



## 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

- Quality forage production is the cornerstone of dairy cattle feeding programs. As the dairy industry is a key economic driver in Wisconsin, it is necessary to provide research driven recommendations to forage producers as they manage cropping decisions. Extension has a robust level of expertise in the forage production space, however many client facing publications have not been updated as specialists and educators have retired or moved on. As new staff join the Extension team, refreshing this forage production resource became a priority to ensure the most relevant information is available to forage producers. A team of Extension educators and specialists in the crops, dairy and livestock programs have catalogued and are assessing the priority and importance of each resource posted on the previous website, and are strategically moving content forward and refreshing content where more relevant work has been done. This provides forage producers with reliable information and research that allows them to make the best decisions for their operations.
- Planning for a series of listening sessions for dairy producers and nutritionists where we will engage attendees to share their input related to custom dairy heifer grazing in Wisconsin. This activity is designed to determine what barriers to implementation exist when integrating more dairy heifers into perennial landscape grazing systems so we can develop future programs to support producers in these systems.
- 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. (Location type: Both) (Liz Gartman)

- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Educator

- A bi-weekly radio interview for farmers, agricultural industry persons, youth livestock, and youth dairy where they learned about extension agriculture related resources, information, and timely webinars to help them to be connected and supported, and make better informed decisions regarding their farm business operations or youth large animal project to improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety.



## Additional Impacts for County

### Other Programming Efforts

- **Real Colors® Personality Test Facilitation:** Real Colors® is a fun and interactive workshop that will provide participants with skills to understand human behavior and skills that are easy to incorporate into work life and everyday life. The techniques learned through Real Colors® can help bring about lasting, positive change, resulting in higher levels of success for all. The Community Development Educator facilitates Real Colors® Workshop for local public, private, and nonprofit organizations often searching for a tool for staff development, communication, and team building. If you would like to find out more information about Real Colors® facilitation for your organization, contact the Community Development Educator.
  - **Why choose Real Colors® Facilitation through UW-Extension?** Check out this video highlighting the impact of Real Colors® Facilitation: [Real Colors Video link](#)

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