

## Discussion Sheet #1: Overview of Wisconsin Agriculture

Due Sep 4 before class

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After watching the two lecture videos: <https://youtu.be/EOb1oR21cJw> and [https://youtu.be/Xq7t\\_kdbH0c](https://youtu.be/Xq7t_kdbH0c), please provide short answers to the following 4 questions and submit the sheet.

- 1) List one crop or livestock product that Wisconsin's importance was surprising to you?
- 2) What agricultural products, if any, do you have direct production experience with?
- 3) Can you list any crops or livestock products that Wisconsin farmers grow that are missing?
- 4) Consider the advantages and disadvantages of diverse and specialized agricultural production. Add two entries the following table, more if you can/want.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Diverse Production		
Specialized Production		

**In addition to the above questions, come to class ready to discuss the following questions.**

- a) What are some ways that the management goals and practices of small/part time farmers differ from full-time farmers? How might these affect sales/buying strategies for agribusiness selling to/buying from them?
- b) From a farm input supplier's perspective, what are the implications of farm consolidation?
- c) Should we have policies and programs to help keep people in farming? If so, should they differ for part-time versus full-time farmers? If so, how?