

# Agriculture Newsletter

December 2020

Hello everyone,

I'd like to first start off by introducing myself, I am one of the administrative associates for the La Crosse County Extension office, Andrea Northey. I have been helping Kaitlyn create these newsletters since August. I was originally hired through extension back in March, right before the county shut down due to COVID-19, so I was unable to start until the summer. I am originally from Red Wing, MN but have been living in this area for almost a year. I enjoy all things with the outdoors, a few examples would be camping, hiking, and gardening. Although I do not have much experience with agriculture or farming, my in laws have a farm where they raise beef cattle. I hope that in the future I will continue to learn more so that we will one day take over the family farm. I hope you all continue to join the webinars, zooms, and other activities that Extension offers. I know that zoom meetings/webinars can become long and uninteresting, but please feel free to contact our office, we would love to meet new people and stay connected to all of you. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!



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# Resources

La Crosse County Extension  
Opportunities:

<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-programming-opportunities/>

Harvest of Hope:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/news/2020/08/24/harvest-of-hope-resources/>

Livestock Website:

<https://extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/livestock>

Farm Management:

<https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/>

Farm Ready Research Webinar Series:

<https://extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research/>



"MAN - DESPITE HIS ARTISTIC  
PRETENSIONS, HIS  
SOPHISTICATION, AND HIS  
MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS -  
OWES HIS EXISTENCE TO A  
SIX INCH LAYER OF TOP SOIL  
AND THE FACT THAT IT RAINS."  
-UNKNOWN

## Farm Ready Research Webinar Series



Farm Ready Research is Extension's agriculture winter webinar meeting series for farmers and ag professionals. Join the webinars to learn the most up-to-date information on topics from dairy and livestock production to farm management resources. Sessions begin December 2020 and run through April 2021. Review the program topics and descriptions below. Click the "Register Now" button to pick your meetings of interest and receive connection information and meeting reminders. Note that you will not be registered nor receive connection information without using the "Register Now" button.

<https://extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research/>



### **Badger Dairy Insight: Feeding for profits - nutrient digestibility and milk components on January 5th @ 1:00PM**

Discussions by Luiz Ferraretto, Assistant professor on how to optimize the concentration and digestibility of starch to improve lactation performance, Matt Lippert, Agriculture Extension Educator on can you change feed components depending on the milk check, and Ashley Olson, Agriculture Extension Educator on how alternative forages can be dairy cow feed.

### **Farm Management Fridays: Navigating Your Farm Business through 2021 on January 8th @ 11:00AM**

This webinar will feature Extension specialists discussing economic factors and considerations for the best path forward for your business while navigating an uncertain future.

### **Badger Dairy Insight: Preparing for an Emergency on January 12th @ 1:00PM**

The sound of sirens echoing through the rural countryside, whether in response to an accident, fire, or a natural disaster, brings warning of potential loss to individuals or businesses involved. When an emergency happens, response time is essential. Preparing for An Emergency will cover actions steps you can take for different types of emergencies, Things that will help first responders, creating your emergency team, and help develop business continuity.

### **Beef: An Update on Mineral and Vitamin Needs for Beef Cattle on January 12th @ 7:00PM**

UW-Madison Division of Extension Livestock Program announces its Wisconsin Beef Special Edition -virtual series. Presented by Dr. Stephanie Hansen, Iowa State University. Mineral & vitamin nutrition is critical to the health and performance of beef cattle. Several supplement options exist, but they come at a cost. This session will cover the newest developments in mineral & vitamin nutrition recommendations and how to balance in your feeding program.

### **Farm Management Fridays: In it for the long haul - Cash flow during a Crisis on January 15th @ 11:00AM**

Planning your cash flow is essential, and challenging during uncertain times of the ongoing covid19 crisis. Kevin Bernhardt, Extension Farm Management Specialist/UW River Falls Professor and Heather Schlessler, Marathon County Extension Ag Educator will discuss important cash flow analysis considerations, concerns and tools to help.

### **Basic Lambing Skills for the Beginning Shepherd on January 20th @ 7:30PM**

Be prepared for the upcoming lamb crop. Receive information from the UW-Madison Sheep Unit on ewe and lamb care before, during, and after parturition.

### **Farm Management Fridays: Farm-gate Economic Outlook forum on January 22nd @ 11:00AM**

This webinar will focus on farm scale economic outlook and actions for farms in 2021 with a panel discussion by Extension Farm Management Specialist: Paul Mitchell, Ag and Applied Economics & Renk Agribusiness Institute, Mark Stephenson, UW Center for Dairy Profitability, Brenda Boetel, UW River Falls, and moderator Jim Versweyeld, Walworth County Extension Ag Educator.