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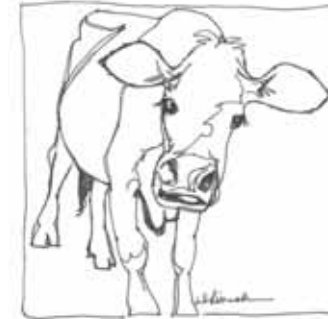
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# Agriculture Newsletter

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We have had wonderful weather for harvesting and field work this fall. Despite the current cooler temperatures, the weather appears to be in a holding pattern. For some the weather may not be ideal such as those hunting, but a normalcy in temperature is needed for our cattle as the large fluctuations in temperature can lead to a litany of issues like respiratory disease.

With the temperature dropping and skiffs of snow starting to appear on the ground, we are entering UW-Extension meeting season. A regional meeting about cattle hoof care will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Kimberly at Liberty Hall. Dr. Dorte Dopfer will be speaking about digital dermatitis, an all too familiar problem in our cattle herds. She is an associate professor from the UW -Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, Food Animal Production Medicine Section. This would be a great meeting for producers and herdspeople to attend for current research and hands-on informational sessions.

If you are a private pesticide applicator looking to recertify or you need a commercial pesticide applicator certification, three in-person trainings will be occurring this winter starting in January. To sign-up for these trainings look for the flier which appears in this newsletter issue. If you have more questions about these training, please call Scott Reuss, Marinette County Agriculture Agent, at 715-732-7510.

As we approach the beginning of a new year, you may be re-evaluating your current bookkeeping system for your operation. Oconto County UW-Extension has the Wisconsin Farm Account and Record Book for sale. The cost of each book is \$8.00 and can either be picked-up from the UW-Extension office or mailed to you. Please call the Oconto County UW-Extension office for your copy of the Wisconsin Farm Account and Record.

Season Greetings!

*Sarah Mills-Lloyd*  
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If you will need any type of accommodation or assistance as you attend any UW-Extension sponsored event, please contact the host county office at least two days prior to the event. All requests will be confidential.

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# Events, Deadlines and Notes

## Farmland Rental Options Workshop

This annual workshop is recommended for owners of rented land. The focus is on land rent realities and options that can make land rental situations better for all parties involved with the emphasis on crop production economics.

The sessions are free and will be held on Wednesday, December 2, starting at 10:00 am, at the Chase Town Hall, located at 8481 Cty S, Sobieski and Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm, at the Pound Town Hall, located on the east edge of Coleman on Cty B. Discussion will focus on the details that you should consider when negotiating a farm rental contract. Such details certainly include price, but other factors such as length of lease, any limitations you may place on the property, and many other aspects can all be negotiated into the contract. There are also many different leasing options available and Scott Reuss will detail some of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of annual or multi-year leasing contracts.

Contract templates of multiple types will be available as handouts, ranging from extremely simple to more complex arrangements. The discussion will focus on basic cropland rental situations, but can expand to building leases, grazing land, and other situations which attendees are interested in discussing.

There is no fee for attending this program, nor is pre-registration required. If you have questions about these topics, contact Scott Reuss in the Marinette County office at 715-732-7510 or via e-mail at [scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu) or contact Sarah Mills-Lloyd in the Oconto office at 920-834-6845. Another good source of farmland leasing information is found at <http://www.aglease101.org/>.

## Dairy Hoof Care Seminar

Foot health and lameness are major issues facing today's dairy producers. To help aid with these issues, UW-Extension will be hosting a **Dairy Cattle Hoof Care Seminar** on Wednesday, December 9, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI.

The dairy cattle hoof care seminar is sponsored by UW-Extension with financial and "in-kind" support from Appleton Steel Hoof Trimming, Midwestern Hoof Care, UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, and Zinpro.

The fee for the program is \$35 per person which includes materials and lunch. Registration is due December 2 to the UW-Extension Calumet County Office.

For more information regarding the program or registration, please visit the calendar at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/fdlag>. Or contact UW-Extension Calumet County Agriculture Eric Ronk at [eric.ronk@uwex.edu](mailto:eric.ronk@uwex.edu).

The agenda includes:

- **Footbaths: A Problem Solution or a Solution to Your Problem**, Roger Olson, Zinpro Midwest Dairy Specialist
- **Digital Dermatitis in Dairy Cattle**, Dorte Dopfer, DVM, PhD, UW-School of Veterinary Medicine
- **Hoof Trimming 101, Blocking & Wrapping Demonstration**, Roger Olson, Zinpro and Aaron LaVoy, Midwestern Hoof Care, LLC
- **Hoof Trimming Records**, Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM, and Eric Ronk, UW-Extension

## MAQA Training Dates

Please note... all youth exhibiting market **beef, sheep, swine, poultry, meat goats, dairy, dairy goats and rabbits** at the fair must attend a MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) training every year. If you are not MAQA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2016 Oconto County Fair.

## The MAQA trainings scheduled for this year:

- Saturday, January 9 – Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls, 8:00-9:30 am
- Thursday, March 24 – Pound Town Hall, Coleman 7:00-8:30 pm
- Saturday, April 30 – Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls, 2:30-4:00 pm

Registration for these trainings is requested at least two weeks prior to the event date. You can register by calling the Oconto County UW-Extension Office (920) 834-6845.

The Pulaski FFA Chapter is also hosting one MAQA training:

- Tuesday, June 21 – Pulaski High School Ag Room 6:00 pm

Registration for this training is required by June 8, 2016. It is preferred if you register for this event via email at [kmsanty@pulaskischools.org](mailto:kmsanty@pulaskischools.org), or you may call (920) 737-6893.

Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified. Please choose the date and location that works best for you! Please call Sarah Mills-Lloyd with any questions, 920-834-6845.

## Annual CAFO Meetings

**Fond du Lac—February 11<sup>th</sup> and Green Bay—February 12<sup>th</sup>**

This is the annual update meeting for WPDES permitted farms and all the consultants that work with them. If your farm is on the verge of WPDES permit size or you are wondering about some of the logistics of post-permit management, you may want to consider attending.

## Grow Wisconsin Dairy 30 x 20 Producer Grants

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) are seeking applications for the next round of *Grow Wisconsin Dairy 30 x 20 producer grants*. The Grow Wisconsin Dairy Grant is a flexible grant available to producers to facilitate operational changes, improve profitability, and increase efficiency.

The Grow Wisconsin Grant strives to improve the long-term viability of Wisconsin's Dairy Industry. Recipients of this grant can be awarded as much as \$5,000 and would be required to pay a cost share of 20 percent of the total grant awarded.



This grant is designed to provide access to services and resources for proposed dairy farm projects that enhance or develop the current business and/or solve an existing problem or concern on the farm. Customized to meet the needs of individual farms, this grant can be applied to hire consultants with a range of expertise to address specific business needs.

Applications are due to DATCP by December 18th. Application materials and additional information can be found at [http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Dairy\\_Farming/index.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Dairy_Farming/index.aspx).

## Pricing Wet Corn? UW-Extension has an app for that!

To help farmers better evaluate their options, the University of Wisconsin-Extension has developed a Smartphone app to provide a simple way to help estimate the market value of HMSC based on three main variables -dry moisture corn, current corn moisture and price per bushel.



The HMSC\$ app is free and available for Android smartphones and tablets on the Google Play store by searching "HMSC" or go to: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.smartmapps.corncalculator&hl=en>.

Farmers can use this app to help determine value for wet shell corn when compared with dry shell corn price—a link to current elevator dry corn bid prices is built into the app. The equivalent wet price is then calculated and displayed in both price per ton and price per bushel.

Additional costs for drying and/or shelling can be evaluated under the expense tab. The app also features the ability to email the results directly to others.

## Sesquicentennial & Century Farm/Home Applications

Wisconsin State Fair would like to recognize farms or homes with either 150 years (sesquicentennial) or 100 years (century) of continuous ownership through the year 2016. Copies of the award application with detailed requirements can be found on the Agriculture tab of the Oconto County UW-Extension website. Additional forms may also be requested by contacting Jill Albanese (414) 777-0580 or via email at [jill.albanese@wistatefair.com](mailto:jill.albanese@wistatefair.com). Application deadline is March 1, 2016.

## Calendar of Events

Remember you can find all this information and more detailed information on our websites—<http://oconto.uwex.edu> or <http://marinette.uwex.edu>.

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|-------|-----------------|---|-------|--------------|--|
| Dec 2 | Chase           | Farm Rent Options Workshop                    | Feb 5 | Oconto Falls | Private Pesticide Applicator Training                |
| 3     |                 | SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant Submission deadline | 11    | Fond du Lac  | Annual CAFO Meeting Update                           |
| 3     | Coleman         | Farm Rent Options Workshop                    | 12    | Green Bay    | Annual CAFO Meeting Update                           |
| 9     | Cecil           | Soil, Water & Nutrient Meetings               | 16    | Kimberly     | Raising Quality Dairy Heifers Meeting                |
| 9     | Kimberly        | Dairy Hoof Care Seminar                       | 24    | Oconto Falls | Private Pesticide Applicator Training                |
| 18    |                 | Grow Dairy 30 x 20 Submission deadline        | Mar 1 |              | Sesquicentennial & Century Farm Application Deadline |
| Jan 9 | Oconto Falls    | MAQA Training                                 |       |              |  |
| 15    | Pound Town Hall | Private Pesticide Applicator Training         |       |              |  |

## Weekly Hay Price Report as of October 6, 2015

Current hay demand and price reports can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/h-m-r/>

| Hay Grade                    | Bale type    | Price (\$/ton)    |          |          |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
|                              |              | Average           | Minimum  | Maximum  |
| Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)        | Small Square | \$278.00          | \$200.00 | \$525.00 |
|                              | Large Square | \$239.00          | \$90.00  | \$300.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | No Reported Sales |          |          |
| Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ) | Small Square | \$151.00          | \$118.00 | \$200.00 |
|                              | Large Square | \$125.00          | \$60.00  | \$220.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | \$84.00           | \$68.00  | \$120.00 |
| Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ) | Small Square | No Reported Sales |          |          |
|                              | Large Square | \$104.00          | \$75.00  | \$165.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | \$81.00           | \$58.00  | \$120.00 |
| Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)  | Small Square | No Reported Sales |          |          |
|                              | Large Square | \$80.00           | \$70.00  | \$85.00  |
|                              | Large Round  | \$67.00           | \$55.00  | \$85.00  |