



Pricing Corn Silage-Estimating the Value of 2025 Crop

One of the most common questions this time of year is, “How much is corn silage worth?” The truth is there is no one sure reply. The one constant is that grain prices drive the process of trying to arrive at a “fair” value. Instead of trying to come to an exact price, the goal is to identify and discuss the factors both parties involved in any transaction need to consider.

[Full Article](#)

Managing Silage Corn Diseases and Mycotoxins at Chopping Time

We are quickly approaching that time of year where we will see silage choppers working the 2025 corn crop. This means it is time to understand overall crop health and how diseases might be affecting the crop so that you can make the best silage product you can.

[Full Article](#)



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:

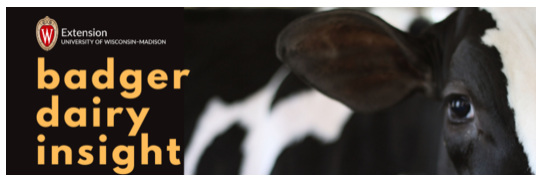


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Educational Opportunities



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

October 21, 2025: Your Automatic Milking System Questions Answered

-Nesli Akdeniz Onuki, Douglas Reinemann, Elizabeth French and Macia Endres

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.



Badger Crop Connect

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.

September 25: Seed Selection with Josh Kamps

[Register](#)

Upcoming Events



SMART CALF REARING CONFERENCE

Producer Day | September 27, 2025
Public Events Building | Arlington, Wisconsin



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Website: <https://smart-calf-rearing.com/>

Date: September 27: Producer Day

Location: Arlington Public Events Building
N633 Hopkins Rd, Arlington, WI 53911

REGISTER HERE



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All About Farm Leasing

A meeting for farmland owners,
tenants, and interested persons

"All About Farm Leasing" will answer questions that landowners, tenants, or other interested individuals have about leasing farmland, including setting a rental rate, land management considerations, legal risks associated with leases, strategies for effective communication with tenants and landowners, terminating an agricultural lease, and other miscellaneous topics in agricultural leasing.



Upcoming Meeting:

October 21, 2025 | 6 PM - 8 PM
Manitowoc County Office Complex
4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220



Registration:

\$25 per individual
Learn more and register at
<https://go.wisc.edu/4a57w4>.

Contact Kelly Wilfert at kelly.wilfert@wisc.edu, (608)263-5798 with any questions.

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**Join Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative for a field day featuring
16 diverse cover crop species and learn how a local CAFO is
making no-till work with manure**

Free to Attend!!

ROOTS & RESIDUE: A COVER CROP + LDMI TOUR

OCTOBER 22, 2025

JOIN US AT 1 OR ALL 3!

Farm WI Discovery Center

11:30-12:15

Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative Cover Crop Plot

- Planted on July 15th with 16 species
- 7-way mix on field perimeter
- Compare above & below ground-growth

7001 Gass Lake Rd, Manitowoc

Cedar Springs Dairy Farm

1:00-1:30

LDMI on a 1200 cow-dairy

- Cover crop after corn silage
- Transitioned to cover crops + no-till
- Explore Manitowoc Co. Soil & Water Mobile Hazard Maps

2001 Hillview Rd, Mishicot (exact field TBA closer to field day)

Don Rabitz: Rabitz XF LLC

1:45-2:15

Cover crops after wheat

- Planted on Aug. 15th with 16 species
- Discuss soil health improvements
- In-field soil health demos

15434 Rabitz Rd, Mishicot

BOX LUNCHES PROVIDED

Please register by Oct. 16

<https://forms.gle/wi81kGF4WMdyzt3A>





Gearing Up for Safety

Tractor Safety Course

Learn about...

Tractor Operation & Safety – Learn how to start, stop, and operate tractors safely, including pre-operation checks and recognizing danger zones.

Equipment Awareness – Understand how power take-off (PTO) systems and other implements work, and how to prevent common entanglement hazards.

Safe Work Practices – Develop safe habits around hitching, hauling, roadway driving, and working with trailers or attachments.

Emergency Preparedness – Gain skills to respond to accidents, recognize unsafe conditions, and protect yourself and others on the farm.

Dates: November 11, 13, 18, 20, and 22

Times: Tues./Thurs. 4:00p-8:30p, Sat. 8a-2p

Scan here to sign up!



Please note that the registration link is for individuals who are interested in taking the course. This tractor safety course will only take place if there is enough people showing interest. There will be a cost of \$100 roughly to take the training.

[Register Here](#)

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.

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Barn-to Body Wellness: One Minute at a Time

Submitted by Gina Phillips, RN- Manitowoc County Health Department

In our busy lives, carving out time for ourselves can feel nearly impossible—especially for farmers. With so many responsibilities, self-care often falls to the wayside. Most days, you're likely focused on making sure everyone and everything else is taken care of first, which often leaves little to no time or energy for your own needs.

But what happens when we consistently put our own wellbeing on the back burner? Many of us have experienced how small problems can grow into much bigger ones when left untended. We've all heard the airline reminder: put on your own oxygen mask before helping other. It may sound cliché, but it holds true on the farm, too: you can't care for your land, animals, or loved ones effectively if you're running on empty. Practicing mindfulness can help us fill our cup.

When we feel overwhelmed and pressed for time, that's often when it's hardest - and most important -for us to pause and ground ourselves. The challenge is how to care for ourselves without feeling like we're letting our responsibilities slide. So how do we prioritize our well-being when every minute feels accounted for?

[Read More](#)

SAVE THE DATE

March 6, 2026

*Vital-Women in Ag Meeting at
Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center*



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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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