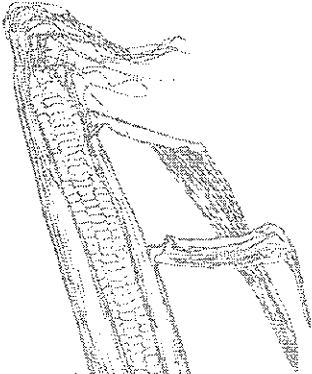


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Corn Silage 2016 Newsletter

Corn silage has progressed more rapidly than most of us expected, so be ready for timely harvest. The first set of results from silage burndown on Sept. 1 indicate that it is getting close for most. For those of you whom attended the Marinette County Holstein Association Twilight Meeting - Who wore it best? Ben Kaufman or Dave Goddard? For those who weren't present, you missed a fun evening and a great look at history via Kaufman's Museum.

Congratulations to all our county's youth for their efforts at the fairs in the last couple weeks. NOTE: The Dairy MPP deadline date has been extended, so look for more information on that in the October n.l.

Scott Reuss 

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Fri., Sept. 9 Marinette	Harmony field lease bids due (pg. 3)
Sat., Sept. 10 a.m. Harmony	Plant Sale & Plant Pest Clinic
Monday, Sept. 12 eve Grover	Beef Cow/Calf Workshop (pg. 4)
Fri., Sept. 16 day Kimberly	Farm Mgmt. Update for Ag. Prof.
(Contact Sarah, Scott, or see web page)	
Sept. 18-24 National Farm Safety & Health Week	
Sept. 28,29,30 Madison	Dairyland Initiative Workshops
Sat., October 8 Aurora	Equine Pasture & Health Mgmt.
	Field Day (see below)
Sat., Oct. 15 2-5 pm Harmony	Fall Family Fun Fest - great family fun for all!!

Equine Health & Forage Management Field Day

Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hosted by: Todd & Kim Broullire

Partially sponsored by Stephenson Marketing Cooperative. We will focus on Parasite Management, Veterinary Feed Directive, Grazing & Forage Management, as well as ration management when using different types of forages. \$5 registration will include lunch, see full flier in next newsletter or contact Scott for registration information.

Corn Silage Sampling - 2016

First four samples per farm will be free, each additional sample will be \$10, sponsored by Marinette, Oconto, and Florence County UW-Extension offices.

Thursday, September 1st, Wednesdays September 7 and Sept. 14

8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Middle Inlet Town Hall - intersection of Marinette Cty. Hwy. X & Hwy 141.

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Fendryk Farms, Cty Hwy. P and 25th Road, 2 miles west of Hwy. 141. Use the 25th Road entrance to the farm (just south of Cty. P) for easiest access.

11: a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Kuchta Farms' grain bin site on Marinette County Hwy M, 2.5 miles west of County W.

12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Peterson Farms, 6336 Goatsville, 1.5 miles west of Hwy 141 (2 miles north of Lena).

2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Curt Kohls' farm, just northwest of Gillett on Klaus Lake Road, just south of Town Hall Road, which is the first road off Hwy. 32 north of Gillett.

Wednesday, September 21st

9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

WOCO Radio Station - Hwy. 22, 2 miles west of Oconto (look for the tower!)

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Curt Kohls' farm, just northwest of Gillett on Klaus Lake Road, just south of Town Hall Road, which is the first road off Hwy. 32 north of Gillett.

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Peterson Farms, 6336 Goatsville, 1.5 miles west of Hwy 141 (2 miles north of Lena).

1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kuchta Farms' grain bin site on Marinette County Hwy M, 2.5 miles west of County W.

1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Fendryk Farms, Cty Hwy. P and 25th Road, 2 miles west of Hwy. 141. Use the 25th Road entrance to the farm (just south of Cty. P) for easiest access.

3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Feed Mill (Stephenson Mktg.), on west edge of Aurora.

Wednesday, September 28th

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Aurora Feed Mill (Stephenson Mktg.), on west edge of Aurora.

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fendryk Farms, Cty Hwy. P and 25th Road, 2 miles west of Hwy. 141. Use the 25th Road entrance.

Noon to 1 p.m.

Peterson Farms, 6336 Goatsville, 1.5 miles west of Hwy 141 (2 miles north of Lena).

These gals got sick of waiting, when will you start harvesting your corn silage? Be sure to have it at the correct moisture for your storage.



Collecting a Good Sample

Sample collection is very important to getting good test results. The first step to collecting a good sample is to think about all the different fields and/or varieties that you want tested. Each variety will mature and dry-down differently, and there are always differences from field to field, so plan on sampling most of the fields that you are thinking about ensiling this year.

When collecting the actual sample plants, collect your sample according to the variability in the field. If the field is pretty consistent, collect at least five plants in a W-shaped pattern from the area being sampled. If the field is variable, collect more plants and collect at least one or two from each size of plants found in the field. Wrap the plant stems in wet paper and bring all your separate samples to the collection site nearest you. If in doubt, collect a few more plants for each given sample, or collect more than one sample according to field variability, whether it be soil type, variety, or whatever else.

Lastly, collect them as soon as possible before you leave for the collection site. Call Scott's cell phone at 715-923-0807 if you are running behind so that he can either wait for you or arrange a meeting point.

Storage considerations for corn silage

High-quality corn silage can be produced in many different types of storage structures. However, each structure type - bunker silo, silage bag, upright silo, or silage pile - needs to have the corn silage at a certain range of whole-plant moisture to achieve the best possible results. The recommendation is to hit the following ranges:

<u>Silo Type</u>	<u>Recommended Moisture %</u>
Upright	60-65
Upright, oxygen-limiting	50-60
Horizontal silos	65-70
Silage bags and piles	60-70

Packing Capacity – When packing silage into a bunker silo, you must have enough packing weight to adequately handle the forage coming into the bunker. If you do not pack adequately, you will lose dry matter and forage quality. A quick rule-of-thumb is that you need about 800 lbs of weight per delivered wet ton per hour. For example, 80 tons delivered per hour requires 64,000 lbs of packing capacity. Stated Simply: Pack or Lose! If you do not take the time to pack correctly, you will have lost 2 to 5 times as much silage to spoilage as you should. So do your best by:

1. Use the heaviest tractors you can. Total weight has shown to be more important than per tire weight.
2. Unload the silage in thinner layers. This will allow each layer to be more properly packed.
3. If feasible, slow down your delivery rates. The single most important variable to final silage density in a significant study a couple years ago was delivery rate. If the rate was less than 60 ton/hour, the final density was sufficient, if more than that, the density decreased.
4. Harvest at the right moisture for your system. See above.

Notice: Harmony Arboretum Farm Land Leasing Bids Being Accepted

Marinette County will accept sealed bids for the lease of farm land at the Harmony Arboretum on County Highway E. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. September 9, 2016. Bids will be opened, and action taken on bids received, by the Land Information Committee at their regular meeting the morning of September 12, 2016.

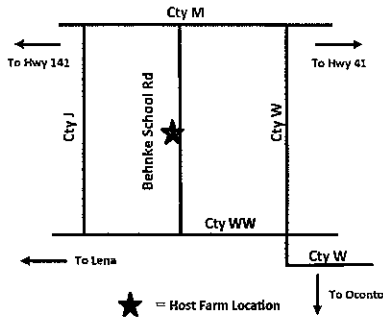
Six fields containing approximately 126 acres will be offered for a four-year lease. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by writing, calling or visiting the Land Information Office, Courthouse, 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette WI 54143 (715-732-7780).

Marinette County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bids most advantageous to Marinette County.

MARINETTE COUNTY LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Directions:

Host Farm Location:
N1757 Behnke School Rd
Coleman, WI
Corey (920) 660-4182



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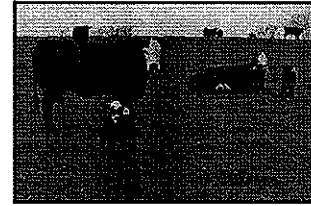
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**2016
Fall Beef
Meeting**



September 12, 2016

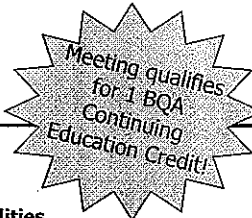
Corey & Jen Kuchta
N1757 Behnke School Rd
Coleman

Registration 4:30 PM
Program 5:00 PM-8:30 PM

A SEMINAR SERIES FOR

- ◆ Registered stocker producers
- ◆ Commercial cow/calf producers
- ◆ Small hobby farm beef producers
- ◆ Agriculture professionals
- ◆ Educators

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4:30 PM Registration

5:00 PM Farm Tour—
Beef Cow/Calf & New Steer Feeder Facilities

6:00 PM Meal

7:00 PM Presentations

Direct Marketing Beef

Don't know where to start when marketing your farm-raised beef? This presentation will cover the basics of getting started and how to market your beef to new customers.

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM, Agriculture Agent, UW-Extension Oconto County

Rules and Regulations of Marketing Your Own Beef

The rules and regulations of marketing beef can be confusing. It is best to know the rules before you're hit with the rulebook.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

8:30 PM Adjourn



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