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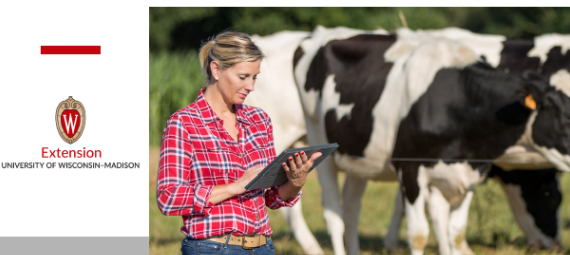
Monthly Report September 2020

AGRICULTURE

Stephanie Plaster

The **Eastern WI Farm Management Update** is held in May and September each year and is co-chaired by Stephanie. The fall update is being held monthly via zoom from September through December. September's session was focused on the Eastern WI Forage Update. Three Extension speakers spoke on fall forage management decisions, feed inventory and quality after corn silage harvest, and making decisions for 2021: planting after corn silage harvest. Thirty-eight people logged on to the webinar, and eleven participants who were not available to watch it live viewed the recording.

As a result of attending this meeting, participants (n=17) felt they now have the tools to help them better understand how to manage their farm's/client's forage inventory (+4.3 based on a 5 pt Likert scale where 1 = strongly disagree and 5 = strongly agree), and they also indicated they feel more confident in their forage management decisions for their farm/clients (+4.3). Participants agreed this was a good use of their time (+4.4).



Farm Management Update for Ag Professionals

The **Ozaukee Master Gardeners** have been continuing to plan educational sessions for the general public. During their September educational meeting, seventy-five attendees tuned into the presentation on "All Things Bees". As a result of attending the meeting, participants (n=54) indicated their knowledge on the importance of bees and beekeeping has increased (+4.6). Participants also agreed the webinar was a valuable use of their time (+4.6).

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Jayna Hintz

Understanding the importance of empowering volunteers and based on the success of the Charter Chats Jayna held with 4-H leaders in July and August, the chats or conversations will continue through the next year. Each month a new topic will be selected with three options offered to join the conversation. The conversations are a resource and support for Club leaders and youth and adult project leaders. Club and project leaders from Ozaukee, Fond du Lac and Washington County are invited to join these one hour, optional, Zooms. The conversations are an opportunity for leaders to ask questions, brainstorm and share ideas with other 4-H leaders, and 4-H Program Educators, The September topic was "Program Approvals for In-Person Meetings." Based on the evaluations from September's Conversation Corners 100% strongly agreed the topic was relevant and timely. 100% agreed and strongly agreed the discussion increased their understanding of the topic, and 100% agreed or strongly agreed they would attend a future conversation corner discussion. October's discussion will focus on The Wisconsin 4-H Movement #wi4hmovement. We will discuss the purpose of the 4-H movement, how it was developed, resources and tools, and examples of each value of the 4-H movement. The 4-H Movement is committed to providing youth development opportunities and promoting positive change for young people. To learn more about The Wisconsin 4-H movement join the next [Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall meeting](#) or register [now](#) to join the next 4-H Conversation Corner.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Karina Ward

Homelessness is an issue that impacts every community. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought additional attention to the need for homelessness prevention and new solutions for families at risk of becoming homeless.

Extension is partnering with the United Way of Northern Ozaukee on a Virtual Homelessness Prevention Town Hall series beginning on October 15. The event will feature Dr. Janice Wilberg, community planning consultant. Dr. Wilberg will share results of a recently completed needs analysis survey and outline strategies for focusing community resources to prevent homelessness in Ozaukee County.

The event will also include a panel discussion moderated by Karina. Panelists include Barbara Bates-Nelson of United Way of Northern Ozaukee, Kathleen Christenson Fisher of Family Promise of Ozaukee County, Diana Eggold of Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee, and Barb Fischer of Advocates of Ozaukee. Registration is available at: <https://www.unitedwayno.org/homelessness-prevention-town-hall-series>

The United Way of Northern Ozaukee recently released the latest ALICE report. ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed and describes households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to be financially stable. The survival budget for a single adult in Ozaukee County is \$23,772 compared to the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,140. The survival budget for a family of four in Ozaukee County is \$75,420 while the Federal Poverty Level is \$25, 100.

As of 2018, 6,990 households (19.6%) in Ozaukee County earned less than the basic cost of living. This is a decrease from 7,223 households (20.4%) in 2016. The largest group of ALICE households by type are those age 65 and older (4,264). There is also a significant number of single and cohabitating ALICE households (3,333). When considered individually, the Towns of Cedarburg and Grafton have the lowest ALICE rates at 15% while the Villages of Thiensville and Saukville have the highest rates at 34% and 44%, respectively.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2020

- 4-H Re-enrollment Period

October 1,6,8,13,15,20,22, 2020

- [Rent Smart Virtual Training](#), Online, 7 pm.

October 5, 24, 2020

- [Virtual 4-H Open Houses](#), Online, Times Vary

October 7, 13, 29, 2020

- 4-H Conversation Corners, Online, Times Vary

October 8, 22, 2020

- [Meet Michigan 4-H Virtual Exchange](#), Online, 6 pm.

October 13, 27, 2020

- [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published

October 15, 2020

- [Virtual Homelessness Prevention Town Hall](#), 9 am. (registration required)
- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Online, 6 pm.

October 22, 2020

- [Farm Management Update: Dairy Markets & Nutrition for the Year Ahead](#), 1 pm, Zoom (registration required)

October 29, 2020

- [4-H Club Officer Virtual Training](#), Online, 6 pm.



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