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MADISON - From his trade wars to his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Trump has continuously failed to stand up to China.



Farmers, from dairy to produce, have been devastated by Trump's trade war with China

- More than 2,000 dairy farms have closed in Wisconsin since Trump took office, with a record [818 shutting down in 2019](#) .
- Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in [farm bankruptcies](#).
- Trump farm bailouts, which cost billions of taxpayer dollars, were a drop in the bucket for

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the small and medium sized farms that needed the aid most and [largely went to the large agriculture companies](#) that could weather his trade wars.

- Wisconsin grows 95% of the United States ginseng and sells 85% of their produce to China. [These farmers saw their businesses plummet because of the trade war](#) .

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- After promising roughly \$50 billion in purchases from China in Phase One, the USDA predicted China would only purchase [\\$14 billion in agriculture products](#) .
- Trump's farm-aid packages have done little to make up for what small and medium-size family farms have lost as a result of Trump's trade war with China.
 - In the latest farm bailout, the [top 10% received 2/3s of the bailout money](#) .
 - The top half of recipients received [95% of the \\$28 billion](#) that was administered through the Market Facilitation Program.
- Trump pushed for a grand photo of the signing of Phase One at the same time he was ignoring the warnings of COVID-19 from his intelligence community.

Manufacturers have also felt the burden of Trump's trade war and his kowtowing to the Chinese government in the early months of the pandemic.

- In July, Harley Davidson announced they were [laying off 700 workers](#) . Trump previously called for a boycott of the Milwaukee based motorcycle manufacturing company.
- Briggs & Stratton, a small engine manufacturer, [filed](#) for bankruptcy and plans to sell its assets.
- Verso Papers announced it was [firing 900 of its employees](#) from the Wisconsin Rapids plant because of the COVID-19 pandemic.