



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
OZAUKEE COUNTY

# November 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.
  - Planning a local dairy-forage-nutrition meeting for dairy farmers, herds managers, feeders, nutritionists and other agribusiness professionals in collaboration with the Fond du Lac County Forage Council. The goal of this effort is to share with participants new practices, technologies, and/or research related to cover crop and soil health, nutrition and alternative forage, dairy and grain marketing outlook, and disposal of coppers sulfate footbaths so that farms can improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Educator
  - A Midwest Farm Weekly television interview for WRFV Channel 5 audience where individuals learned best management practices for calves to mitigate cold stress, thus improving productivity and animal health to improve farm business viability and food safety through 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.
  - A dairy production and management newsletter in collaboration with Eastern Wisconsin Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative for farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals, where subscribers learned about herbicide resistance screening, phosphorus stratification in soil health systems, corn-alfalfa interseeding, pre-weaned calf transportation, impact of copper sulfate footbaths on manure, soil and forage copper concentrations, and hypocalcemia best management practices. This effort was designed to provide a timely and reliable source of dairy management news and updates to help farms improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety.



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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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