

## 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:**

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