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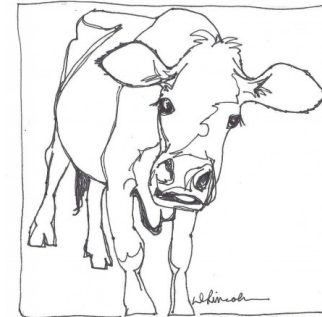
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We have experienced quite a change in color outside since my last newsletter. Instead of seeing our world in shades of white and grey, we are seeing the beauty of spring with different colors of green. As much as I would love to have a lawn without weeds, I will certainly not complain about the plethora of dandelions which are blooming furiously on my front lawn. All of this gives me hope of things to come.

Thank you to those who completed my 'Needs Assessment' survey. I appreciate your responses which will help me create educational, research, and community programs that are of interest and of value to you. Thank you for the time you invested into providing me with comments.

Tractors are out in full force on the roads and in the fields. Dust is flying as farmers are busy in the fields. We will most likely overlap spring planting and first crop hay judging from the results from Scott Reuss', Marinette County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent, alfalfa scissor clip results. If you would like the results of the alfalfa scissor clips, please view page two of the newsletter for the most current information.

I realize this summer will be very busy, so please take extra precautions as you are completing field work. If you have someone interested in taking a tractor and farm machinery safety course, a course is being planned for mid/late July in the Coleman-Pound area.

June is Dairy Month! We appreciate the farmers of Oconto and Marinette counties. Thank you for your hard work in providing safe wholesome products to feed our families. Remember with Dairy Month we have two opportunities to enjoy dairy products and a chance to visit a working dairy operation. Please see the regional events calendar to plan your attendance at either the Oconto or Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mills-Lloyd

Agriculture Agent—Specializing in Dairy and Livestock
Oconto County UW-Extension

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

Alfalfa PEAQ Results

Scott Reuss will be gathering data on Mondays and Thursdays until alfalfa has been harvested. There have been leaf diseases and leaf issues from the frost so quality is not going to maintain high levels once we get to full size. For the most recent alfalfa scissor clip results, log into the state-wide system: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/scissorsclip/>.

Site	Maximum Height 5/21/14	Maximum Height 5/26/14	RFQ 5/21/14	RFQ 5/26/14
Abrams	17	25	247	200
Beaver	18	23	239	199
County Line		24		195
Crivitz	14	21	256	215
Morgan		25		191
Oconto Falls	18	25	233	193
Pound	15	20	253	224
Sampson	19		239	
Spruce	15	22	256	219
Wausaukee	16	22	253	204

Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm

The Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm Committee invites you to celebrate June Dairy Month by attending Breakfast on the Farm! The 2014 Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm will be held Sunday, June 8, at Triple C Dairy Farm owned by Lee Roy and Diane Kruse near Oconto Falls. A polka mass performed by the Maroszek Brothers will be held at 7 a.m. and breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cost of the event is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children 5 years old and under. The farm is located at 8716 CCC Road, Oconto Falls. Tours of the farm will be available.

The Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm is coordinated by the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm Committee

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

June 8	Oconto Falls	Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm
June 14	Gillett	MAQA Training at Gillett Public Library
June 22-26	Oshkosh	Grow Your Future
June 25	Oconto Falls	Beef Cow-Calf Meeting
June 30	Peshtigo	Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm
August 12-14	Stevens Point	Wisconsin Farm Technology Days—Portage County

and made possible with generous financial support provided by local businesses. For more information, please contact Jordan Rank, Committee Chairman, at (920) 598-0945 or see the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm information located on page 3 of the newsletter.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training

The MAQA process is designed for youth, and is mandatory for any youth planning on participating in the performance contests at the Marinette County Fair or the Sale of Champions at the Oconto County Fair. The curriculum rotates through a series of topics, making each annual program a new offering. The final session hosted by Oconto County UW-Extension will be held on **Saturday, June 14 at the Gillett Public Library from 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

In addition, the Pulaski FFA Chapter will host a MAQA training on **Monday, June 23 at Pulaski High School in the Agriculture Room from 9:00—11:00 a.m.**

To get more information about these sessions, please contact Sarah at 920-834-6845.

Beef Cow/Calf Meeting

A UW-Extension Beef Cow/Calf producer meeting is being offered to producers of all sizes and the agriculture professionals who service their operations. The meeting's agenda will include a farm tour, meal, and speakers. Speaker topics will include preventing and managing Pinkeye, herd sire health and management, and vaccination protocols for your herd. A local topic will include: Managing Cattle Health on Pasture. Attendees of the meeting will qualify for one continuing education credit for Beef Quality Assurance recertification. The farm tour and meal will be held at Seifarm Grassfed Beef LLC, located at W455 Carlson Lane, Oconto Falls, with the speaker presentations at the Green Valley Town Hall. Registration fee is \$25.

This beef cow/calf meeting is sponsored by the UW-Extension Beef and Livestock Teams. For more information please contact Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM, Oconto County Agriculture Agent at 920-834-6845.

Wanted—Dairy Farms to Participate in Research Project

A research project is being conducted by Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM for dairy operations of various sizes which have persisting neonatal calf diarrhea problems for longer than a month in duration. Twelve farms will be selected to participate in this study—free of charge. If you currently have neonatal calf diarrhea issues on your farm, please contact Sarah in the Oconto County UW-Extension office to see if you qualify for this program which will offer free laboratory diagnostic evaluations valued at \$450.00. Laboratory diagnostic information obtained will be freely shared with the producer. She can be reached at 920-834-6845 or by email sarah.millsllloyd@uwex.edu

Tractor & Farm Machinery Safety Course

A tractor safety course will be offered in the Coleman-Pound area in mid to late July. Materials were not available at the time of print, but if you would like further information contact your county UW-Extension office. The approximate cost will be \$35.

National Dairy FARM Program: Farmers Assuring Responsible ManagementSM

The National Dairy FARM Program: Farmers Assuring Responsible ManagementSM is a nationwide, verifiable animal well-being program that provides consistency and uniformity to best practices in animal care and quality assurance in the dairy industry.

This all day event will include classwork in addition to on-farm practice to help participants learn skills to evaluate farms. The program aims to provide a consistent platform for animal well-being, which producers can use to evaluate their on-farm animal care practices. Training will take place on July 8, 2014 at the Marathon County UW-Extension Office. Space is limited for this event; the cost of registration is \$250 per person. For further information, contact Zen Miller, Outagamie County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent at (920) 832-5119, zen.miller@ces.uwex.edu or consult the brochure located on Insert B.

Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm

The Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm committee encourages everyone to circle Sunday, June 29 on their calendar and plan on attending the 2014 Breakfast on the Farm. This year's event is being hosted by Keith & Nancy Hartwig and family on their dairy farm located west of Peshtigo in the Town of Grover.

There will be a full slate of activities for participation by all members of the family. The showcase of the day will be viewing and touring all aspects of this multi-generation dairy farm operation. Other activities include a farm animal petting zoo, kiddie tractor pull, face painting, comedy show, many other youth activities; and, of course, the fabulous food for which this event is becoming known. There will be a

live band playing most of the day, and there are usually some surprise activities for kids of all ages.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to Noon, rain or shine. Cost for adults is \$6, youth 6-10 are only \$4, and youth 5 & under are free. This single fee pays for your all you can eat menu of eggs with ham & cheese, pancakes and locally tapped maple syrup, sausages, apple sauce, cheese curds, coffee, milk, and ice cream sundaes. All the activities of the day are also included with the meal fee, so families can fill the morning with the wide array of options.

This event is coordinated and conducted by dozens of volunteers and relies on nearly 200 volunteers the day of the event. If you are interested in helping, please call either Scott Reuss at the Marinette County UW-Extension office at 715-732-7510 or e-mail him at scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu or call Corey Kuchta at 920-660-4182.

Grow Your Future

UW Oshkosh is offering a four-day residential camp for youth ages 16-20 on June 22-26, 2014 on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus. Tour local farms, engage in classroom workshops, and discover first-hand how technology and sustainability practices are being used in all sectors of agriculture!

Due to additional sponsorships, the fee for this camp has been reduced from \$350 to \$295, and it includes instruction, events, tours, twelve meals and Sunday through Wednesday lodging. We also have a limited number of scholarships available! For scholarship opportunities and submission, visit www.uwosh.edu/go/grow.

You can register online at www.uwosh.edu/go/grow. You can also download our paper registration form and return it via mail or fax. Participants can pay via check or credit card. For more information, contact Bunny Hansen at UW Oshkosh at (920) 424-1129 or toll-free (800) 633-1442. Please also visit www.uwosh.edu/go/grow.

2014 Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm

When: Sunday June 8, 2014
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Triple C Dairy
 8716 CCC Rd., Oconto Falls
Cost: At the Door: Adults—\$7.00
 Children (6-12) - \$4.00
 Children 5 and under - Free

Polka Mass at 7am

Menu:
 All you can eat scrambled eggs with cheese and ham, pancakes, sausages, yogurt, apple slices, cheese, milk, orange juice, ice cream sundaes, coffee and water.

Entertainment:
 Farm Tours
 Petting Zoo
 Inflatables Bouncers
 Ice Cream Making Demo.
 Antique Engine Demonstration

Strolling Entertainment—TA-DA Enterprises, LLC.
 Giant Sand Box
 Steam Engine Display

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Directions to Farm

