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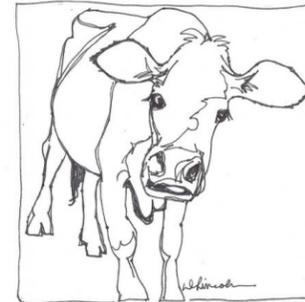
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# Agriculture Newsletter

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Things are changing outside—trees, soybeans, temperature, seasons, and length of daylight hours. The mild temperatures with coalescing warm sunshine and the myriad of colors in the trees make me smile. I know summer is behind us when pumpkins start to grace doorsteps, and cornstalks are a mainstay not only in the field but also as an addition to the exterior décor of houses. Fall is here.

If we know one thing to hold constant in life, it is change. Not only are we experiencing it outside, but also as you take note of all the local up-coming programs listed on the Calendar of Events. Please take a moment to look at the calendar to make note on the programs you would like to attend.

As many have already read and heard Act 377 (Implements of Animal Husbandry) has brought about the most significant changes to the legislation affecting farm equipment in the last 30 years. Scott Reuss, Marinette County Agriculture Agent, and I will be hosting local producer meetings over the next two months to inform you on the changes on Implements of Animal Husbandry (Act 377) and how they will affect you and the farm equipment you own. If you have specific questions about permitting or rulings and are unable to attend a meeting or need an answer before a meeting, please do not hesitate to call either Scott or I for clarification. We would be happy to assist you.

Another change worth mentioning is the change of the FSA Farm Loan office location. If you have not received your letter, or have not opened your letter, the FSA Farm Loan Office location has changed. Please refer to the Events and Deadline for further information.

I will be the first to say I would like the warm weather to stay for as long as possible; however, I know all good things must come to an end.

Happy Harvest!!

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.

# Events, Deadlines and Notes

## FSA Farm Loan Team

Just a reminder, as of September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Oconto FSA Farm Loan Team which was currently housed in the Oconto FSA office has relocated to the Shawano FSA Office. The new combined Farm Loan Team located in the Shawano FSA Office will serve customers in the following counties: Brown, Oconto, Outagamie, Marinette, Menominee, Shawano and Waupaca. The contact information for the combined office is:

Farm Service Agency  
603A Lakeland Road, Shawano, WI 54166-3843  
Phone: 715.524.4814 Ext 2, Fax: 866.296.9265

The Oconto Farm Program which handles crop and commodity programs including the commodity loans and Farm Storage Facility Loans for Oconto and Marinette Counties will remain at the Oconto Office.

## Fall Cow/Calf & Grazing Management Field Day in Aurora

Fall management of your beef cow/calf herd and the forage on which they graze is critical to maximizing your annual farm profitability for both this year and next. UW-Extension of Florence and Marinette Counties, along with NRCS and Florence County Land & Water Conservation, are sponsoring a Field Day on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> which will focus on these key management aspects. The event will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude by 5:30 p.m.

The Field Day is hosted by Roger & Rita Krans at their farm, 2891 Florence Co. Hwy N. Krans' have recently installed a NRCS cost-shared fencing and rotational grazing system on their farm, with funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. NRCS personnel will be on hand to answer questions about Krans' project, as well as what the opportunities may be for attending producers on their own farms. Fencing facts, figures, and how-to's will be part of this portion of the program.

The other primary discussion topics that day will revolve around forage selection and management, parasite management, and fall cow/calf herd management considerations. The discussion of these topics will be led by UW-Extension Agriculture Agents Scott Reuss and Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM, and Roger & Rita Krans. A pasture walk will be part of the day's events, to be able to examine the forage management and selection principles in action. Dress appropriately for the weather.

## 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>.

September 30-October 4	Madison	World Dairy Expo
October 1	Florence	Cow/Calf Field Day
October 2	Various Locations	Corn Silage Sampling
October 7	Green Bay	Pasture Walk-Robotic Milkers
October 8	Lena	Soil Health Field Day
October 9	Pound Town Hall	DMPP Meeting
October 9	Various Locations	Corn Silage Sampling
October 16	Various Locations	Corn Silage Sampling
October 18	Marinette	Harmony Halloween Family Fun
November 7	Crivitz Village Hall	Implements of Husbandry Meeting
November 12	Lena Town Hall	Implements of Husbandry Meeting
December 9	Gillett Public Library	Implements of Husbandry Meeting

The day will wrap up with a Corn Silage Question & Answer session. Corn silage producers will also be able to have their corn tested for whole-plant moisture. Testing will be free to all Florence County producers, \$5 per sample for others. If possible, please arrive early if bringing corn samples so that chopping can get completed in a timely manner or bring them at 5 p.m.

There will be a \$5 registration fee, which will includes snacks, handouts, and other resources. To pre-register (not required, but appreciated) or if you have any questions, please call Kathy in Florence at 715-528-4480, Scott in Marinette at 715-732-7510 or toll-free at 1-877-884-4480 or email to [scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu)

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## Pasture Walk – Robotic Milkers

**Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

**Time: 1-3:00pm**

Andy's Organic Dairy/Andy Jaworski, 4863 Meadow Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313

Dairy farming has always been a part of Andy Jaworski, he is now making a life at what he has always enjoyed being a part of. Growing up on the 130 plus acre dairy farm he now is operating, Andy has always enjoyed most of the tasks and responsibilities it takes to make a good farmer. After attending the 2007 Grassworks Grazing Conference Andy knew this was the type of farming was for him. Being greatly interested in the concepts and ideology of grazing his vision for farming was forming.

To enhance the hands on knowledge that Andy had gained he also earned an undergrad degree in finance from UW-Milwaukee and followed that up with the UW-Madison Farm & Industry short course, which promotes more hands on practical experience. Andy then entered into a milkshare arrangement with a local successful grazing organic dairy farmer. When the time came for Andy to strike out on his own he decided to invest in robotic milkers which are

designed to make milking more efficient and profitable. Robotic milkers allow the cows to come in and get milked on their schedule not the farmers.

Directions: Hwy 29 west to County U turn North on U. First right onto Glendale. 1 mile left on to Marley. Marley turns in to County Hwy C at the next stop sign. Go straight at the stop sign. First road on the left Meadow Dr. It is a dead end - the farm at the end of the road. Please dress weather and farm appropriate.

Sponsored by Glacierland RC&D, Organic Valley and NRCS. Any questions: Contact Molly Meyers at [mgc@glacierlandrcd.org](mailto:mgc@glacierlandrcd.org) or 920-680-6484. More information available at [www.glacierlandrcd.org](http://www.glacierlandrcd.org)

## Soil Health Field Day

**Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**Time: 9 am-12 pm**

Daniel Olson Farm, 6653 Fredrickson Rd., Lena, WI

A Soil Health Day will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Daniel Olson Farm in Lena. Jamie Patton, Shawano County Agriculture Agent, and Scott Reuss, Marinette County Agriculture Agent, will be sharing on a variety of topics related to soil health management and monitoring techniques. Topics covered will be:

- Soil organic matter and soil biology
- Compaction and plow pan determination
- Soil aggregate stability (slake test)
- Water infiltration
- Soil temperature and residue
- Soil health lab tests

The field is located at the intersection of McCarthy Road and Fredrickson Road. From 141 take McCarthy Road east approximately 1 mile to the intersection.

## FSA DMPP Meeting

The Oconto Farm Service Agency will be hosting an informational meeting about the Dairy Margin Protection Program, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Town Pound Hall outside Coleman. The meeting will begin at 1 pm. More information about the meeting will be forthcoming, please watch local papers for a press release.

## Local Implements of Husbandry Workshop for Producers

Workshops detailing the new changes to the Implements of Husbandry will take place at varying locations and times throughout Oconto and Marinette Counties. The workshops will include speakers discussing the new regulations including size and weight, definitions, lighting and marking, rules of the road, permits and buyer disclosures. Information presented at each meeting will be the same.

November 7	9:30 am Crivitz Village Hall 800 Henrietta Avenue, Crivitz
November 12	1:00 pm Lena Town Hall 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena
December 9	6:30 pm Gillett Public Library 200 East Main Street, Gillett

## Corn Silage Sampling Results

September 17, 2014

Middle Inlet/ Wausaukee	Town of Beaver	Town of Pound	Gillett
65.6%-from frozen field, dead to just above cob	71%	73%	71.5%
74.9%	77%		69%
74.7%	70%		
72.3%			
72%			

## Weekly Hay Price Report as of September 12, 2014

Current hay demand and price reports can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/h-m-r/>

### Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	Price (\$/ton)		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	220.00	200.00	240.00
	Large Square	206.27	100.00	295.00
	Large Round	154.50	100.00	195.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	157.19	92.50	215.00
	Large Round	86.25	75.00	100.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	55.00	55.00	55.00
	Large Square	82.50	65.00	100.00
	Large Round	66.53	50.00	88.33