



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

December 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.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Educator
 - A recorded presentation for dairy farmers, herd managers, employees, custom heifer raisers, nutritionists, veterinarians, and other agribusiness professionals where individuals learned how nutrition management, digital dermatitis prevention and control, transition management into milking, and housing management have an impact on heifer lameness to improve farm business viability and food safety through animal welfare.
 - A Dairy-Forage Day Meeting in collaboration with local Forage Council and Midwest Forage Association for dairy farmers, herd managers, crop managers, agronomists, nutritionists, and other agriculture service providers, where participants learned about dairy markets and policy; optimizing cover crops strategies to optimize forage, soil, and water quality goals; forage quality from field to the feed bunk; and impact of copper sulfate footbath use on WI soil, manure, and forage copper concentrations to improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and animal welfare.
 - A Midwest Forage Association "Forage Focus" popular press article for dairy farmers, nutritionists, forage producers, and other agribusiness professionals where they learned how a farm business operation utilized new technologies and best management practices to grow their farm business operation to improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety while maintaining animal welfare.



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Statewide Impact Snapshot

2023 Programming Efforts

Extension reaches more than **575,000 direct participants** in our programming ever year, including



120,000 contacts with agricultural producers and farm technicians



15,000 local and Tribal government officials and staff



18,500 nonprofit workers and support agency advocates



18,000 business professionals and entrepreneurs



148,000 young people and **42,000** seniors

We also partner with more than **2,000 community organizations and businesses**, empower **26,000 youth 4-H members** who contribute over 140,000 hours of volunteer time, and support **10,500 volunteers** in their work equaling 420,000 hours of service.

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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