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Shawano Ag Newsletter

University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension

October/November 2014

Greetings!

...and the busy season continues! Corn silage dry down is going well. On September 17th, corn samples ranged from 64 to 71 percent moisture. With the extremely nice weather we've had over the past week, many fields are probably ready or very close to ready for silage harvest!

Approximately 70 farms attended the Dairy Margin Protection Program meetings with Dr. Mark Stephenson last month. With the deadline for program signup quickly approaching, UW-Extension and the Shawano FSA Office are hosting two additional program meetings at the Shawano County Courthouse in the next couple weeks. Please see the included flyer for more details.

I will also be co-hosting a cover crop/soil health field day near Lena on October 8th. We will be discussing cover crop species, mixes and management, as well as demonstrating the various soil health evaluation tools available through the Extension office. See inside for more information.

Both the Dairy Margin Protection Program and Cover Crop meetings are free and open to everyone! We are not requesting preregistration. Questions on either program can be directed to me at (715) 526-6136.

Also to note, Shawano Extension will be hosting a funding seminar for small and niche farms on November 12th at Angie's Café. Speakers will cover the 'ins and outs' of successful grant writing, as well as applying for private and governmental loans. More information to come in the near future.

For those interested in manure processing and handling, the Midwest Manure Summit will be held February 24 and 25, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay. The Summit will include speakers on small-scale digesters, new sand handling technologies, pit covers for odor control, phosphorus removal technologies, and much more. The two-day event will wrap-up with tours of two local dairies. More information will be available in the December newsletter, as well as on the Summit website.

I will be in the field collecting data much of October, but please don't hesitate to call with questions. With harvest, deer season, and the holidays approaching, I do not plan on invading your mailbox again until December.

In the meantime, have a safe and fruitful fall!

Jamie

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Dairy Margin Protection Program

**What you need to know when you come
to the FSA office**

**Monday
October 6th, 2014
1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Shawano County Courthouse
311 N. Main Street, Shawano
Room A/B**

OR

**Friday
October 10th, 2014
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Shawano County Courthouse
311 N. Main Street, Shawano
Room A/B**

Registration is not required for this presentation. For more information contact Jamie Patton, UW-Extension Shawano County, jamie.patton@ces.uwex.edu, (715) 526-6136

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Cover Crop and Soil Health Field Day

October 8, 2014
9:00 to 11:30 am

Olson Farms
Intersection of McCarthy and Fredrickson Roads
Lena, Wisconsin



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Interactive Discussion of:

Cover Crop Demonstration Plots

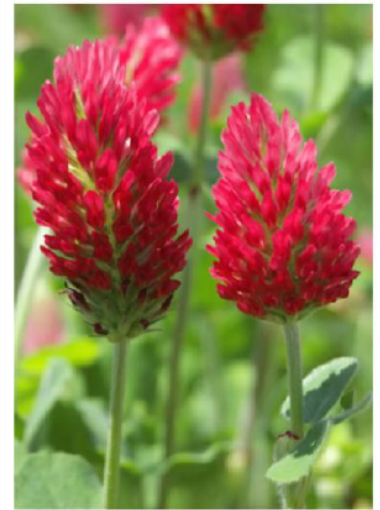
- Benefits, challenges and management of mixes and monocultures

Field Demonstration of Soil Health Evaluation Tools

- Soil organic matter and soil biology
- Compaction and plow pan determination
- Soil aggregate stability (slake test)
- Water infiltration
- Soil temperature and residue
- Soil health lab tests

There is NO registration fee! Questions can be directed to:

Shawano UW-Extension (715) 526-6136 or Marinette UW-Extension (715) 732-7510



Midwest Manure Summit

www.midwestmanure.com

February 24 & 25, 2015

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
Green Bay, Wisconsin

For more information or to register, please visit:
www.midwestmanure.com



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Weekly Hay Price Report as of September 12, 2014

Current hay demand and price reports can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/h-m-r/>

Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	220.00	200.00	240.00
	Large Square	206.27	100.00	295.00
	Large Round	154.50	100.00	195.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	157.19	92.50	215.00
	Large Round	86.25	75.00	100.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	55.00	55.00	55.00
	Large Square	82.50	65.00	100.00
	Large Round	66.53	50.00	88.33

A Quick Extension Note...

Soil Sampling Season (on Wisconsin Farms) Is Just Around the Corner

Madison, Wis. – Fall is the ideal time of year to conduct routine soil sampling of your cropland according to Kim Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension's Nutrient & Pest Management (NPM) Program. Not only are weather conditions typically more favorable for soil sampling as compared to the spring season, but you will then have the winter months to think about upcoming management decisions based on the soil analysis.

The NPM Program has a short how-to video on soil sampling basics. The video provides a quick guide on how to prepare for soil sampling, how to soil sample, and how to fill out the soil sample submission sheet to take to the soil testing laboratory. The video 'Basic Soil Sampling for Wisconsin Agriculture' can be viewed from the Integrated Pest and Crop Management website at <http://ipcm.wisc.edu> under the video tab, or follow this link directly to YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwBZp_AXyOY.

When sampling soils for testing and obtaining fertilizer and lime recommendations, it is important to obtain samples that accurately represent the field from which they were taken. Accurate soil sampling will ensure that the estimated amount of nutrients that should be applied to the field provide the greatest economic return to the farmer. They will also provide information on the variation that exists in the field and show how nutrients are distributed across the farm, as well as provide a basis for monitoring the change in farm fertility over time.

Also available from UW-Extension is publication A2100, Sampling Soils for Testing. This publication addresses various soil sampling strategies, sampling procedures, as well as other considerations when practicing no-till or various tillage systems. The publication can be downloaded for free at <http://learningstore.uwex.edu>. The publication is available in the 'Farming' category, under 'Soils', and 'Soil Fertility'. If you have additional questions about soil sampling or how to obtain a copy of the publication, contact your local county Extension agent at <http://counties.uwex.edu/>.

