



Farm Management Update for  
Ag Professionals

## Eastern WI Forages Update

Thursday, September 24, 2020 | 1:00 m to 2:30 pm  
Register by 5:00 pm, Sept 23 at <https://go.wisc.edu/62av56>

Feed costs account for roughly half of the dairy farm's total expenses. Extreme weather events and excessive moisture have created forage challenges to varying degrees across Eastern Wisconsin. It will be important to make decisions that are agronomically and economically sound, as markets and prices remain volatile due to the pandemic.

**"Eastern WI Forages Update"** is the first webinar in the "Farm Management Update for Ag Professionals Fall 2020 Series" which will take place virtually in 4 monthly sessions starting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. We will discuss forage supply, demand, quality, and pricing with an emphasis on financial considerations.

September 24 Agenda:

- **Making last alfalfa decisions** - Scott Reuss, Extension Marinette County
- **Feed inventory/quality after corn silage harvest overview** - Kevin Jarek, Extension Outagamie County
- **Making decisions for 2021: planting after corn silage harvest** - Dr. Matt Akins, Animal & Dairy Sci. Dept./UW-Madison Div. of Extension

There is no charge for the webinar, and it is open to everyone who has an interest in this topic.

Please register for this free webinar at: <https://go.wisc.edu/62av56>

Registration deadline is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23. Connection information will be emailed before 9:30 am on September 24.

Please direct any questions to Extension Agriculture Educators Steph Plaster at [stephanie.plaster@wisc.edu](mailto:stephanie.plaster@wisc.edu) or Amber O'Brien at [amber.obrien@wisc.edu](mailto:amber.obrien@wisc.edu).

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## *Badger Crop Connect*

September 23, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM CT

Register by 5:00 PM on Sept 22: <https://go.wisc.edu/6uzk8q>

**Badger Crop Connect** is a new crop production webinar series developed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Crops and Soils Program for the 2020 growing season. Badger Crop Connect's goal is to bring agronomists, crops consultants and farmers timely crop updates for Wisconsin. This will be the last of the regularly scheduled crop connects on the 2020 growing season however, there will be a pest management Special Edition in the morning on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The webinar on September 23<sup>rd</sup> will have 0.5 credit in the area of Nutrient Management and 0.5 in Soil and Water Management available. Resources shared by Extension Specialists will be available from the **Resources** link listed below.

### **September 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda:**

#### **Local Update on Crop Conditions**

Alana Voss, Juneau & Sauk Counties Agriculture Educator

#### **Soil Compaction: Preventing, Measuring, and Reducing: (tires, loads and soil conditions)**

Francisco Arriaga, UW- Madison Soil Extension Specialist

#### **Lime, Manure, and More. Get your 2021 crop off to a good start this fall**

Carrie Laboski, UW- Madison Soil Extension Specialist

**Pre-registration is required** –Connection link will be sent on September 22<sup>nd</sup> by 9:00 AM. Please register for this free webinar at: <https://go.wisc.edu/6uzk8q>

**Resources** from the webinar will be posted to this website <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/grain/badger-crop-connection/>

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## **DATCP's 2020 Wisconsin Dairy Survey**

In March 2020, approximately 7,081 surveys were mailed to dairy farmers across Wisconsin. The list of names was obtained from DATCP's Division of Food Safety. 2,871 surveys were returned, resulting in a response rate of 41%. The tables below are a summary of good responses. Because we do not know how non-respondents would have responded, we cannot generalize the survey results to all dairy farmers in Wisconsin. Most responses were received before the major impacts of Covid-19 were felt across the state. There were some comments about coronavirus, but it does not seem to have had much influence on the results. Results are presented by herd size and by region.

## **2020 Soybean Yield Contest**

Any soybean production system can enter in the contest. Two winners will be selected from each of four geographical divisions in the state. Divisions are based on long-term county soybean yield averages. WSA is not responsible for incorrect or missing entries. All rules set forth herein apply to all entries.

## **Midwest Cover Crop Selection Tool**

Have you wondered what cover crops work in Wisconsin, when they should be planted, and what potential benefits are possible from their growth? The Midwest Cover Crop Council (MWCC) recently updated their Cover Crop Selection Tool. This selection tool helps producers, agronomist, and conservation professionals identify cover crop options based on location, planting date, and intended cover crops goals.

### **After Corn Silage is Off:**

**[Planting Winter Rye After Corn Silage: Managing for Forage](#)**

**[Planting Cover Crops After Corn Silage for Spring Harvest](#)**

## **Top 8 Recommendations for Winter Wheat Establishment in 2020**

### **August 2020 Dairy Situation and Outlook**

. . . There remains a lot of uncertainty as to where milk prices are headed for the remainder of the year and for next year. Until the coronavirus comes much more under control and things return more to normal the demand for dairy products will be depressed. Dairy exports could continue to do fairly well as U.S. prices have now come more competitive with world prices. . .