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*Your county  
extension office*

# *Shawano Ag Newsletter*

University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension

March/April 2014

## **Greetings!**

With planting season gearing up and Extension meeting season wearing down, I am going to combine the March and April newsletters into one. Therefore, barring any information emergencies, you won't hear from me, on paper anyway, until May. In the meantime, I will continue to keep the Extension website and Facebook page updated, so check back often!

Just a few notes for this month and next...

For those interested in helping maintain our **pollinator populations**, funding through the USDA may be available. Money is available through the EQIP program to fund conservation practices that provide safe and diverse food sources for honey bees while protecting the environment. The **sign-up deadline is March 21st**. More information on the program can be found at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/wi/home/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_020742](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/wi/home/?cid=nrcs142p2_020742).

Winter weather interfered with our plans, and so the **Shawano County Forage Council Annual Meeting is rescheduled for March 27th**. The agenda and registration form can be found inside. The meeting is an excellent opportunity to hear from a farmer who has used cover crops, livestock and conservation practices to improve soil health on his farm.

If you are still debating your cropping strategy this year, remember the **2014 Crop Budget Cost of Production Calculator** is available for download at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/farmteam/>. Look in the Enterprise Budgets heading and then go to the Field Crop section. Although no one has a crystal ball, the latest (February 21, 2014) USDA Grains and Oilseeds Outlook is less optimistic than the last—[http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/2014\\_Speeches/Grains\\_Oilseeds.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/2014_Speeches/Grains_Oilseeds.pdf). The February 2014 Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook can be accessed here <http://www.ers.usda.gov/ersDownloadHandler.ashx?file=/media/1280524/ldpm236.pdf>.

If you are contemplating which forage to plant this spring or if you would like to brush up on the latest techniques and research on alfalfa, I encourage you to visit the **UW-Extension Team Forage website**: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/crops/uwforage/uwforage.htm>. The webpage will be transitioning to a new URL shortly, but the address I provided will redirect you to the new site.

The results of the **2013 winter wheat fungicide trials** are now available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/fieldcroppathology/wheat/2013winterwheatfungicide/>. The study concluded that..."Application of fungicide at emerging flag leaf was the best application timing to control leaf blotch disease, which resulted in a significant improvement in yield."

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By now, you have likely heard that spring 4-H and FFA swine weigh-ins have been banned in an effort to limit the spread of **Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV)**. This deadly, highly communicable disease is estimated to have killed over 4 million piglets nationwide and confirmed cases are on the rise. Practicing strict biosecurity protocols on all swine farms is key to limiting the spread of the disease. You can learn more about PEDV by visiting the American Association of Swine Veterinarians website (<http://www.aasv.org>). *Please help to educate the public that PEDV is not transmissible to humans and that pork remains safe to eat.*

As more information about the new **Farm Bill** programs becomes available, UW-Extension will be hosting informational sessions on how the new crop, livestock and dairy programs can work for you. I will send you details about these sessions as soon as I receive them, but much like you, we are waiting patiently to learn more about program specifics and sign ups.

The status of the **Implements of Husbandry** bill is still up in the air (at least as I am writing this). At press time, a bill, AB842, had been introduced to establish an 18-month moratorium on the enforcement of weight limits against large agricultural equipment.

Remind your favorite high school and college students to **apply for local agricultural scholarships**, such as the Shawano County Forage Council scholarships (due May 1, <http://shawano.uwex.edu/agriculture/foragecouncil/>), Shawano County Farm Bureau scholarships (due April 1, <http://wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/shawano/>), and the Shawano County Farm Progress Days scholarships (due April 15, <http://shawano.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth/>).

Questions regarding the **EPA Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure rule (SPCC)** for farms have been coming into county offices. The link to the EPA website and information can be found here [http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/content/spcc/spcc\\_ag.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/content/spcc/spcc_ag.htm). There is a self-certification template that, depending on the quantity of reportable substances you have on your farm, may work for you. The farm factsheet on the above website discusses the criteria farms must meet to need the SPCC plan.

I also want to make you aware of some additional meetings in our region for which I haven't included flyers: March 22-**Spring Garden Conference**-Marinette ([http://marinette.uwex.edu/files/2014/02/brochure-2014\\_web.pdf](http://marinette.uwex.edu/files/2014/02/brochure-2014_web.pdf)), March 25-27-**Genex Artificial Insemination School**-Shawano (<http://genex.crinet.com/page393/ATrainingClasses>), March 29-**Farm Records with Quickbooks**-Merrill (<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/files/2014/02/Quickbooks-flyer-Beginners-Merrill.pdf>), and April 5-**Healthy Horse Clinic**-Luxemburg (<http://kewaunee.uwex.edu/files/2014/01/Healthy-Horse-Clinic-Final.pdf>).

Additionally, UW Extension is offering **classes for woodland owners**. The Green Bay classes will be held at the Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue Street from 6 pm – 8 pm as follows: Session 2 – Introduction to Timber Harvesting and Sales – Thursday, March 27, 2014; Session 3 – Keeping Your Woods Healthy: The Signs and Symptoms of Sick Trees – Thursday, April 10, 2014; and Session 4 – Get to Know Your Local Trees and Invasive Plants – Thursday, May 1, 2014. More information can be found here [https://www.co.brown.wi.us/i/f/uw\\_extension/General%20Page/Classes%20for%20Woodland%20Owners.pdf](https://www.co.brown.wi.us/i/f/uw_extension/General%20Page/Classes%20for%20Woodland%20Owners.pdf).

Lastly, just a reminder that the **Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show** is March 25-27 at the EEA Grounds in Oshkosh. Stop by the Extension booth to learn more about energy efficient lighting!

With that, I have rambled on long enough! Have a healthy, safe and productive next couple months. Please don't hesitate to give the office a call if you have any questions I can be of help with. Like you, as the weather warms, I will be out in the field more and in the office less. However, leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can!

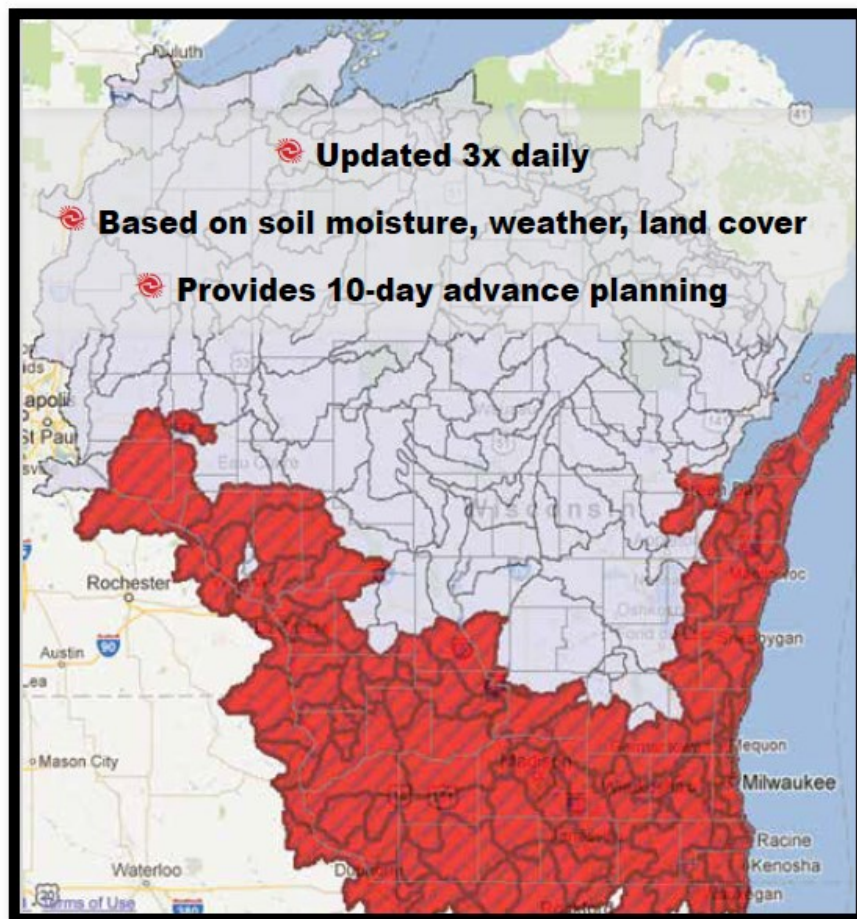
Happy Spring!



Jamie

# Check Wisconsin's Online Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast

[www.manureadvisorysystem.wi.gov](http://www.manureadvisorysystem.wi.gov)



**If it's RED**  
**Don't SPREAD**



Working together to keep manure out of lakes and streams





Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please indicate dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Cost: \$15.00

**Registration Form**  
 Registration due by March 14, 2014

Send Registration form and check to:

Jamie Patton  
 Shawano County UW-Extension  
 311 North Main Street  
 Shawano, WI 54166

Please make checks payable to:  
 UW-Extension

## Sponsors



This program is sponsored by  
 UW-Extension in Marinette, Oconto  
 and Shawano Counties

Heart of the Farm is also supported by the  
 following organizations:



If you have any questions, please contact:

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## Heart of the Farm

A Program for Women in Agriculture



Friday, March 21, 2014

The Main Event  
 206 North Lemke Road  
 Cecil, WI 54111

Program—10:00 am to 3:15 pm

Optional health screenings—  
 8:30 am to 10:00 am



## Heart of the Farm— The Main Event

### Mission

**Farm Management and  
 Production Education for Women**

An opportunity to connect with other  
 women in agriculture!

### Agenda

- 10:00 am Registration
- 10:15 am Farm Employee Compensation -  
What's the Norm?
- 10:30 am Positive and Proactive: Faces and  
Voices of Farming
- 12:00 pm Lunch (Provided)
- 12:45 pm Crop Insurance for  
Livestock
- 1:00 pm Affordable Care Act and  
Farm Families
- 2:00 pm Great Wisconsin  
"Stay" cations
- 3:00 pm Wrap-up and  
evaluations
- 3:15 pm Adjourn

### Speakers

**Farm Employee Compensation -What's the  
 Norm?**

Jamie Patton—Agriculture Agent, Shawano County  
 An overview of the 2013 UWEX-survey of  
 Wisconsin farm employee wages and benefits.

**Positive & Proactive: Faces and Voices of  
 Farming**

Amy te Plate-Church—Manager, Alliances & Industry  
 Relations , *Cooperative Resources International*  
 Have you seen news headlines, Facebook posts,  
 tweets or videos about farming? Do they show the  
 real story? Have you heard inaccurate statements,  
 and how do you respond? Learn how you can  
 spread positive news about farming and food  
 production.

**Crop Insurance for Livestock**

Scott Reuss—Agriculture Agent, Marinette County  
 There are two types of crop insurance available for  
 livestock producers – Livestock Gross Margin and  
 Livestock Risk Protection. We'll review what these  
 policies do, how they work, and how they can be  
 part of your risk management plan.

**Affordable Care Act and Farm Families**

Nancy Crevier—Family Living Agent, Marinette Co  
 While the first open enrollment period for the  
 Affordable Care Act (ACA) will be closing soon, it's  
 time to review the ACA and its impact on farm  
 families. Resources will also be shared to equip  
 families to make wise health insurance decisions .

**Great Wisconsin "Stay" cations**

Sarah Mills-Lloyd—Agriculture Agent, Oconto County  
 Are you craving a vacation, but don't have time or  
 budget to travel very far? Consider a "stay" cation!  
 We will explore ideas for various day-trips and  
 overnight getaways around Wisconsin. Whether it  
 is a few miles or a few hours away, you may be able  
 to have the fun vacation you desire—without leaving  
 the state.

### Goal

The *Heart of the Farm — Women in  
 Agriculture Conference* addresses the  
 needs of farm women by providing  
 education on pertinent topics, connecting  
 them with agricultural resources, and  
 creating support networks.

**Cost:** \$15.00/person

**Meeting Location:**

The Main Event  
 206 North Lemke Road  
 Cecil, WI 54111

**Nurses from the Rural Health  
 Initiative will be available from  
 8:30 to 10 am for:**

Cholesterol and diabetes screening\* = \$10

Blood pressure check = FREE!

\*Fasting of 6 hours prior preferred

**No appointment necessary!**



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# Shawano County Forage Council

*A Midwest Forage Association Affiliate*

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## 2014 Shawano County Forage Council and MFA Annual Meeting & Educational Program

**\*\*\*Thursday, March 27, 2014\*\*\* NEW DATE!!!**

**The Main Event, Cecil**



10:15 Registration

### 10:30 **Using Livestock and Cover Crops to Improve Soil Health**

*Jerry Doan, Black Leg Ranch, McKenzie, ND*

Jerry is the owner/operator of Black Leg Ranch, a multi-generational ranch consisting of several enterprises including: cow-calf, custom grazing, and cash cropping. Jerry's sons have also added wildlife guiding, hunting, and agritourism operations to the mix. The Doan's strive to improve their natural resources through cover crops, intensive grass and livestock management, and no-till cropping.

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Shawano County Forage Council Business Meeting

### 1:00 **Real Heifers...Real Herds – 2013 ICPA Report**

*Sarah Mills-Lloyd, UW-Extension Oconto County Agriculture Agent*

### **Farm Employee Characteristics and Compensation – 2013 HR Survey**

*Jamie Patton, UW-Extension Shawano County Agriculture Agent*

1:45 Update on Midwest Forage Association

2:00 Seed Auction

2:30 Adjourn



## 2014 Shawano County Forage Council Annual Meeting **Advance Registration Required by March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Make checks payable to:** Shawano County Forage Council

**Return to:** Shawano County UWEX, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

### Registration & Membership Options:

\_\_\_\_\_ Midwest Forage Association & Shawano County Forage Council Membership + Lunch @ \$65

\_\_\_\_\_ Shawano County Forage Council Membership + Lunch @ \$35

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch only @ \$15

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# 57<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Outstanding Young Farmer & Friend of Shawano County Agriculture Awards Banquet

**Friday, April 4th**  
**at**  
**The Main Event**  
206 Lemke Street, Cecil

**\$15 per person**

Social begins @ 6:45 pm  
Meal served @ 7:30 pm

Awards to be presented:

- ✧ Outstanding Young Farmer
- ✧ Shawano Co. Friend of Agriculture
- ✧ Second Miler
- ✧ Tree Farmer
- ✧ Conservation Farmer Award
- ✧ Farm Bureau Scholarships

**\*\*Sign up as a new member with  
Shawano County Farm Bureau at the  
door and the Farm Bureau will pay for  
your meal!\*\***

**Please preregister by March 31<sup>st</sup> with:**  
Shawano UW-Extension at (715) 526-6136 or  
Tammy Styczynski at (715) 758-8991







#### FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

provided by  
Rural Health Initiative Staff  
8:00 am—9:00 am

Health Risk Assessments will include screening for  
Cholesterol, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar.

To ensure accurate test results, please remember  
to fast. This means:

- Do NOT eat food 8-10 hours prior to the visit.
- Do NOT drink coffee, tea, or soda.
- It is OK to drink plain water.
- It is OK to take any medication you currently have a prescription for.

#### COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AFTER

The Rural Health Initiative is a non-profit program designed to address growing concerns regarding health and safety issues facing today's farm families. At the center of this program is a Rural Health Coordinator who makes "house" calls to interested farm families to provide health information, education, referrals to area services and, most importantly, lends a trusted ear to listen and keep in confidence concerns and issues these families face today.



Farm Family Health & Business  
Management Conference is  
partially funded by a USDA Risk  
Management Agency  
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Special thanks to Greenstone Farm  
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## Farm Family Health & Business Management Conference

A UW-Extension/ Rural Health Initiative  
"Heart-of-the-Farm" program



April 8, 2014  
9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Crystal Falls  
1500 Handschke Drive  
New London, WI 54961



## Farm Family Health & Business Management Conference A UW-Extension/ Rural Health Initiative "Heart-of-the-Farm" program

### Agenda

- 8:00 Free Health Screening by RHI staff  
(including free continental breakfast after)
- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Welcome & Introductions
- 9:45 *Is Health & Safety Part of Your Farm Business Management Plan?* by John Shutske, Interim Provost & Former Extension State Ag Program Leader, UW-Madison
- 10:30 *Time to Talk Family and Farm -- Are We on the Same Page?* by Karen Dickrell & Sandy Liang, UW-Extension Family Living Educators, Outagamie & Waupaca Co
- 11:00 *Know Your Numbers -- Are You or Those You Love At Risk?* by Rhonda Strebel, Executive Director, Rural Health Initiative
- 11:15 *The New Farm Bill Dairy Margin Insurance Program* by Mark Stephenson, Extension Dairy Policy Specialist, UW-Madison Center for Dairy Profitability
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 *Tax Planning Update & Outlook for Farm Family Businesses* by Phil Harris, UW Extension Ag Law-Farm Tax Specialist
- 1:30 *The Keys to Plan a Successful Farm Transfer* by George Twohig, Attorney
- 2:15 Q & A

This one day multi-county conference is for farmers, including partners/ spouses, in Waupaca, Outagamie and Shawano County to learn more about strategies for transitioning ownership, tax planning, new farm bill implications, as well as health and safety considerations for future farm business management plans.

The program is free and sponsored by UW-Extension and the Rural Health Initiative (RHI) with additional financial support from Greenstone Farm Credit Services. Advance registration is required by March 31.

RHI staff will be available from 8-9 AM to discuss/demonstrate the on-farm health services only available to farm families and their employees in this three county area. Don't wait, register today!

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### Farm Family Health & Business Management Conference

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April 8, 2014

Crystal Falls, New London

### Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

There is no charge for this conference; however, registration is required for an accurate count for the meal and materials. *Please call in advance if you need any physical or dietary accommodations.*

### Pre-registration is required by March 31, 2014

Send registration form to:  
Waupaca County—UW-Extension office  
ATTN: Dana Nelson  
811 Harding Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981

For more information, call the Waupaca County  
UW-Extension office at 715-258-6231



# Calendar of Local Upcoming Events

Date	Workshop	Location	Cost	Registration Requirement
March 20	Winning the Game—Pre-harvest Marketing	Chet and Emil's Birnamwood	\$15	Shawano UWEX By March 13
March 21	Heart of the Farm	The Main Event Cecil	\$15	Shawano UWEX By March 14
March 22	Spring Garden Conference	UW-Marinette	\$35	Betty Malke By March 17
March 25-27	Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show	EEA Grounds Oshkosh		
March 27	Shawano County Forage Council Annual Mtg	The Main Event Cecil	\$15	Shawano UWEX By February 14
March 27	Winning the Game—Post-harvest Marketing	Chet and Emil's Birnamwood	\$15	Shawano UWEX By March 13
March 27	Introduction to Timber Harvesting and Sales	UW-Extension Brown County	\$10	Brown UWEX
March 29	Farm Records with Quickbooks	UW-Extension Lincoln County	\$20	Lincoln UWEX By March 21
April 5	Health Horse Clinic	Kewaunee Co Fairgrounds Luxemburg	Varies	Kewaunee UWEX By March 31
April 8	Farm Family Health and Business Management Conference	Crystal Falls New London	\$0	Waupaca UWEX By March 31
April 10	Keeping Your Woods Healthy: The Signs and Symptoms of Sick Trees	UW-Extension Brown County	\$10	Brown UWEX
May 1	Get to Know your Local Trees and Invasive Plants	UW-Extension Brown County	\$10	Brown UWEX

***Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for information on new and upcoming meetings!***

<http://shawano.uwex.edu/agriculture/calendar/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/uwex.shawano.ag>

## A Spackling of...

### UW-Extension Blogs and Websites for Current Agronomy Research and News

**Corn** - <http://wisccorn.blogspot.com/>

**Corn** - <http://corn.agronomy.wisc.edu/>

**Soybeans and Small Grains** - <http://www.coolbean.info/>

**Soybeans** - <http://thesoyreport.blogspot.com/>

**Integrated Pest and Crop Management** - <http://ipcm.wisc.edu/>