

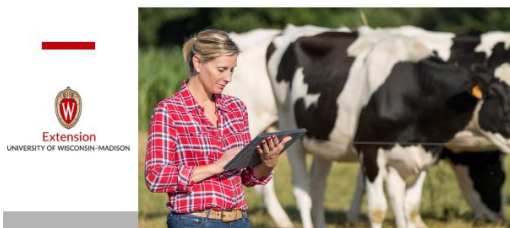


Monthly Report November 2020

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. November's session was focused on Prioritizing Financial and Marketing Decisions. An Extension specialist spoke on "2020 End of Year Review: Crops and Farm Finances" and a local Market Adviser spoke on "Year-End Grain Marketing Decisions". Eighty-eight people logged on to the webinar. The sessions were recorded and closed captioned so they could be released publicly. The videos have been viewed forty-one times.



Farm Management Update for Ag Professionals

As a result of attending this meeting, participants (n=44) felt they now have the tools and resources to help them better understand how to prioritize their farm's/my client's year-end financial decisions (+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 ability to make better informed decisions regarding grain marketing for their farm/clients (+4.3). One hundred percent of participants agreed this was a good use of their time. After the meeting, several participants emailed me and commented "program was great" and "good webinar; thanks".

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Jayna Hintz

Ozaukee County 4-H received funding from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to reach new audiences in our community. We are partnering with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County to provide a 4-H experience to their matches. Jayna Hintz, 4-H Program Educator, met in the spring with Nicole Bulow, Director of the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Ozaukee County. The meeting and conversation created an effort to develop a method to explain the benefits of 4-H to the youth and adults involved with the BBBS organization.

The 4-H experience will be provided to the Big Brothers Big Sisters matches through *4-H Projects Boxes*. Science, art, and wellness are the project themes featured and developed into at-home learning opportunities or project boxes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters surveyed their matches to find out which projects they would like to experience and determined how many of each project would be needed. Each project box includes information about 4-H, project materials, instructions, reflection questions, and an evaluation. Delivery of the 4-H project boxes will take place the week of December 14th. We are excited to provide the matches with the 4-H experience to "learn by doing". We cannot wait to see what the youth in our community create with their 4-H Project Boxes!





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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Karina Ward

The Executive Director of United Way of Northern Ozaukee contacted Karina to facilitate a town hall introducing the 2020 report on homelessness in Ozaukee County, authored by Dr. Janice Wilberg of Wilberg Community Planning. Given COVID-19, Karina worked with Dr. Wilberg, United Way, and several local non-profits to design a two-part virtual town hall.

During the first session, Dr. Wilberg shared the key findings and recommendations, three local non-profit leaders shared how they are adapting their homelessness prevention work as a result of COVID-19, and Karina moderated questions from participants. 31 people attended the first session. The second session provided an opportunity for participants to pre-select from the topics of affordable housing, community engagement, and emergency shelter and spend 45 minutes in a facilitated conversation about potential action steps. 23 people attended session two. At the conclusion of the session, participants shared their desire to move the work forward with additional conversations within their working groups.

Through polling during the first session, 95% of participants agreed that homelessness is a moderate or major issue in Ozaukee County and 70% reported that the presentation had a moderate or major impact on their perception of homelessness in Ozaukee County. Through evaluation, 93% of participants agreed that the second session contributed to valuable conversations while 70% reported that they were likely to take action after participating in the session. One participant commented that it was a "great platform for meaningful discussions!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1, 2020

- 4-H Deadline to ADD Projects
- 4-H Annual Leader Training, 7 pm., Zoom

December 3, 2020

- [Dairy Margin Coverage Decision-Making Webinar](#), 12 pm, Zoom
- 4-H Meet Michigan Virtual Exchange, 6 pm., Zoom

December 8, 2020

- [4-H Harbinger](#) Published
- [4-H Meetings Reimagined: Zoom Training](#), 6:30 pm., Zoom

December 9, 2020

- [4-H Conversation Corner](#), 6:30 pm., Zoom

December 10, 2020

- [Farm Management Update - 2020 Tough Talk: Difficult Conversations, COVID-19, and Taxes](#), 1 pm, Zoom
- 4-H Annual Leader Training, 7 pm., Zoom

December 14, 2020

- [Heart of the Farm: Putting the 'Me' in Merry: Self Care Tips for the Holiday Season](#), 10 am, Zoom
- [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 1pm. or 6:30pm., Zoom

December 16, 2020

- [4-H Conversation Corner](#), 1 pm., Zoom
- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, 6 pm. Zoom

December 22, 2020

- [4-H Harbinger Published](#)

December 24-25, 31, 2020 & January 1, 2021

- Holiday, Office Closed

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