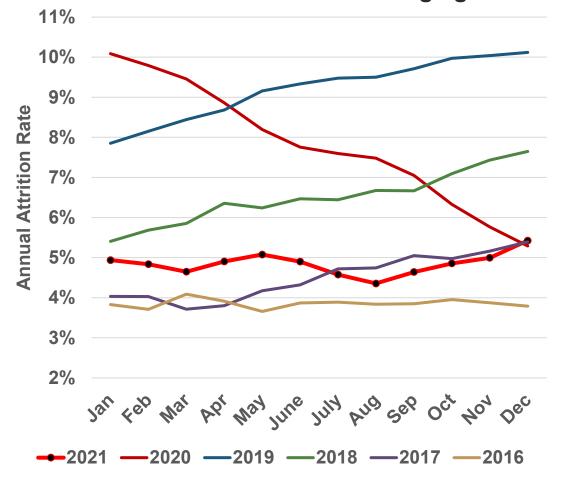
## Consumer Price Index (annual change by month)



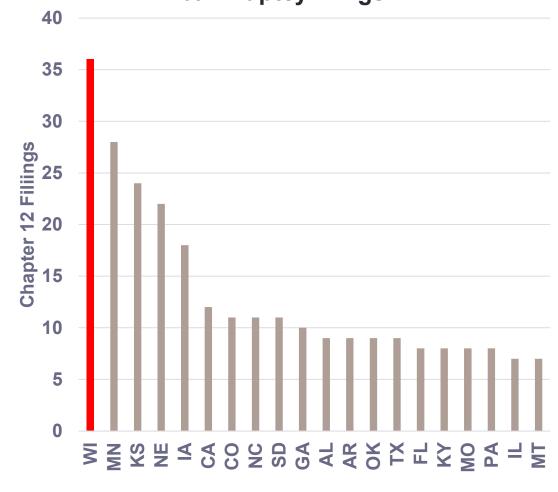
PPI is up 22% since Jan 2020, so a lot of inflation remains to be pushed through the economy to Consumers

## All is not Rosy in America's Dairyland

Dairy herd consolidation continues, annual attrition rate is rising again



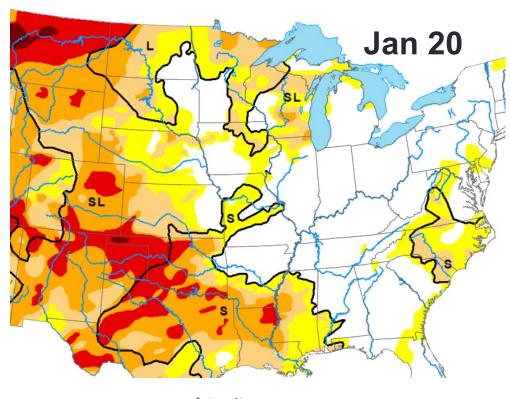
# Wisconsin still leads the nation in farm bankruptcy filings

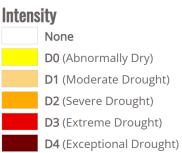


### Summary and 2022

- Most Wisconsin farms are going into 2022 in a solid financial position after a good year
  - High yields and revenues from crops & livestock, high government payments
  - 2022 costs are up 20-30%, but farmers can still earn profits at expected prices
  - Lock in current margins for corn and soybeans, but allow upside gains
- My concern in 2022 is drought in Wisconsin
- Unlike 2021, we are going into 2022 with a soil water deficit: Madison ended 2021 13 inches behind, Milwaukee 10 inches behind

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# Thanks for your Attention

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