



# Please join us on Sunday June 8th



Twin Elm Family Farm is owned and operated by Dale & Cheryl Wagner, along with their son Tyler and his family and Jacob Luebke and his family. Join us for a delicious breakfast and a fun-filled morning! Breakfast on the Farm will feature guided self-walking tours of the farm, a petting zoo, children's activities, a cow bounce house, plus live music by 2/5th Party Band. Don't miss the crowning of the Dairy Princess and Miss Farm Bureau at 9:30 a.m. This event is proudly sponsored by the Manitowoc County Dairy Promotion Committee, Manitowoc County Farm Bureau and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin.



\*\*US Hwy 151 will be busy on Sunday, June 8, during Breakfast on the Farm. To enter the "parking lot" (a nearby hayfield), traffic will be directed north on Union Road. Traffic will also be directed to exit north on Union Road. Union Road will be one-way during this time.

\*\*Shuttles will transport you to and from the farm along US Hwy 151. For your safety and the safety of other travelers, please do not attempt to walk this stretch of highway.

\*\*If you are traveling in the area, please drive slowly and carefully along this stretch of US Hwy 151 next weekend, or feel free to plan an alternative route! Some possible alternatives may include US Hwy 10 or County JJ to the north, or English Lake Road or County Hwy C to the south.

\*\*You will NOT be able to approach the farm or US Hwy 151 from Brunner Road or Old Hwy 151. We also do not advise attempting to approach or travel through from the south on Union Road.



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.



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## Agriculture Education





## Wisconsin to Begin Monthly Milk Sampling as Part of the National Milk Testing Strategy

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) announced the implementation of the mandatory National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS), required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). This comprehensive program aims to bolster highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI/H5N1) surveillance of the nation's dairy cattle herds, ensuring swift action to identify and address H5N1 affected herds.

### Monthly Sampling Set to Begin

Under the NMTS, Wisconsin will soon initiate mandatory monthly milk sampling. With help from industry partners, it is expected that one milk sample will be obtained per dairy farm each month and tested at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL). These samples will primarily be gathered through existing milk quality labs that work with Licensed Bulk Milk Weighers and Samplers, ensuring minimal disruption to dairy operations while obtaining farm-level results.

### HPAI/H5N1 Detection and Next Steps

- **Initial Testing:** If H5N1 is detected, DATCP's Division of Animal Health will be notified by the WVDL and the Division of Animal Health will notify the farm.
- **Follow-Up:** DATCP's Division of Animal Health will work with affected farms regarding quarantine requirements. For more information, refer to the [What To Do if H5N1 is Confirmed on Your Dairy Farm](#) resource document on DATCP's website.
- **Milk Standards:** Farms may continue shipping milk if it meets "normal" milk standards under [ATCP 65.20](#) (milk that is not bloody, stringy, off-colored, or otherwise abnormal). Additionally, the [Food and Drug Administration](#) and USDA continue to emphasize that the commercial milk supply is safe because of the pasteurization process.
- **Any H5N1 detections** will also be confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL).

### Ongoing Updates and Resources

DATCP will provide updates on the NMTS collection process as the program develops. Stakeholders are encouraged to visit [datep.wi.gov](http://datep.wi.gov) for additional information, resources, and FAQs and subscribe to receive updates at <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDATCP/subscriber/new>.

The implementation of the NMTS highlights Wisconsin's ongoing commitment to working with federal and state partners to safeguard the dairy industry and ensure public health.

For questions or more information on the testing strategy, contact [NMTSfaq@wisconsin.gov](mailto:NMTSfaq@wisconsin.gov) or (608) 224-4717.

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## 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. Those who complete the survey with valid responses will be entered



into a raffle for one of ten Fleet Farm and/or Cabela's gift cards for \$100.



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# Crops Update



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**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.



The next webinar topic will be: Improving reproductive management of dairy replacement heifers

Dr. Paul Fricke, Professor of Dairy Science and Extension Dairy Cattle Reproduction Specialist, and Whitney Brown, PhD student at UW-Madison under Paul Fricke, will provide overview results from a recent field trial with the aim of improving synchrony to a protocol for timed AI in dairy heifers.

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

[Register](#)

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# Badger Crop Connect

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.

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