that were then dumped along the railroad tracks. Such rural protests had already spread across the coun-
try and convinced a majority of lawmakers to pass the Agricultural Adjustment Act—a new Farm Bill to
shift a broader public opinion.

For more of these episodes of Unity and struggle for human rights, a diverse Wisconsin coalition
organized a "Welfare Mothers" March from Milwaukee to Madison in 1980's Native Folks Under Attack
when WI farmers delivered a dozen baskets of fresh produce to their counterparts in Mississippi.

The small towns along the way - the same was true when Father Groppi and some monks from the
MS Association of Co-ops to help fund the March from Wautoma to Madison in 1980's Native Folks Under Attack.

Corporate Agribusiness Update

For the first time in their history, family farmers and farm workers, through the Farm Labor Tractorcade, the Wisconsin
Wisconsin Farmers Union standing with Voces de la Frontera in 2017 to say "No Hate in the Dairy State" and pay fair wages to prevent
abuse, and deport undocumented farm/food workers that are now such a vibrant and integral part of our society.

Corporate Agribusiness Update

The brittle vulnerability of corpo-
rate agribusiness was one of the first supply shocks felt by many as the pandemic came to grip the
world in early 2020. Streams literal-
ly ran white as farmers were forced to
dump their milk without any buy-
ers and pigs were euthanized in their pens as packing plants can-
celled their contracts, while still forcing their sick employees to show up for work or get fired.

Meanwhile, big-box retailers were rationing their inventory, limiting

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fronting TIAA - one of the largest pension funds and land owners in the world - on the same issue.

Therefore, whether you are preparing to join
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