



Coming Soon!!! PEAQ Reports



The PEAQ (Prediction Equations for Alfalfa Quality) method, developed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is a proven, low-cost method for instantly estimating the relative feed value of standing alfalfa. The first harvest is typically the highest yielding yet most difficult crop to put up in a timely manner. The PEAQ stick provides a simple, effective tool to schedule your harvest to achieve feed value target levels. The volunteers will report the predicted harvest date for alfalfa to meet a harvest goal of 165 RFV as fed. Crops residue, grass and lignin traits will be taken into account when reporting the predicted date.

Along with PEAQ readings done by agronomists this year, I will be sampling for four weeks on four different sites scissor clippings and sending them to Dairyland Labs for the results. The information will be shared on our website and send out via email to our newsletter list. If you would like to be added to the list, please call 920-683-4511. **The plan is to start sampling and sending out reports the week of May 12th. Thank you to our volunteers, Manitowoc County Forage Council, InDepth Agronomy and UW-Madison, Division of Extension for the collaboration.**



2025 Wisconsin Custom Rate Survey

If you are a farmer or a custom operator who performed or hired custom services in 2024, please click the link below to the survey and complete the sections that pertain to you.

[SURVEY](#)

Bovi-Noticias Newsletters

Bovi-Noticias is a bilingual (English & Spanish) newsletter providing information to help dairy workers learn, understand, and grow in their job skills while improving on-farm safety. Developed at UW-Madison Division of Extension, Bovi-Noticias is a collaboration between Educators on the Dairy team and Farm Management team. This bilingual (English & Spanish) newsletter was designed to support dairy farms and their employees. This publication delivers accessible, research-based information in both English and Spanish, aiming to:

- Provide relevant, practical insights for workers, managers, and owners.
- Increase awareness of the “why” behind practices to encourage employee understanding and enhance engagement of dairy teams
- Serving as a resource for team meetings, facilitating discussions between management and workers, and fostering problem-solving.

[April English Edition](#)

[April Spanish Edition](#)

[Subscribe for Newsletter via email here](#)

Educational Opportunities

badger dairy insight



Badger Dairy Insight is a webinar series to provide the latest research-based dairy information to improve animal welfare, breeding and genetic selection, automation and modernization, and nutritional decisions for producers, dairy workers and managers, ag professionals, and educators.

Join the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Dairy Program for the Badger Dairy Insight webinars! These happen on the third Tuesday of each month from 11am-12pm CST.

Our webinars happen every month. You'll hear from local Dairy Program Educators and UW Specialists about the latest dairy topics. It's a great chance to learn and ask questions!

The webinars are free, but you need to sign up first.

[Register](#)



The Badger Crop Connect series provides agronomists, crop consultants, and farmers with timely crop updates for Wisconsin. CEUs are available by topic for each presentation.

Recordings for on-demand viewing are available on the Division of Extension's YouTube channel or by expanding the Recordings tab below. To receive emails about upcoming webinar topics, recorded video availability, and other training opportunities and resources, sign up below.

Webinars are held at 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays each month from April to October.

[Register](#)



Vital 2025 Recap

On March 7, 2025, the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center hosted the VITAL event, bringing together 74 dairy farm women and professionals for a day of learning and networking. The event aimed to help attendees become better farm managers and be more profitable, focusing on the

important role women play in dairy farming.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MARCH 6, 2026

Upcoming Events



[Volunteer Sign-up here](#)

PASTURE WALK



JUNE 24TH, 2025

11:30AM - 2:00PM

SULLIVAN FAMILY FARM



404 S. Packer Drive, Manitowoc, WI
(Just South of Francis Creek)



HOST FARM:

Sullivan Family Farm has a passion for fresh food and good food. This veteran owned 40-acre farm grazes sheep and beef, pastures poultry, and grows a variety of seasonal vegetables.

SCHEDULE:

11:30 Registration & Lunch

12:00 Welcome & Begin Pasture Walk with Ryan Sullivan - Sullivan Family Farm and Kelsey Wallisch - Glacierland RC&D

1:00 Fencing Demonstration for Multi-Species Grazing with Randy Cutler, of Cutler Fence. Randy is a certified representative for Gallagher Fence & has installation crews that serve all of Wisconsin.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pasture-walk-at-sullivan-family-farm-tickets-1325152780639?aff=oddtcreator>



**LIMITED SPOTS
SIGN UP NOW!**



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Register Here

****DATE RESCHEDULED****

Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2025



Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**

Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,220,828 pounds of unwanted chemicals.



FREE!
For Households
and Farms

SAVINGS!
For Businesses

MANITOWOC COUNTY

Residents

- Saturday, **October 11**, 9am - Noon
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc

Farms and Businesses

- Friday, **October 10**, 2pm - 4pm
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc
Must register by October 3

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Pesticides

- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Other poisonous repellents and banned chemicals (DDT)

Paints/Solvents

- Varnishes and Shellacs
- Turpentine and Thinners
- Lead Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Aerosols
- Wood Preservatives

Cleaners/Cleaners

- Oven Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Polishes

Other Materials

- Used Oil and Filters
- Contaminated Oil
- Hydraulic Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Bulk Mercury, Mercury Devices and Compounds
- Acids/Bases
- Mothballs
- Pool Chemicals
- Photographic Chemicals
- Wood Coating, Stripping and Preservative Chemicals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

• LATEX PAINT*

- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks and high pressure cylinders such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps and needles
- Light bulbs
- Computer components and TVs
- Batteries
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals

Other disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items.

Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit

Recycling.manitowoccountywisc.gov

**All residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their regular trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hardened, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.*



Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.



Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2025



HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES

- Household participants may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost on October 11 between 9am and noon.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- Unknown substances and commercial waste will not be accepted.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep disposal site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- If unable to attend, then ask a neighbor to take your materials for you.
- Practice reduction by switching to safer alternatives or purchasing smaller amounts.

FARM GUIDELINES

- Farms and agricultural businesses must pre-register by October 3. Call 683-4333 for instructions.
- Farmers and rural property owners from Manitowoc County may bring chemicals from active and abandoned farms for disposal at no cost on October 10 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Many types of agricultural operations are eligible for disposal service including: livestock, grain, holiday trees, poultry, fruit, vegetable and aquaculture.
- Non-agriculture operations that bring in farm chemicals should register as a business and may be eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.
- Drums that have contained, or still contain agricultural chemicals will be accepted.

BUSINESS GUIDELINES

- Businesses must pre-register by October 3. Call 683-4333 for instructions. Late registrants may not be eligible for reduced disposal rates.
- Once registered, businesses will be scheduled a time to arrive on October 10 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Businesses must qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) through self-certification to dispose of their waste. VSQGs produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and store less than 2,205 pounds. Other limits may apply.
- Businesses can be retail, wholesale, manufacturing, commercial real estate, non-profit, schools, churches, golf courses and restaurants.
- Acceptable items include all those previously listed and chemicals associated with:
 - ◊ Business site and grounds maintenance such as pesticides, cleaners, disinfectants and vehicle chemicals.
 - ◊ Manufacturing and process chemicals such as oxidizers, acids, caustics, technical grade chemicals, laboratory reagents, polymers, reactive metals, mercury-based products, etc.
 - ◊ All sludges (weight scale pits, sump pits) are eligible for Clean Sweep. Agrichemical sludge (pesticide containing sludge from mixing and loading operations) is eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.

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Program Sponsors: Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Sheboygan County Planning and Resources Dept., Fond du Lac County Land and Water Conservation Department, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Ascend Services Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.

Spanish Version available here for print

CARBON MONOXIDE TESTING



**CAN'T BE
SEEN**



**CAN'T BE
SMELLED**



**CAN'T BE
HEARD**



**CAN BE
STOPPED**

The Manitowoc County Health Department has put together a brochure of information regarding Carbon Monoxide. It's a good reminder to make sure that homeowners have a Carbon Monoxide detector/alarm as it cannot be seen, smelled or heard when in our presence. View pdf [here](#) in English and Spanish

4-H Dairy Judging

May 6th; Kutz 11614 W. Washington Road, Newton

May 13th D&D Jerseys

May 20th Sunnyside Dairy

May 27th Jen-Lar, Chilton

June 3rd Ben & Amy Vos

June 10th Blue Royal Dairy

June 21st Meadow Brook 10 a.m.

June 28th Siemers 10 a.m.

June 30th Contest, Chilton

Coaches:

Paul Siemers & Angie Ulness

Questions: 920-901-6929

Dairy Judging Schedule
All practices at 7 pm unless noted



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The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Dairy Program is your connection to researched-based dairy information which promotes healthy dairy cattle, profitable dairy farms, and competitiveness in the dairy industry.

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