



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

July 2023 Report

Agriculture

Regional Agriculture Educators



If it happens on a farm or in a field, the Extension Institute of Agriculture works with you to achieve better results. Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management. Extension researchers work hand-in-hand with row crop, forage and fresh produce growers to provide best practices for every aspect of the growing phase. We also advise communities on using sustainable practices to create inviting spaces free from invasive species

Agriculture Highlights

- **Crops:** Liz Gartman, Crops Educator
 - An interview with WBAY TV in Green Bay where the focus was the effect of drought/dry conditions and how it impacts the crop growth and effect on feed inventories for area crop and livestock producers. The goal is to provide viewers insight into the effects of dry weather on the local farm economy.
 - A dairy production newsletter for farmers, managers, employees and agribusiness professionals that provides the reader direction on reporting local drought conditions to the USDA and instructs the process of performing feed inventories and assessments geared toward ensuring producers can meet feed and forage needs despite dry growing conditions. This newsletter provides timely updates on Extension recommendations and industry news.
 - A series of in person and virtual meetings with UW Madison - Extension colleagues, producer led conservation groups, USDA and Farm Service Agency partners, agriculture industry contacts and crop producers where we discussed opportunities for partnerships, ag community needs and programming gaps. The goal of this activity is to generate an informal needs assessment of the regional ag community in order to plan programming that will provide support to the community.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Educator
 - Developing and planning a four-part Spanish dairy webinar series for Spanish-speaking dairy managers, herd managers, herds persons, and employees. The goal of this effort is to teach unbiased, university-based research in the areas of reproduction, nutrition, dairy management, and milk quality so they can improve farm viability and food safety, while maintaining animal wellbeing and welfare.
 - A dairy production and management newsletter for farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals where they learned about recording drought conditions, taking and managing forage inventory, understanding impact of fatty acids on milk production, and utilizing fecal starch as a tool to determine starch digestibility. The goal is to improve farm business vitality, environmental sustainability, and food safety.
 - Planning and development of a carbon conference for dairy owners and managers, consultants, engineers, and agribusiness professionals in collaboration with Iowa State University Extension, University of Minnesota Extension, and University of Illinois Extension. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals best management practices to reduce or mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and how to enter, navigate, and discuss carbon markets to address dairy production management, thus improving farm business management viability and environmental sustainability.



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Community Development

Tania Spofford, Community Development Educator



Community Development provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enriches the lives of their residents. IN short, the Community Development Institute plants and cultivates the seeds for thriving communities and organizations.

Community Development Highlights

- A facilitated process for a nonprofit organization, where leaders are participating in an organizational assessment and strategic planning focused on increasing capacity to deliver programs and services that address substance use and recovery.
- A survey of community park visitors to gain insights into park usage patterns and gather feedback on desired improvements. The results of this study will directly inform the Ozaukee Planning and Parks Department in updating the County Park and Open Space Plan, aiming to enhance recreational experiences for residents and visitors alike.
- Planning for and developing a facilitated process for nonprofit leaders to engage in dialogue and develop collaborative solutions to address the common obstacles preventing them from doing their best work. By creating collaborative action plans, nonprofit organizations will reduce competition for limited resources while improving their capacity to address community needs.

We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

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