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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**Save A Calf,
Save A Cow**

Workshop Series for dairy and beef producers, and dairy workers.

Virtual classes Sept. 17 & 18

Hands on sessions Sept. 24 & 25

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Join us and begin

Planning AHEAD

for the end of this life

What is Planning AHEAD?
PlanningAHEAD is a 7-session course (one hour each) that guides participants through the topics on the right. This course features a workbook to help people with the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life.

Who is the program for?
This program is for people who:
• Are interested in planning for the end of life to make things easier for family members
• Have lost a loved one
• Are in the process of losing a loved one and are dealing with the transition

When is the program?
Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 PM
September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
October 1st, 8th, 15th

Location and Registration:
Life Tributes Funeral Home & Cremation Services
901 South LaSalle St. Spencer, WI 54479

To Register
Contact: Crystal Walters, HDR Educator
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Planning AHEAD program topics

- Getting Started
- Handling Financial Changes
- Advance Medical and Legal Directives
- Estate Planning
- Choices in End-of-Life Care
- Final Wishes
- Understanding Grief

This newsletter is mailed to approximately 1,200 farmers and agriculture businesses in Central Wisconsin at a cost of .90 per newsletter. County budgets are tight and each department has been asked to reduce expenses. If you would like to view the Extension Views newsletter online versus receiving a paper copy please contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-743-5122 / Valerie.wood@co.clark.wi.us. You can view the newsletter on our webpage at: <https://clark.extension.wisc.edu/extension-views/> Thank you for considering this option!

Save A Calf, Save A Cow



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The University of Wisconsin Division of Extension is offering a Save A Calf, Save A Cow workshop series for dairy and beef producers, and dairy workers (in Spanish) in September 2025. This workshop provides information and techniques to boost your confidence in preparing the cow for calving, obstetric techniques and newborn calf care. From transition cow diets and body condition to recognizing key signs of labor and handling difficult deliveries with precision, this program equips you with practical strategies to support both cow and calf health. Whether you're seasoned or new to livestock care, you'll gain hands-on expertise to approach calving with assurance, improve outcomes, and enhance the well-being of your herd.

Topics covered during the virtual (Zoom) classroom include:

- Getting newborns off to a good start: neonatal calf care and colostrum management
- Cow nutrition and management pre- and post-calving for health and reproductive success (breakout into either beef or dairy)

During the in-Person hands on session, participants will learn and practice:

- Stages of labor and signs to watch for - when to call for help
- Calving equipment options and function/sanitation/cleaning
- Worker Safety - cow & calf handling/ needles/ PPE/ biosecurity

The program costs \$20/person and is taught during virtual and hands-on sessions. To attend the in-person session, you must have attended a prior Zoom session. For your convenience, you may choose an afternoon or evening ZOOM or in-person hands-on combination that fits your needs.

Zoom Sessions – choose one from the following options:

- September 17th, 11:30 am - 1:00 PM (in English)
- September 18th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (in Spanish). Registration is required by Sept. 4 to secure a translator.

September 18th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm (in English)

In-Person Sessions – choose one from the following locations and options:

At the Town of Johnson Town Hall, 234975 Corinth Rd., Athens, WI 54411:

English: September 24th 1 - 3 pm

English: September 24th 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Spanish (dairy worker): September 25th 1 - 3 pm

At UW-Extension Eau Claire, 227 1st St. W, Altoona, WI 54720:

English: September 25 6.30 – 8.30 pm



Registration with payment MUST be received/postmarked by September 4, 2025, for the dairy worker Spanish training and by September 9 for the non-Spanish sessions. Don't wait to register as participation is limited to the first 20 paid participants per in-person session.

To register, you can either 1) register online with a credit card at <https://go.wisc.edu/calving> (service fees applied), or 2) call the Taylor County Extension office at: 715 - 748 – 1413 for help with online registration or to pay by check.

For more information about this program or for accommodation requests, contact Sandra Stuttgart, Extension Taylor County, 715-748-3327.

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Bunny Dux

INGREDIENTS

Cakes:

6 eggs separated
¾ cup sugar divided in two
¼ cup cocoa + 2 Tbsp.
¼ tsp. salt

Filling:

¾ tsp. unflavored gelatin
1 ½ Tbsp. cold water
1 ½ cups heavy cream
• reserve 3 Tbsp.
⅓ cup powdered sugar
¾ tsp. vanilla

Frosting:

8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
2 oz. butter
1 Tbsp. instant coffee
¼ cup hot water
2 cups heavy cream
¼ cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla



Adult Division
1st Place

Nite & Day Torte

DIRECTIONS

Cakes:

- Beat yolks 5 minutes to a light lemon color, add sat and ½ the sugar. Beat to a ribbon and add the cocoa until just combined. Beat the egg whites until barely soft, add the sugar slowly and beat till it holds a definite shape, fold together slowly. Butter, flour and paper line 8 inch round pans, pour into pans. Bake at 350 degrees until it comes away from the sides about 25 minutes. Let cool. The cakes will collapse and that's okay.

Filling:

- Bloom gelatin and water heat until dissolved. Beat cream, sugar and vanilla until it holds a soft shape. Add reserve cream to the gelatin and add to the whipped cream, whip until it holds shape.
- Remove cakes from pans and put the filling between cakes and refrigerate till frosting is ready.

Frosting:

- Melt chocolate and butter. Dissolve coffee in hot water, add to chocolate and mix till smooth, move to room temperature. Beat cream, sugar and vanilla until it forms a soft shape (no more or it will curdle). Fold chocolate and cream together and frost cakes. Garnish with whipped cream, chocolate curls and chocolate stars.

Ticks and Flies, Oh My!

By Sandy Stuttgen, DVM, Livestock Educator Taylor County and

Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator Adams, Waushara and Green Lake Counties, UW-Madison Division of Extension

Lately, we've been hearing about **Asian Longhorned Ticks** and **New World Screwworm** flies - pests linked to diseases in both humans and cattle. Will our routine biosecurity practices be enough to help stop their invasion?

Native to Eastern Asia, **Asian Longhorned Ticks (ALHT, *Haemaphysalis longicornis*)** were first found in New Jersey in 2017 and have since spread to 20 states including neighboring MI, IN, IL and most recently, IA. Like other ticks, ALHT feeds on blood from mammals. Tick infestations can cause severe anemia in susceptible animals. Ticks can also transmit (vector) bacteria, protozoa and viruses that cause disease in cattle and humans. In many states, diseases associated with ALHT are considered reportable but not actionable, meaning that there is no regulatory management for the tick itself.



Iowa producers found easily visible tick masses on their cattle. Ticks may be found on livestock ears, under the tail, between the hind legs and the udder skin folds. Monitor pastured cattle for symptoms caused by blood loss from tick feeding, including lethargy, anemia, and difficulty breathing. Animals at risk include young and stressed animals of any age or those without prior exposure to this tick. Bulls servicing cows on pasture, fall calving cows, or any animal experiencing nutritional deficiencies may be more vulnerable to tick infestations.

On June 13, Iowa confirmed cases of theileriosis that were transmitted by ALHT in southeastern IA. The *Theileria* protozoan parasite contributed to abdominal edema, jaundice, abortions and cattle death.

There is no US approved treatment or vaccination for bovine theileriosis and infected cattle become lifelong carriers. Prevention hinges upon controlling ticks. The most effective methods include back rubbers or regular pour-on applications of pyrethroid-based insecticides; insecticidal ear tags alone are not sufficient. Always read product labels to confirm tick control is included.

ALHT can move short distances on its own, but it's infested animals and birds that move the tick between states. Required veterinary interstate inspections aid in ALHT detection. Practice daily biosecurity when introducing new animals to your farm or reintroducing animals from tick-affected areas. Use clean trailers (without previously used bedding that could harbor insects) and ensure they travel only in designated on-farm lanes to minimize cross-contamination. Isolate new or returning cattle and monitor them closely for signs of ticks or illness. Talk with your veterinarian about prophylactic insecticidal treatment to kill ticks.

Ticks thrive in environments where there is moisture and cover provided by grass and brush. They also need blood meals from hosts that seek refuge in the brush, including rodents, rabbits, and deer. Reduce tick habitats by clipping tall grass, cutting or removing brush, and maintaining clean field edges and fence lines.

Remember to protect yourself against ticks while working with cattle. You know the drill: tuck long pants into socks, wear long sleeve shirts, apply tick repellent, don't bring the worn clothing into your house, launder clothing as soon as possible after wearing it, and check your body for ticks after potentially being exposed.



Texas cattle producers last dealt with **New World Screw Worm (NWSW)** flies in the late 1970's. These flies are endemic in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and countries in South America, and they have spread to Mexico. NWSW does not vector other diseases. They cause destruction and death all by themselves. Adult flies are attracted to blood from cuts or scratches and will lay eggs along broken skin edges. As eggs hatch, maggots feed on living tissue. Visit the [Texas Screwworm Resource website](#) to learn more.

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Ticks and Flies.... Oh My! Continued....

Producers and veterinarians have the duty to report NWSW to state veterinarians when they are suspicious of it; this triggers a federal response. In July 2025, NWSW was found just 370 miles south of the US–Mexico border, prompting the US to restrict livestock entry from Mexico. They can move short distances on their own, but it's infected animals that take maggots the farthest.

Your biosecurity efforts will help prevent NWSW introduction to Wisconsin, especially by following rules for the interstate travel of livestock from states that border Mexico. Remember to routinely inspect yourself if you vacation in places like the Dominican Republic, as NWSW also infects humans.

Ticks and flies ride in on infested animals and birds. Stay vigilant — biosecurity is your first line of defense.

For a list of article References, please contact Val @ 715-743-5122 or vawood@wisc.edu. Thank you.



MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND COW-CALF & FALL FORAGE TWILIGHT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

5-7 P.M.

WOLF CREEK ANGUS

35431 100TH STREET

STANLEY, WI

Join Extension Educators along with
North Central WI Cattlemen's Association to discuss:

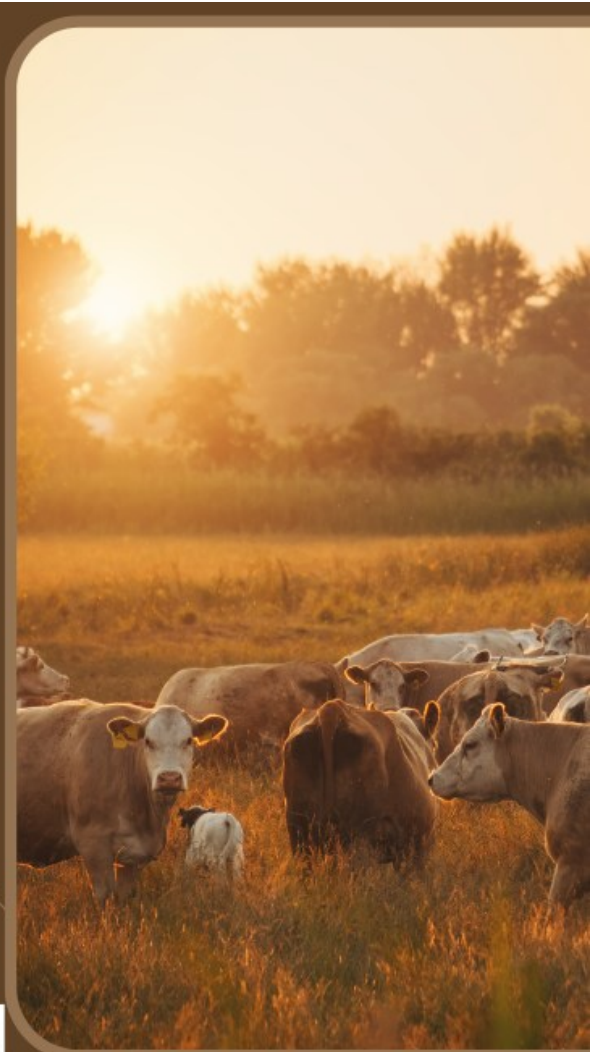
- **Selecting Herd Replacements**
- **Fall Forage Management**

**Free event, please RSVP by calling 715-748-1413
by August 14th.**

This is a rain or shine event with walking involved. Bring rain gear and your own lawn chair for seating. Wear clean, washable footwear.



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Small Ruminant Parasite Management and FAMACHA Training

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is hosting a "Parasite Patrol - Plus" workshop for all sheep and goat producers. This workshop will be held from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Edgar Steam Show Grounds, 223755 Steam Hill Dr., Edgar, WI 54426.

This workshop and its two hands-on sessions focus on managing the health and production risks that intestinal parasites (helminths) pose to flocks and herds. Topics include:

- Intestinal parasite life cycle
- Development of resistance
- Management strategies
- Fecal Egg Count (FEC) hands-on session using a fecal sample from their animals
- FAMACHA® session

The UW-Extension Small Ruminant Specialist will teach and demonstrate how to identify, understand, and effectively treat intestinal parasites. Worldwide anthelmintic resistance has been reported for all currently available dewormers. Using FEC and/or FAMACHA® allows small ruminant producers to make selective deworming decisions.

Participants selecting the FEC session are asked to bring a fresh fecal sample from one of their animals. They will receive a McMaster microscope slide and instructions on how to perform fecal egg counts at home. Those selecting FAMACHA® will earn their certification after practicing with the provided animals.

Registration Details:

Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 25 paid participants. Register by October 9 at [HTTPS://GO.WISC.EDU/PPP2025](https://go.wisc.edu/ppp2025)

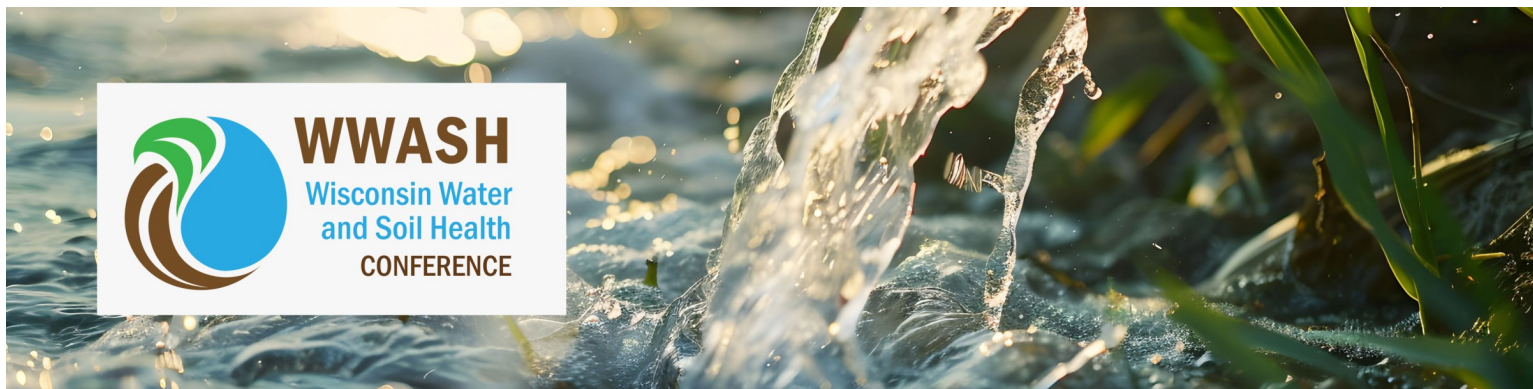


Cost: \$25 per participant/ selected session. Participants can select the FEC and/or the FAMACHA session. The Registration fee includes training materials and snacks.



For more information or help with registration, contact Sandra Stuttgen at 715-748-3327, ext. 1, or Heather Schlessner at 715-261-1230, ext. 3.

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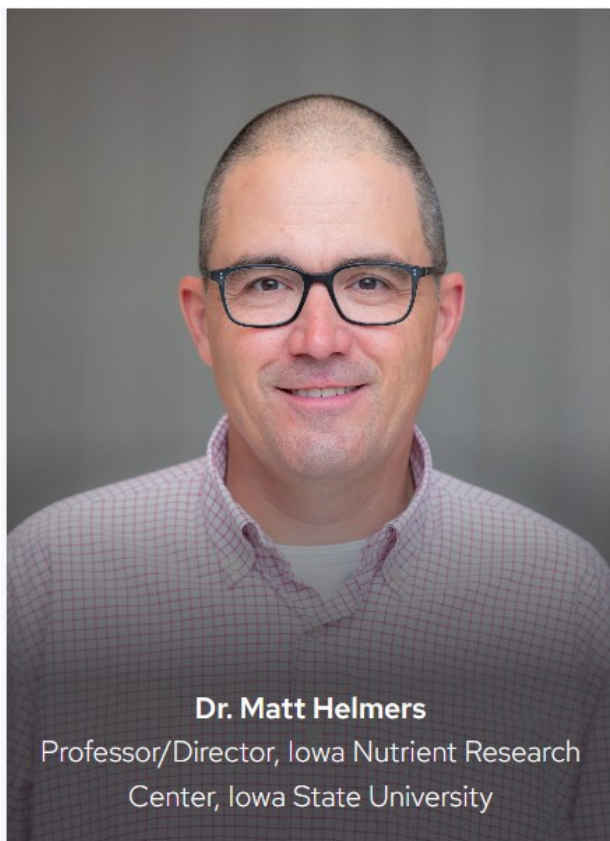


Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference December 16-17, 2025

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Join us at the 2025 WWASH Conference to explore the intersection of on-farm research, soil health, and water quality. Engage with other farmers, dynamic keynote speakers, participate in interactive breakout sessions, and contribute to thought-provoking roundtable discussions, all designed to deepen your expertise and provide actionable insights for your farm or the producers you support.

2025 Keynote Speakers



Dr. Matt Helmers

Professor/Director, Iowa Nutrient Research
Center, Iowa State University



Dr. Anna Cates

Associate Extension Professor/State Soil
Health Specialist, University of Minnesota



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Sponsorship

Interested in [sponsoring](#) the WWASH Conference?

Contact Josh Kamps for details: joshua.kamps@wisc.edu

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NT 10 foot No-Till Drill*

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acre (Minimum charge \$100)



Call today and we can talk about how
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bottom line, soil health and protect
our precious waters of the county.

Clark County Land Con 715-743-5102

DON'T FORGET...

To properly wash harvesting equipment
between fields to control the spread of
weeds, pests and plant diseases!



Remember to update your 2025 Nutrient
Management Plan (NMP) to reflect your actual
2025 planted crops and manure and fertilizer
application. By doing it post-harvest, when it is
still fresh in your mind, it will reduce recording
time in the busy spring.

Cover Crop Cost Sharing

The Clark County Land Conservation Department (LCD)
has cost sharing available to the tune of
\$25 per acre for putting down a cover crop.

Must sign up before planting and need to have
nutrient management plan for the fields first.

For more information contact LCD at 715-743-5102.

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True Army Worms

True armyworm has made a strong appearance across Wisconsin over the past few weeks with confirmed sightings in Clark County. Although much of the economic damage caused by this pest is likely over for the season, this article aims to provide more information so farmers can be prepared the next time it makes an appearance.

When they are in their larval stage, true armyworms are a brownish-green color with both light and dark stripes alternating along their back. They have additional stripes down their sides that can be orange, brown, or white. True armyworm moths are a light-brown color with a distinct white dot on the center of each forewing. Since they do not overwinter in Wisconsin, they migrate northward from warmer southern climates each spring to produce 2-3 generations per growing season. The larval phase is when they can cause crop damage through feeding, with the second generation of larvae in July generally causing the most damage.

The larvae damage plants by feeding on leaf tissue, and they typically feed at night or during cloudy weather. Scouting for this pest should begin in June. Be sure to look for leaves that have a ragged and irregular feeding pattern on the edge and check for larvae in corn whorls. The larvae like to hide and can be hard to detect. For scouting corn fields, check five sets of twenty plants, each set from a random location in the field. The corn threshold is reached when 25% of plants have two larvae or 75% of plants have one larva. For small grain fields, scout three feet of a row from five random locations in the field, making sure to shake plants to dislodge any larvae. The small grain threshold is reached when there are three larvae detected per square foot.

True armyworms can be controlled chemically but be sure that you are doing so before the larvae get bigger than 0.75 inches in length. Once they are larger than that, it is hard to get good control using an insecticide. Controlling grassy weeds early in the season can help reduce armyworm pressure, as grassy weeds make good egg laying sites in early spring.

If you would like more information on true armyworm, please reach out to us at the Clark County Extension office at 715-743-5121. Or contact me directly at:

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**This article was adapted from Managing True Armyworm in Wisconsin Corn and Small Grain Fields*



True armyworm larvae have a striped body, with one dark stripe surrounded by variable orange stripes.



True armyworm larvae have dark bands on the prolegs (A) and a mottled orange head capsule (B).

Photos by Adam Varenhorst.

<https://crops.extension.iastate.edu/cropnews/2022/06/scout-true-armyworms-spring>



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HEALTHCARE WHILE FARMING

Explore Health Care options while learning to budget your health care needs into your Farm Budget during this 90 minute interactive workshop



CHILD CARE WHILE FARMING

Where does Child Care land on your Farm plan? Join this interactive 90 minute workshop to discover new options and solutions to child care needs for farmers and farm workers.



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BREAKING NEWS

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Clark County to Host Clean Sweep in 2026



Learn more about Clean Sweep and stay up to date on information as we plan and organize the event at:

<https://clark.extension.wisc.edu/clean-sweep/>

Available UW Resources and Associated Topics

There are a number of helpful articles and reports on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Websites: To access these sites, go to:

- **Farm Management** = <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/>
 - Land Pricing & Rental Contracts
 - Farm Financials
 - Business Development, Transition, & Succession
 - Policy, Markets & Marketing
 - Safety & Health
 - Hmong/HMoob Farmers & Growers
 - Human Resources
- **Crops and Soils** = <https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/>
 - Economics, Budgets & Financial
 - Emerging Crops
 - Forage Production & Management
 - Fruit & Vegetable Production
 - Grain Production & Management
 - Grazing
 - Pest Management
 - Soils, Nutrient Management & Soil Health
- **Dairy** = <https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/>
 - Animal Welfare & Herd Health
 - Emerging Technologies & Facilities
 - Feed & Nutrition
 - Milk Quality 7 Milking Systems
 - Reproduction & Genetics
 - Youngstock
- **Livestock** = <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/>
 - Meat
 - Beef
 - Beef x Dairy
 - Poultry
 - Swine
 - Small Ruminants
 - Decision Tools & Software
- **Horticulture** = <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/>
 - Deciduous Trees & Shrubs
 - Evergreen Trees & Shrubs
 - Herbaceous Ornamentals
 - Tree Fruits
 - Small Fruits
 - Vegetables
 - Lawns
 - Weeds & Invasive Plants
 - Pollinators
- **Master Gardener** (become a Master Gardener)
 - <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/>



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If you are unable to access these sites due to limited technology or other reasons, please reach out to our office at 715-743-5122. It may be possible to provide paper copies related to specific topics.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Make sure to listen to WCCN and WAXX for any cancellations

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
September 9	<i>Twilight Meeting</i>	Wolf Creek Angus 35431 100th Street, Stanley, WI 54768	5-7 PM
September 17-18	<i>Save a Calf, Save a Cow</i>	Virtual Classes	See page 2
September 24 & 25	<i>Save a Calf, Save a Cow (Hands on)</i>	Town of Johnson Town Hall 234975 Corinth Rd., Athens, WI 54411	See page 2
September 25	<i>Save a Calf, Save a Cow (Hands on)</i>	UW Extension Eau Claire 227 1st St., Altoona, WI 54720	6:30—8:30 PM
October 9-10	<i>Artificial Insemination Training</i>	Bach Farms W861 Co. Rd. A, Dorchester, WI 54425	9:00 AM—3:00 PM
October 18	<i>Small Ruminant Parasite Management Workshop</i>	Edgar Steam Engine Grounds 223755 Steam Hill Drive, Edgar, WI 54426	8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Upcoming events will be posted on our website

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

and Facebook page

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/ExtensionClarkCounty)

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Watch for news releases in local papers and on the radio promoting events

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715-743-5122 or
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to update your preference.

Thank you!

Clark County Extension Office will be closed

November 27-28th

December 24-25th

January 1st, 2026



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