



Summer 2024

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## 2024 is the year to Join!



This is the year to attend a local farmer led watershed or demo farm group event. Some in our region include: Peninsula Pride Farms, DK Demo Farms, Fox Demo Farms, Green Bay West Shore Demo Farms, Upper Fox-Wolf Demo Farms, Between the Lakes Demo Farms, Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative. These are groups of farmers who work together to share ideas and resources on trying and adopting practices like limiting tillage, planting cover crops, diversifying rotations, increasing nitrogen efficiency, and engineered structures that limit erosion. Proving what works here locally, the groups host field days, network to share farming tips, and provide incentive funds to farmers for adopting conservation practices.

Some of the recent incentives have included:

- Buffer Strip adjacent to Stream \$650/acre
- Soil Health Bundle: Cover crops, No-till, Planting Green \$60/acre
- Cover Crop Planting \$15 – 35 / acre
- Planting small grains 1st time \$15/acre
- Conservation Walkover \$250
- Contract with an Independent, Soil Health Agronomist \$500
- Low Disturbance Manure Injection \$20/acre
- Reduce Phos. Runoff \$25/ lbs P
- Phos Indexing \$1/acre

Watch for upcoming events to attend in your area and join and start the journey towards protecting the water where you farm.

## Automatic Milking Systems (AMS) User Group builds on inaugural success

It's National Dairy Month and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is pleased to announce the second [Automatic Milking System \(AMS\) User Group](#) meeting.

Join the AMS User Group Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Never Rest Dairy in Watertown, WI.

Attending in person is encouraged for the best experience and networking opportunities within the AMS community. However, there is an option to join via Zoom.

AMS user commitment and active participation is crucial. We encourage you to bring an AMS friend to our next meeting to enrich our discussions and expand our network.

**Pre-registration is required by July 10th.**

To register visit <https://go.wisc.edu/Ext-AMS>



## Beef x Dairy Management Workshop to be hosted by UW-Madison Division of Extension July 29, 2024

Learn about nutrition, feedlot management, and carcass composition for beef x dairy crossbred cattle during the upcoming Beef x Dairy Management Workshop.

Jerad Jaborek from [Michigan State University Extension](#) will join Alyssa Seitz, Bill Halfman, Ryan Sterry and other [University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension](#) educators in this free workshop. Learn more and register today!

Topics and Speakers include:

- ⇒ *Feeding and Managing Beef x Dairy Crossbred Cattle*, Dr. Jerad Jaborek, Michigan State University
- ⇒ *UW Feeding Trial Results, and Carcass Composition and Meat Sensory Pannel Experience with Beef x Dairy Crossbreds*, Alyssa Seitz, UW-Madison project Graduate Student
- ⇒ *On-farm Feedout Performance and Dairy Farmer Survey Results*, Bill Halfman, Extension Beef Outreach Specialist, and Ryan Sterry, Extension Regional Dairy Educator
- ⇒ *Q&A and local topic – host Extension educators*

The workshop starts with registration at 5:15 PM, and the program begins at 6:00 PM. Food and refreshments will be available for pre-registered attendees. Date and location:

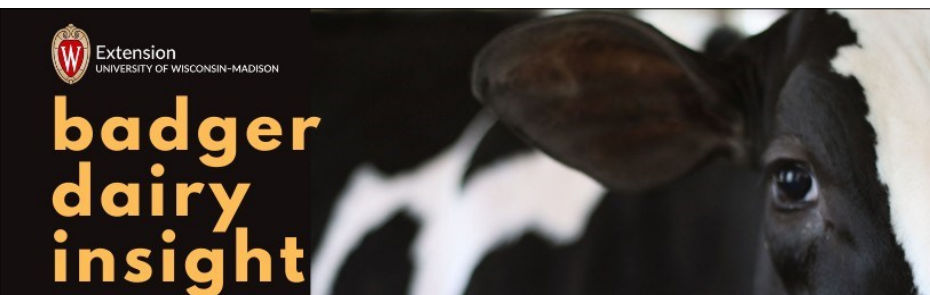
**July 29:** UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation Center, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay

Pre-registration by July 22, 2024, is required.

**Register at:** <https://go.wisc.edu/j209s7>

For more local information and help with registration, please contact:

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Join the University of Wisconsin-Madison – Division of Extension's Dairy Program on the third Tuesday of each month from 11am-12 pm CST for the Badger Dairy Insight webinar series. New this year we are switching our webinars to a monthly platform. We are featuring your local Extension Dairy Program Educators and UW Specialists as they present on current dairy topics. Take the opportunity to learn from and discuss with experts on the dates below.

There is no charge to participate in the sessions, however pre-registration is required to allow access.

**All webinars will be the third Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM.**

**July 16**—Leveraging digital technologies to improve management decisions in dairy farms

**August 10**—Nutrition focus

**September 17**—HPAI and herd biosecurity

For a full list of upcoming webinars and to register, visit <https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-insight/>



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## HPAI Update: New testing requirements for Dairy events in Wisconsin

Effective as of June 19, 2024, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) now requires that lactating dairy cattle “must receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory prior to moving to fairs or exhibitions. Samples must be collected no more than **7 days prior to movement** to the fair or exhibition. Testing is available to producers at no cost through USDA APHIS at NAHLN laboratories. Producers may also apply for reimbursement of shipping and veterinary fees for collection of samples.” This order will remain in effect until 60 days after the last detection of H5N1 in U.S. cattle herds.

UW-Madison Extension Dairy Program Area created a visual scenario-based factsheet to navigate current conditions of the interstate transportation federal order and WI intrastate requirements, as well as a HPAI resource page. Dairy producers should work with their herd veterinarians to collect and submit samples.

Wisconsin DATCP Division of Animal Health (DAH) provided several biosecurity recommendations for those participating in exhibition shows and fairs. Brief highlights of this information and our added examples (in italics) are below:

### Exhibitor Biosecurity

If dairy producers choose to participate in shows and exhibitions, consider:

- Isolating animals that return from a show or exhibition from the home herd for at least two weeks
- Testing animals that return from a show or exhibition prior to reintroduction to the home herd
- Avoiding the use of shared equipment, especially milking equipment between cows from different herds (*ex. Milking claws, dip cups, feed and drinking buckets, etc.*)

### Dairy Event Biosecurity Recommendations

If lactating dairy cattle are exhibited, DAH asks event coordinators to consider:

- Reducing the days cattle are on site to less than 72 hours
- Limiting commingling of cattle from different herds (*avoid nose to nose contact of dairy cows*)
- Limiting commingling of lactating and nonlactating cattle
- Preventing commingling of different species
- Reducing spectator contact with animals on exhibit
- Create a biosecurity plan that reduces risks of spreading disease between exhibitors, including cleaning of any commonly used equipment between uses (*ex. Milking claws, dip cups, feed and drinking buckets, etc.*)
- Making a plan for collecting, treating, and disposing of milk collected during the exhibition as well as cleaning between use
- *Do not house/stall lactating dairy cows nose-to-nose if possible.*

### Stay Informed

This situation is constantly evolving as more information becomes available. Stay up to date with the most current information by visiting and subscribing to email alerts from USDA, NMPPF, WI DATCP, and CDC websites.



The Badger Crop Connect series provides agronomists, crop consultants, and farmers with timely crop updates for Wisconsin. CEUs are available by topic for each presentation.

Recordings for on-demand viewing are available on the Division of Extension’s YouTube channel or by expanding the Recordings tab below. To receive emails about upcoming webinar topics, recorded video availability, and other training opportunities and resources, sign up below.

*Webinars are held at 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month from April to October.*

Register today at <https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/programs/badger-crop-connect/>

### Upcoming dates (topics TBD):

- July 10
- July 24
- August 14
- August 28
- September 11
- September 25
- October 9
- October 23

## Attend Regional Nutrient Management Meeting

Registration for the 2024 nutrient management regional meetings is now open! Register at [https://lnkd.in/eQFWi7\\_A](https://lnkd.in/eQFWi7_A)

Wisconsin DATCP has partnered with, NRCS, the UW Nutrient and Pest Management (NPM) team (Jordan Kampa, Michael Geissinger, Chris Clark- CCA, Landon Baumgartner, Dan Smith, Kevin Shelley) and the SnapPlus team to bring you updates and information related to all things nutrient management!

The meetings are free to attend and light lunch and refreshments will be sponsored by the WI CCA Board and WI Land and Water. CEUs will be available! The best options for Brown, Kewaunee and Door:

September 10 – Appleton 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Fox Valley Technical College- Room A170 A&B  
north end of campus)  
1825 N. Bluemound Drive, Appleton, WI 54912

OR

September 5 - Statewide Virtual  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Virtual webinar  
Register at [https://lnkd.in/eQFWi7\\_A](https://lnkd.in/eQFWi7_A)

## 2024 Nutrient Management Regional Meetings



LOCATION	DATE & TIME	REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED (click or scan)
<b>SE Region</b> Jefferson County Highway Department 1425 S Wisconsin Dr, Jefferson, WI 53549	August 20 <sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm	<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/r96xmn">https://go.wisc.edu/r96xmn</a> 
<b>SW Region</b> Iowa County Health and Human Services 303 W Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533	August 21 <sup>st</sup> 9am-1pm	<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/6mp092">https://go.wisc.edu/6mp092</a> 
<b>NW Region</b> L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Riverview Room 400 Eau Claire St Eau Claire, WI 54701	September 4 <sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm	<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/ble05x">https://go.wisc.edu/ble05x</a> 
<b>State-wide</b> Virtual Webinar	September 5 <sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm	<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/013175">https://go.wisc.edu/013175</a> 
<b>NE Region</b> Fox Valley Technical College Northend of campus: Room A170 A&B 1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton, WI 54912-2277	September 10 <sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm	<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/5y3y8c">https://go.wisc.edu/5y3y8c</a> 
<b>NC Region</b> Northcentral Technical College A165 in A Building 1000 W Campus Dr, Wausau, WI 54401	September 12 <sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm	<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/293361">https://go.wisc.edu/293361</a> 

**Join us for our annual meetings!**  
Light lunch and snacks will be provided sponsored by WI CCA Board and WI Land and Water.  
CEUs will be available.  
Meetings are free!



*Participate in the  
40<sup>th</sup> World Forage  
Analysis Superbowl!*

Entries are now being accepted for the 2024 World Forage Analysis Superbowl. Corn silage entries must be received by July 10, 2024. All other entries must be received by August 22, 2024.

Visit <https://worlddairyexpo.com/pages/World-Forage-Analysis-Superbowl.php> for the 2024 entry form/