



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
 - The webinar, Badger Crop Connect, is meant for agriculture producers, consultants, and industry professionals where they can learn more about timely agriculture related topics from non-bias research-based sources. The goal is to provide seasonal updates on the latest research and recommendations related to current field conditions and crop stages. This activity is designed to provide tangible information that can make a positive impact in the short term which ultimately leads to long term environmental and financial sustainability on Wisconsin farms.
 - An e-mail interview with the Ozaukee News Graphic regarding the effect of extended dry conditions in the Ozaukee and Washington County areas and the effect it has had on the farm economy and local crop production. The goal of this effort is to provide the community at large insight into the impact of the dry weather on field crops and vegetable growers as it relates to the area's farm economy and food availability.
- **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.
 - 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.
 - A video series (Dairy Digitals) for farmers and dairy consultants focusing on herd health management such as finding the sick cow and finding the off cow. Additional videos on health issues such as metritis and ketosis are also part of the series. The videos will be available online and translated into Spanish.



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Community Development

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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.

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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