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## July 2018 Newsletter

The agricultural economy was in enough trouble prior to the rumblings and realities of trade interruptions with other countries. We've seen a significant price retrenchment in most of our commodities in the last four weeks and I can't claim to see when the turnaround is going to occur. Please keep yourself in touch with the rest of the agriculture community and try to not let yourself face any type of farm difficulty alone. There are a number of community and learning events coming up in our area in the next couple months. Join the group and talk things through with others and hopefully learn a few things that can help out in both the short and long term.

Scott Reuss

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	7 pm Harmony	Edible Flowers workshop/sampling
July 31	Little River	Soybean Population & Pest Mgmt. Day (p 8)
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August 2	Rhineland	Rhineland Ag. Research Station Field Day
August 4	Harmony	Art in the Garden event: 9 a.m. - Noon
August 9	Cecil	Queen Bee: Legacy & Transition (pg. 6)
August 14	Omro	Beef Grazing Field Day (pg. 3)
August 15	Harmony	Prairie Walk: 6 - 8 p.m.
August 16-19	Gillett	Oconto County Fair
August 22	Arlington	Crops Day at Arlington Ag. Res. Station
August 23-26	Wausaukee	Marinette County Fair
August 28	Stephenson	Corn Hybrid Trial & Mgmt. Field Day (p 8)



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**SHOW DAYS & TIMES:**

July 10 – 12, 2018  
 Tuesday – Thursday  
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**ADMISSION:**

Cash Only  
 \$8 per person at the Gate  
 Children 12 and under are free  
 FFA and 4-H students accompanied by their instructor/leader are free

**Farm Technology Days – 2018**

Here are some of the most pertinent facts & details about the upcoming Farm Technology Days along with a snipped Google Map shot of the approximate location of FTD. UW-Extension will have Forage, Cover Crops, Dairy, Livestock, Poultry, Horticulture, and other demonstrations and displays on site, so stop by as you can.



**Daily Schedule for Field Demonstrations**

- 10 AM TO 12 PM: MOWING
- 10 AM TO 12 PM: MERGING AND FORAGE CHOPPING
- 1 PM TO 3 PM: MOWING
- 1 PM TO 3 PM: MERGING AND FORAGE CHOPPING

*The pick-up and drop-off area for trams to Field Demos is located at the west end of 6th Street North beyond Innovation Square and the UW Extension Tent.*

**Specialist Central**

	<b>TUESDAY Livestock Day</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY Farm Business Day</b>	<b>THURSDAY Crops and Soil Day</b>
10 AM	Is a Premium Beef Program an Option for Your Dairy Farm? – Victor Cabrera, Dairy Systems Management Specialist	Suicide Prevention - Melissa Kono, Clark County Community Development Educator	Patricia McManus, Fruit Pathology Specialist cranberry grower Dani Faber discuss advancements in cranberry production
11 AM	Costs of Dairy Heifer Rearing – Matt Akins, Dairy Heifer Specialist	Ten Things to Consider for Succession Planning – Joy Kirkpatrick, Farm Succession Specialist	Cover Crops and Soil Health in WI – Matt Ruark, Soil Scientist
1 PM	Kim Bremmer interviews Heiman Holstein's - FTD hosts about their dairy operation.	Dairy Market Update – Mark Stephenson, Ag and Applied Economics Academic Program Director	Can Less Be More - PLS Alfalfa Seeding Rate Study – Kevin Jarek, Outagamie County Crops, Soils and Horticulture Educator
2 PM	Raising a Small Poultry Flock – Adam Hady, Richland County Agriculture Educator and Ron Kean, Poultry Specialist	Kim Bremmer visits with members of the Sternweis family to discuss their dairy farm.	A conversation about dairy processing and retail dairy with hosts Weber's Farm Store and Kim Bremmer.

# Marinette County Holstein Association

## Annual Twilight Meeting

July 20, 2018

The annual Marinette County Holstein Association Twilight meeting will be held Friday, July 20, 2018 at Hoffman's Happy Holsteins, Peshtigo, WI. Hoffman's Happy Holsteins is the first robot rotary parlor in the United States. The 40-stall robot rotary is currently milking 540- cows with the most modern technology employed.

Hoffman's Happy Holsteins is owned by Kent & Heidi and Kerwin & Lisa Hoffman. The farm operates successfully with other family members including Kent and Kerwin's parents, Wayne and Barbara. Both brothers also have children farming with them and helping out.

Additionally, we are excited to have guest speaker Don Mielke. Don has a background in dairying for 47 years, plus he has worked in the artificial insemination industry for 35 years. He is dubbed the "AI Ambassador" to the world and will join us with an entertaining talk including stories about his trips to 3 different continents and over 24 trips to Europe to teach AI at colleges.

The farm will be open to the public beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meal will start at 6:30 p.m. with dairy judging results, the speaker, and door prizes to follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Farm location: The farm address is W6031 Town Hall Road, Peshtigo, WI 54157 about 1 mile west of County W.

Association members are asked to bring bars.

Sincerely, Phil Finger, Secretary

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## **WFU, Pheasants Forever to co-host Women Caring for the Land events**

These events are geared toward women farmers or landowners who are interested in learning more about conservation. Each event will kick off with coffee and networking. Lunch is a potluck (main dish provided) so bring a dish to pass.

Please dress for walking in pastures. Locations include:

- **July 20, 10am to 2pm, Bouessa Family Farm, N3775 Ritchie Rd., New London.** See Rachel Bouessa's grassfed and finished beef farm, where animals pasture year-round. Learn how healthy land leads to healthier animals.
- **Aug. 14, 8:30am-3pm, Buser Cattle Company, 6440 Wiesner Rd. Omro.** Katie Kopina Buser and her husband John Buser own Buser Cattle Company, an operation primarily focused on grazing beef cattle. They utilize owned and rented acres and are putting practices to work that they learned working on several large cattle operations out west.
- **Sept. 12, 8:30am-3pm, Bossie Cow Farm, W6174 Cty. Rd. SS, Random Lake.** Join Thelma Heidel-Baker, organic dairy farmer and insect conservation specialist for the Xerces Society, as she highlights pastured grazing for cows, pollinators and other wildlife, and how conservation can tie a family together through a farm transition.
- **Sept. 27, 8:30am-3pm, Long Winter Farm, W1446 Lawlor Rd., East Troy.** Rachel Anderson's mission is to farm efficiently and sustainably. This 1500-acre farm utilizes no-till, strip-till, GNSS-based application, advanced cover crop systems, and water quality monitoring. Additionally, they maintain refuge for wildlife through wetland, prairie, and oak savanna restorations. Rachel and her mother Pamela are starting a new adventure: a brand-new cut-flower business. Please register under the corresponding event at [www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/upcoming-events](http://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/upcoming-events) or RSVP to the WFU State Office at 715-723-5561. The Women Caring for the Land series was developed by the Women, Food and Agriculture Network. Learn more at [www.womencaringfortheland.org](http://www.womencaringfortheland.org).



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## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS OPEN HOUSE 2018

Producers and landowners interested in learning more about the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee are invited to an Open House on:  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Oconto-Marinette USDA Service Center**  
**Questions? Please contact the Oconto-Marinette**  
**COUNTY FSA Office at 920.829.5406 Ext. 2**

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this event should contact Nancy Swenty at 920-829-5406 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 by July 10, 2018.

***FSA COUNTS ON YOU;***

**VOTE  
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The Oconto-Marinette County FSA Office located at 410 ½ E. Main St., Lena, will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, July 11th. FSA staff will be sharing information on FSA's County Committee Election process and the importance of participating. Producers, including minority, women and new farmers, are encouraged to attend and also to participate in the 2018 election.

For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas (LAA). For 2018, an election will be held in LAA 2 and LAA 4. LAA 2 is comprised of the townships of Wagner, Middle Inlet, Stephenson, Athelstane, Silver Cliff, Lakewood, Riverview, Mountain, Doty, & Townsend. The townships of Porterfield, Peshtigo, Grover, Little River, Lena, and Oconto are included in LAA 4.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate. Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2018.

To find out more about the election, go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections> or contact Nancy Swenty at (920) 829-5406. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Nancy Swenty at (920) 829-5406 ext. 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, by June 28, 2018.

# 2018 Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training

**Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI**

**Mondays & Wednesdays, July 16, 18, 23, and 25**

Makeup days will be scheduled if needed.

**Cost: \$35/person**

**9 a.m. to 3:15 pm each day**



**Who Needs To Attend the Training?** Any 12 to 15-year old who may need to drive any type of farm machinery on a public road in Wisconsin. Others are welcome to attend the course, but only those older than 12 will receive certification. Those 16 years old and older without a valid driver's license can also utilize this training to be legal to drive farm machinery on public roads.

**Legal Review:** In Wisconsin, 14 and 15 year-olds who have successfully passed the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Farm Machinery Course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads for their parents or grandparents' farms AND can work for other farms and do the same. 12 and 13-year olds who have completed the course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads only when working for their parents or grandparents' farms. If you employ persons under 15 years or who do not have a driver's license, it is highly recommended that you have them attend the training, whether they drive on public roads or not, as this is a good all-around safety training (and you should be collecting a copy of their federal permit from them). You may want to talk to your insurance agent to double-check about requirements based on your insurance policy.

### **Some Logistics:**

- State law mandates 24 hours of training for this program. If participants are not going to be able to attend one of the scheduled days, we will figure out an acceptable make-up day that matches our schedules to allow them to complete the course. **Wednesday, July 25 is testing day and all participants MUST be in attendance.**
- Participants need to bring their own lunches, a refrigerator will be available for storage. Families are welcome to provide snacks, Scott will have water and/or lemonade and/or milk available.
- The course will emphasize hands-on and skill-building exercises, including first aid and fire safety from local emergency response personnel. We will be analyzing machinery for safety aspects, conducting on-farm safety assessments, and dozens of other activities, along with videos and course material review.

Call Scott at the Marinette County UWEX office, at either 715-732-7510 or toll-free 1-877-884-4408 if you have any questions, or you can e-mail to [scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu)

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Registration Form - Tractor & Machinery Safety Training - please print

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail to the following address by July 13, with a check for \$35 per participant and made payable to UW-Extension. OR contact Scott with the above information by then!

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Queen Bee Event



### Legacy and Transition



**When:** Thursday August 9th, 2018, at 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

**Where:** Windswept Acres Specialty Cut Flowers in Cecil, WI

**Who:** Female landowners and farmers (current or future)

**What:** Join female resource professionals from the Farm Service Agency, UW-Extension, Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pheasants Forever, and Peshtigo National Bank for an evening of conversation and education on farm legacy and transition.

- Part 1: Question and answer learning circle with resource professionals
- Part 2: Light dinner and networking
- Part 3: Guided informational tour of a specialty cut flower operation including greenhouses, pollinator habitat, and wildlife pond

**Why:** Network with like-minded women and share goals for your land or farming operation and explore ways to accomplish them.

**Cost:** Free

**Special Considerations:** Tour of the property will last approximately an hour on uneven terrain, so please dress accordingly. Inquire about special accommodations. Space is limited and registration will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

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*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." – Nelson Henderson*

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**If interested in attending this event or for additional questions, please contact Myha Hart at the Oconto-Marinette County Farm Service Agency at 920-829-5406 Ext. 2 or [myha.hart@wi.usda.gov](mailto:myha.hart@wi.usda.gov) by July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

*The learning circles method of conservation outreach to women farmland owners, and the activities used, were developed by Women, Food and Agriculture Network for its Women Caring for the Land<sup>SM</sup> program.*

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Nancy Swenty at 920-829-5406 Ext. 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 by July 26th, 2018.

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# Fall Forages – Selection, Planting, and Harvest

July 19<sup>th</sup>

10 am to 2 pm

**Green Valley Community Center**

W1734 Hwy E, Cecil (just west of Advance)

## Topics include:

- Forage options after wheat – monocultures and mixes for fall and spring harvest
- Best management strategies for fall alfalfa establishment
- Fertilizer considerations for fall forages and new seeding alfalfa
- Preparing for corn silage harvest

## Workshop is Free

Light lunch provided by  
Shawano County Forage Council

Please RSVP with the Shawano County UWEX Office at  
(715) 526-6136

Sponsored by – Shawano County Forage Council



## Crops Management Events in the area

### Soybean Population, Pests, and Plant Management

Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> Town of Little River

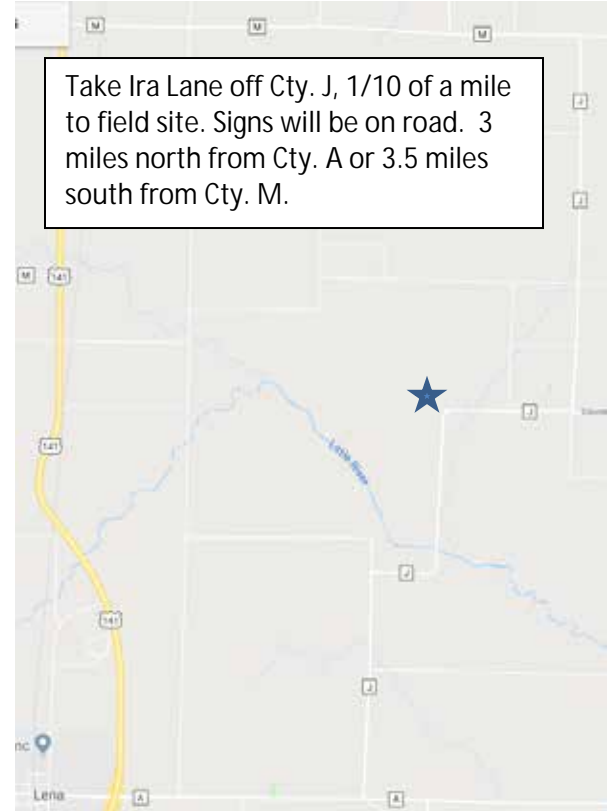
9:30 a.m. to Noon

**Free to attend, snacks on hand, and reference materials given out to all attendees**

We will be focusing on a few different aspects of soybean management, including viewing of the planting population trial found at this field. Planted rates ranged between 69,000 and 285,000 seeds per acre.

Topics of discussion/demonstration/walk through at this event:

- Soy Plant Population, what is best in various situations?
- Soy nutrient management needs
- Pest Scouting and Identification – current scouting needs, identification of what is in your fields now and what can yet be done; or what could have been done earlier.



### Making Winter Wheat Profitable, Kiel, July 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a “Making Winter Wheat Profitable” Production Workshop for farmers/agricultural professionals in Northeast and East Central Wisconsin at the Millhome Supper Club in Kiel. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. with the program starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. and concluding by 2 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person and includes lunch.

Shawn Conley, UW-Madison/UW-Extension Soybean and Small Grains Specialist, will discuss choosing successful winter wheat varieties, crop management decisions, and staging wheat. Damon Smith, UW-Madison/UW-Extension Field Crops Plant Pathologist will discuss winter wheat diseases along with fungicide selection and timing. Carrie Laboski, UW-Madison/UW-Extension Soil Scientist will discuss profitability and the 4R’s for Wheat Management. Brenda Boetel, UW-Extension Marketing Specialist or Kevin Jarek, UW-Extension Crops, Soils, and Horticulture Agent, Outagamie County will examine cost of production via crop enterprise budgeting as well as share information about marketing strategies to maximize profitability. NOTE: Contact Scott to receive registration materials for this event.

### Corn Hybrid Trial & Management Field Day, Stephenson, MI August 28

Michigan State University Extension and the University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a field day in conjunction with their joint corn hybrid trial site at the Meintz Farm near Stephenson, MI. It will be either in afternoon or evening of that day and will include Dr. Singh from MSU Extension and UW-Extension Corn Agronomist Joe Lauer, along with county extension agents Scott Reuss and Monica Jean, Marinette and Menominee Counties. Watch for details in the August newsletter, but get this date on your calendars.