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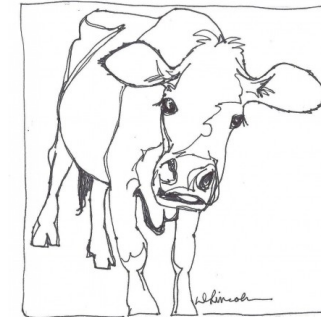
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# Agriculture Newsletter

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Summer is here and with it brings a flurry of activity—field work/harvesting, county fairs, Wisconsin Farm Technology Days and if possible a family vacation or at least spending time with family and friends. Just because it is summer and your calendar is full of other meaningful activity does not mean UW-Extension does not have programs planned for you to attend. We do realize your time is valuable, but also want to keep you informed and educated on pertinent agriculture items.

Two meetings in particular to highlight in this issue of the Agriculture Newsletter are: Implements of Husbandry meeting in Bonduel on August 5<sup>th</sup> and Farm Bill Dairy Margin Protection Program in Cecil on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Please see the Events, Deadlines and Notes in addition to the insert for more information about these meetings.) Both of these meetings will contain important information; however, we (Scott and I) will be hosting additional educational meetings on these topics in the late fall/early winter. So if you are unable to attend, please be assured you will have another chance to be informed about both of these topics.

The youth of Oconto and Marinette counties are busy putting the final details on their fair projects/exhibits—at least I hope—as our local county fair is quickly approaching. I hope they are better about time management than I was at that age as it seemed to be the days of the fair snuck-up on me and I was finishing my projects at the last minute. The county fair is a great tradition where everyone—not just youth—can publicly display their special talents and abilities. Fairs are a great way to teach a new generation about the values of farming and agriculture. I hope you take time in the next month to visit your local county fair; the dates of the county fairs are included in the Calendar of Events section of the newsletter.

See you at the fair!

Sincerely,

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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

## Marinette County Holstein Association

The Marinette County Annual Twilight meeting will be August 1<sup>st</sup> at the dairy farm of Darren & Lynn Rusch. The farm is open to visitors at 6:00 pm with cow judging starting at 6:30 pm. The formal program will begin at 7:30 pm, and door prizes will wrap-up the evening. The farm is located at W10420 Hwy P, Pound.

All are welcome. The Marinette County Holstein Association will provide evening lunch, but members are asked to bring a pan of bars.

## Implements of Husbandry Workshop

On August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Hartland Town Hall in Bonduel a workshop detailing the new changes to the Implements of Husbandry will take place. This workshop will include industry speakers discussing the new regulations including size and weight, definitions, lighting and marking, rules of the road, permits and buyer disclosures. Shawano Farm Bureau will be sponsoring an ice cream social after the event.

## Farm Bill Dairy Margin Protection Program

Mark Stephenson, Director of Dairy Policy Analysis at UW-Madison will be our speaker. He will cover the details of the new program and how it relates to northeast Wisconsin dairy producers. The program will be held at 9:45 am on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cecil Village Hall, 111 E. Hofman Street, Cecil.

## Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

If you have not already heard, **Wisconsin Farm Tech Days** will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> at Blue Top Farms and Feltz Family Farms just east of Plover. The neighboring county agents have been working hard on educational display plots and farm tours. We are focusing on emerging technologies, so make sure and stop by and see UW-Extension's new demonstrations of soil, water and nitrogen monitoring equipment.

## Spoooner Sheep Day

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Spooner Sheep Day will be held at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station on Saturday, August 16, 2014. The Spooner Sheep Day has a long tradition of providing useful information to the state's sheep producers and is the longest-running agricultural field day of the many held each year by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Registration will begin at the station headquarters at 8:30 am with the program ending at approximately 3:30 pm. Dr. Reid Redden, Sheep Extension Specialist, North Dakota State University, will be the featured speaker. He will discuss his experiences with estrous synchronization of ewes. This is a useful technology to consolidate the lambing season and to induce ewes to lamb in the fall of the year. As Chairman of the National Sheep Improvement Program, Dr. Redden will also discuss the many advantages that can come to both purebred and commercial producers from using the estimates of

genetic value available from this program. The morning program will round out with presentations on economical feeding of the ewe flock by Rusty Burgett, the new Spooner Station sheep researcher and a discussion of estimated breeding values (EBVs) by Tom Murphy, Animal Sciences Ph.D. graduate student.

The afternoon program will be held at the sheep barn and will include evaluation of market lambs, a discussion of the disease of caseous lymphadenitis, and a walk through the kura clover-orchardgrass pastures. The complete program can be viewed at the UW-Madison Small Ruminant web site: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wisheepandgoat/>.

A lamb lunch will be served at noon at a cost of \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 11, and free for children under 5. Advanced reservations are not required. For more information, contact Lorraine Toman at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station (715-635-3735, [ltoman@wisc.edu](mailto:ltoman@wisc.edu)) or Dave Thomas on the UW-Madison campus (608-263-4306, [dlthomas@wisc.edu](mailto:dlthomas@wisc.edu)).

The Spooner Sheep Day is sponsored by the Department of Animal Sciences and the Agricultural Research Stations of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Cooperative Extension of the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

## Do you know the resources Extension provides on the Internet?

### Farmer to Farmer

Farmer to Farmer website, an electronic neighborhood bulletin board allows local farmers to get in touch with one another to facilitate the marketing of feed commodities.

The site developed and supported by UW-Extension; it can be found at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu>. This site is only designed to facilitate the farmer-to-farmer connection and initial communication.

The Farmer to Farmer list is free of charge to both buyers and sellers. UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension assumes no responsibility in the

transaction of buying or selling the items listed on this web site. All transactions and negotiations are handled directly between buyers and sellers.

### Hay Market Prices

Mr. Ken Barnett, statewide UW-Extension Agriculture Educator, authors a weekly hay market and price report for the upper Midwest. The report can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/h-m-r/>.

Information in the report is compiled from public and private sales and reports in the Midwest. Past reports are archived for comparison.

## 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>.

### Calendar of Events

August 1	Marinette	Marinette County Holstein Association Twilight Meeting
August 5	Bonduel	Implements of Husbandry Workshop
August 9-10	Gillett	Oconto County Youth Fair—Small Animal and Horse Show
August 12	Spoooner	62 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Spooner Sheep Day
August 12-14	Stevens Point	Wisconsin Farm Technology Days—Portage County
August 16	Marinette	Marinette County Fair—Dog and Cat Show
August 14-17	Gillett	Oconto County Youth Fair
August 21-24	Marinette	Marinette County Fair
September 3	Cecil	Farm Bill Dairy Margin Protection Program

## Weekly Hay Price Report as of July 11, 2014

### Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	187.50	155.00	240.00
	Large Square	185.00	115.00	230.00
	Large Round	157.40	70.00	190.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	147.92	70.00	162.50
	Large Round	94.06	60.00	120.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Large Square	69.38	50.00	90.00
	Large Round	68.13	40.00	90.00