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**Cool solution: Faculty-student research will help Madison company ship charcuterie, cheese boards coast to coast**

**Packaging professor and student identify sustainable insulation option**

Captions

*1  
UW-Stout Assistant Professor Kate Liu, left, and her lab assistant, sophomore Claire Le, pose with materials in the packaging lab. / UW-Stout*

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Tricky Foods owner Therese Merkel, left, and Assistant Professor Kate Liu collaborate in UW-Stout's packaging lab. / Photo courtesy of Tricky Foods*

*3  
A sample charcuterie board prepared by Tricky Foods. / Photo courtesy of Tricky Foods*

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The efficacy of sustainable packing materials, including cornstarch and recycled paper options (center), were tested at UW-Stout. / UW-Stout*