

Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON OZAUKEE COUNTY

### October 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
  - Planning for a Regional Ag Day program for farmers, agronomists, nutritionists and other agriculture professionals in collaboration with the Cedar Creek Farmers in Washington county. The goal is to provide timely livestock, dairy and crop production and marketing updates to producers so they can make informed animal and crop management decisions in 2024.
  - A radio segment for crops and livestock producers that outlined the Waterhemp Herbicide Resistance screening project where producers learned about the opportunity to have waterhemp weed seeds tested for resistance to multiple herbicide modes of action. The goal is to identify areas where waterhemp is developing resistance and provide growers management tools to deal with this problem.
- Dairy: Tina Kohlman, Dairy Educator
  - A digital/print media interview conducted by national agriculture magazine for dairy farmers, herdspersons, calf managers and employees, and other agribusiness professionals, where they learned nutritional and environmental management practices to mitigate cold stress in pre-weaned calves to improve farm business viability and food safety while maintaining animal welfare and wellbeing.
  - A field study data collection in collaboration with Colorado State University to better understand the practices and challenges associated with transportation of pre-weaned dairy heifer, dairy bull, and beef x dairy calves from the source (dairy farms), hauler, and receiver (calf raiser). Results from this study will help dairy farmers, managers, haulers, calf raisers, and the dairy community in adopting practices and improving transportation welfare to improve farm business viability and food safety.



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# **Additional Impacts for County**

Statewide Programming Efforts

#### Community Development Highlight

• A 2-day mini-conference for community leaders working on broadband in southeast and northeast Wisconsin, where participants learned about broadband and digital equity planning, funding/financing, and how to craft effective public-private partnerships in order to increase their capacity for broadband expansion, improving overall quality of life and economic opportunity for all members of their communities.

## 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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