



Upcoming Events:

Aug 13

*Dairy Margin Protection Program
Crystal Falls, New London*

August 26-30

*Waupaca County Fair
Fairgrounds, Weyauwega*

Sept 9

*Calf Manager Seminar
Birling's Farm, Black Creek*

Sept 11

*Farm Manager/Ag Lender Update
Liberty Hall Kimberly*

Sept 2 - 23

*Corn Silage Dry Down Days
Clintonville Elevator/FVTC, Clint
CHS Larsen Coop Mill, Wega*

Sept 27

*Holstein Breeders Picnic
Peterson's Dairy Farm, Scandinavia*

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Statewide Extension Resources**



Stay current with the latest UW Extension dairy updates through the UW Extension Dairy Team website (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairy/>). Sign up for automatic email notices when new posting occur on topics related to:

- Ag Safety & Health
- Dairy Replacements
- Financial Management
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Reproduction/Genetics
- Animal Health & Wellbeing
- Facilities & Modernization
- Milk Quality & Milking Systems
- Human Resource Management
- Youth / Apps & More

Also, stay connected with timely updates from the Waupaca County UW-Extension Office through Facebook and Twitter postings at:

Facebook: [facebook.com/WaupacaCountyUWEX/](https://www.facebook.com/WaupacaCountyUWEX/)

Twitter: @uwexwaupacaco

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Waupaca County



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AGRICULTURE RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

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"Some people see things that are and ask, Why? Some people dream of things that never were and ask, Why not? Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that"

- George Carlin -

Several great learning opportunities in August and September for Waupaca County farmers and Ag professionals, including (see more details inside):

August 13

***Farm Bill Dairy Margin Protection Program Update
Crystal Falls, New London***

Free soup and sandwich starting at 12 noon

August 19

UW Agronomy/Soils Field Day
Arlington Ag Research Station

August 25-27

WI Farm Technology Days
Dane County, Statz Bros. Farm
5707 County Road VV, Sun Prairie

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Fairgrounds, Weyauwega
www.waupacacountyfair.org

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September 27

***Waupaca/Waushara County
Holstein Breeders Annual Picnic***
Dan & Summer Peterson Robotic Dairy Barn, Scandinavia
(12 Noon, no charge, non-members welcome)





Dairy Margin Protection for 2016?

Unlike grain producers, dairy farmers have an option to enroll or change coverage level each year through the new farm bill “safety net” program called Dairy Margin Protection. It’s a voluntary program designed to pay out when income over feed costs falls below a selected coverage level between \$4.00 and \$8.00/cwt.

However, the farm must be enrolled. Sign-up cost will vary by the pounds of milk and the cwt. margin each farm chooses to protect. Those who signed up for higher levels of coverage (\$7.00 to \$8.00/cwt) last year have already received program payments in 2015, but the recent drop in milk prices and the uncertain outlook for future milk prices is why now is the time to re-consider enrolling in this program and/or update your level of coverage for 2016. The next sign-up deadline is September 30.

To learn more about this dairy “insurance” program, how to enroll or update coverage, including milk price outlook for 2016, contact one of the following UW-Extension hosts in Northeast/East Central WI to reserve a seat. Dr. Mark Stephenson, Extension Dairy Policy Specialist from UW-Madison will be the featured speaker at each location.

Don’t wait, call or email to reserve your seat at one of the following sites:

Thursday	Aug 13	1 PM	New London Crystal Falls 1500 Handschke Drive	Greg Blonde Waupaca Co UWEX 715-258-6231 greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu
Thursday	Aug 13	7 PM	Pulaski Angelica Town Hall N3285 County Rd C	Jamie Patton Shawano Co UWEX 715-526-4871 jamie.patton@ces.uwex.edu
Friday	Aug 14	10 AM	De Pere Lawrence Town Hall 2400 Shady Court (off Hwy 41)	Liz Binversie Brown Co UWEX 920-391-4653 elizabeth.binversie@ces.uwex.edu
Friday	Aug 14	1 PM	Oshkosh JP Coughlin Center Winnebago Co UWEX 625 E. County Y	Darrell McCauley Winnebago Co UWEX 920-232-1970 darrell.mccauley@ces.uwex.edu

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Be Sure to Visit Farm Technology Days!



August 25-27

Tues. & Wed. 9 AM – 5 PM • Thurs. 9 AM – 4 PM

This 3-day outdoor event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture...many practical applications of recent research findings & technological developments.

EXHIBITS

- UW-Extension's Education Station
- Family Living Tent
- Progress Pavilion
- Youth Tent
- Arts & Crafts
- Field Demonstrations
- Commercial Exhibitors

HOST FARM

Statz Bros., Inc.
5707 County Road W
Sun Prairie, WI 53590



UW-Extension's Education Station –

Features an array of exhibits designed for educating, sharing and learning. UW-Extension exhibits include mobile apps for farming, cover crops, LED lighting, dairy and livestock information and using wood energy.

Family Living Tent – Exhibits include: family life, technology within the home, family health and family leisure. This tent also includes a stage for entertainment and educational presentations.

Progress Pavilion – Progress Pavilion exhibits highlight innovations in Wisconsin agribusiness. Sample a variety of educational exhibits from UW-Extension that include getting your drinking water tested; visiting with UW-Extension Master Gardeners; UW experts will answer your soil, plant and insect questions.

Youth Tent – Whether you live on a farm or are a city dweller, you will find adventure, knowledge, hands-on experiences, and fun through agriculture in the Family Farm Adventure area.

Arts and Crafts –

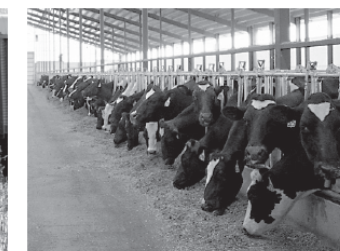
In addition to vendors who have previously sold their products at WFTD, there will be many local vendors coming to the show for the first time. Shoppers will be pleased with the unique collection of items they will find in the Country Mercantile.

Field Demonstrations –

Demonstrations will take place in the fields around Tent City, mornings and afternoons, weather permitting.

Commercial Exhibitors –

More than 500 commercial exhibitors in Tent City who are eager to talk to visitors about their machinery, equipment, facilities, products, and services needs.



www.wifarmtechnologydays.com

Visit the website for more information on exhibitors, demonstrations and directions to the show.

AGRONOMY/ SOILS FIELD DAY

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

UW-Arlington Agricultural Research Station



PROGRAM	
8:00	Registration & coffee
8:30	Tours: Pest Management, Soil Fertility & Management, & Bioenergy Cropping Systems
10:30	Tours: Grain & Forage Production Systems, Pest Management, & Bioenergy Cropping Systems
12:00	Lunch provided by Badger Crops Club (\$5 donation) Rick Klemme, Dean and Director of UW Cooperative Extension, will present "Re-booting UW-Extension: Transforming Today's Extension for Tomorrow's Possibilities"
1:00	Tours: Grain & Forage Production Systems, Soil Fertility & Management, & Organic Cropping Systems

Visit exhibits between tours and during lunch:
Apps for Ag, Nutrient & Pest Management Program, Integrated Pest Management Program, SnapPlus and more!

The Arlington Ag Research Station is located on Hwy. 51, about 5 miles south of Arlington and 15 miles north of Madison. Watch for Field Day signs. GPS coordinates: 43.300467, -89.345534

In the event of rain, presentations will be held inside.

For more information contact the Dept. of Agronomy 608/262-1390 or the Dept. of Soil Science 608/262-0485.

Certified Crop Advisors: 7.5 CEU credits requested

TOURS		
Pest Management		tours at 8:30 and 10:30
A Wisconsin perspective on corn rootworm resistance to Bt hybrids: Detection, avoidance, and management	Bryan Jensen	
Herbicide resistance management in corn and soybean	Liz Bozak & Devin Hammer	
Can we manage weeds without roundup ready crops when we plant corn & alfalfa?	Mark Renz & Stacey Marion	
Soybean disease & insect management research results & recommendation	Jaime Willbur & Chris Bloomingdale	
Bioenergy Cropping Systems		tours at 8:30 and 10:30
Exploiting available genetic variability for biomass-based biofuel production: The example of corn	Natalia de Leon	
Developing sustainable perennial bioenergy crops	Mike Casler	
What have we learned growing eight bioenergy cropping systems over eight years?	Randy Jackson	
Integrating information from breeding tools for biofuel crop development	Shawn Kaeppler	
Soil Fertility & Management		tours at 8:30 and 1:00
Response of no-till corn & soybean to P & K	Carrie Laboski	
Management impacts on soil organic matter and productivity of continuous corn	Francisco Arriaga	
Untangling the rotation effect on soil resilience	Bill Bland	
Cover crops as a trap crop for soil nitrate	Matt Ruark	
Introduction of new Soil & Forage Analysis Lab Director at Marshfield	Robert Florence	
Grain & Forage Production Systems		tours at 10:30 and 1:00
When is yield "determined" for corn grain production	Joe Lauer	
Revamping outdated soybean nutrient uptake models: Results from a high input systems model	Dave Marburger & Adam Gaspar	
Other CoolBean stuff!	Shawn Conley	
Forage harvest logistics image based kernel processing score & applied UAV research	Brian Luck	
Organic Cropping Systems		tour at 1:00
Managing organic cropping systems for carbon stabilization and accrual	Gregg Sanford	
Pasture and soil quality surveys from organic dairy farms across Wisconsin	Geoff Brink, Chelsea Zegler & Anders Gurda	
Cover crop-based no-till systems: Options for Wisconsin's organic farmers	Erin Silva	
Breeding for organic sweet corn: The case study of "Who Gets Kissed"	Bill Tracy	

Milk Price Outlook

By Bob Cropp, retired Extension Dairy Marketing Specialist

The July Class III price will be around \$16.25 compared to \$16.72 for June. But, with declining dairy product prices overall, the Class III price will be in the low to mid-\$15's for the rest of the year.

Depending upon the level of milk production, it could be the second half of next year before the Class III price returns to the \$16's. With feed prices averaging a little higher this fall and winter, margins to dairy producers will be lower, which could reduce milk production next year. If milk cow numbers continue to decline and milk per cow remains below trend, then growth in milk production may soften and milk prices improving more quickly.

Month	Class III	Avg. Wisconsin Mailbox
Jul '15	16.31	17.00
Aug '15	15.94	16.64
Sep '15	16.01	16.67
Oct '15	16.04	17.65
Nov '15	16.01	17.65
Dec '15	15.90	17.53
Jan '16	15.61	17.07
Feb '16	15.45	16.95
Mar '16	15.44	16.94
Apr '16	15.50	16.45
May '16	15.68	16.69
Jun '16	15.95	16.98



Corn Silage Dry-Down Days

Wednesdays, Sept 2, 9,16 &23

10 AM – 2 PM

CHS/Larsen Coop Feed Mill, Weyauwega

FVTC Regional Center, Clintonville

Free, no cost! Anyone is welcome to bring samples. Coop/Feed Mill staff will be on hand to run samples and answer questions. Collect 4-5 stalks for each sample. Cut at normal harvest height from representative areas of the field. Bring directly to FVTC in Clintonville or CHS/Larsen Coop Feed Mill in Weyauwega for analysis and same day results.

For more information, contact:
Clintonville Elevator (800-216-2894)
CHS/Larsen Coop (800-839-2667)
Sara Maass-Pate, FVTC (715-853-9226)
Greg Blonde, UW-Extension (715-258-6230)

Additional support provided by Waupaca County Forage Council, a local affiliate of the Midwest Forage Association.





Start Them Right... Raise Them Right

Calf Management Seminar
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Registration: 9:30 am Meeting: 10 am to 3 pm
Birlings Bovines
N8128 Town Hall Road, Black Creek, WI

- 9:30 am Registration (Coffee, milk, juice and pastries will be available)
- 10:00 am Management of Group Housing
Amy Stanton, PhD, Dairy Well-being Specialist, UW-Extension
- 10:45 am Your Mother Was Right! Cleanliness is Important to Calves
Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM, Agriculture Agent, UW-Extension
Oconto County
- 11:30 am Five Steps Towards a Proactive Approach to Achieving Greater Transition Calf Success
Noah Litherland, PhD, Dairy Youngstock Technical Specialist, Vitaplus
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm Thoracic Ultrasound and Bovine Respiratory Disease
Theresa Ollivett, DVM, Department of Medical Sciences, UW School of Veterinary Medicine
- 1:15 pm Interactive Sessions –Rotate through all four sessions
 - Ultrasounding Respiratory Scoring
 - Manual Respiratory Scoring
 - Calf Sanitation Audit
 - Farm Tour
- 3:00 pm Adjourn



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Start Them Right...

Raise Them Right

Calf Management Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Registration: 9:30 am
Program: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Name(s): _____
Farm/Business: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Registration fee: \$35 per person
(includes meal, speaker fees, and materials)

Check payable to: Brown County Treasurer

Registration deadline: September 1, 2015

Please mail registration form and check to:

UW-Extension Brown County
Agriculture & Extension Service Center
1150 Bellevue Street
Green Bay, WI 54302

Or call: Phone: 920-391-4610

Farm Management Update for Ag Professionals
Friday, September 11, 2015

- 9:30 am Registration, milk, coffee, juice, and rolls
- 10:00 am "Human Resource Management on Wisconsin Farms"
An overview of the results from a UW-Extension human resource survey conducted on 220 Wisconsin farms
 - Trisha Wagner, Agriculture Agent - UW-Extension Jackson County
- 10:45 am "Hispanic Farm Labor Management"
A focus on Labor management skills and immigration issues
 - Oscar Duarte, DVM - OMMA International
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 12:45 pm "Precision Agriculture in Crop Production"
How the cost of production can be reduced through the use of precision agriculture techniques
 - Jamie Patton, Agriculture Agent - UW-Extension Shawano County
- 1:30 pm Break
- 1:45 pm "Robotic Milking Systems"
The economic return and lessons learned from a first generation system of robotic milking systems
 - Pete Knigge - Knigge Farms, Omro, WI
 - Paul Berdell, Milone multi-box robotic milking system expert - GEA Farm Technologies
- 2:45 pm Adjourn



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Farm Management Update for
Ag Professionals
Registration Form

Name(s): _____

E-Mail(s): _____

Business: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$35 per person

Make check payable to: UW-Extension

Mail this registration form and check to:

Calumet County UW-Extension
206 Court Street
Chilton, WI 53014

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2015