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Learn more about HPAI in Wisconsin



[Visit our page focused on HPAI in Wisconsin](#). Read news, view maps, discover resources focused on HPAI (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) in Wisconsin.

**Ag Policy
Webinars**

If you'd like to learn more about the topics covered, recordings from the series are now available online.

Managing Risk with Updated Commodity Support Programs

Dr. Silva Gaku, Extension Farm Financial Management Outreach Specialist and Dr. Paul Mitchell, Ag & Applied Economics Professor and Extension Specialist

What Farmers Need to Know About Tax Changes in OBBBA

Kelly T. Wilfert, JD, Extension Farm Law Outreach Specialist

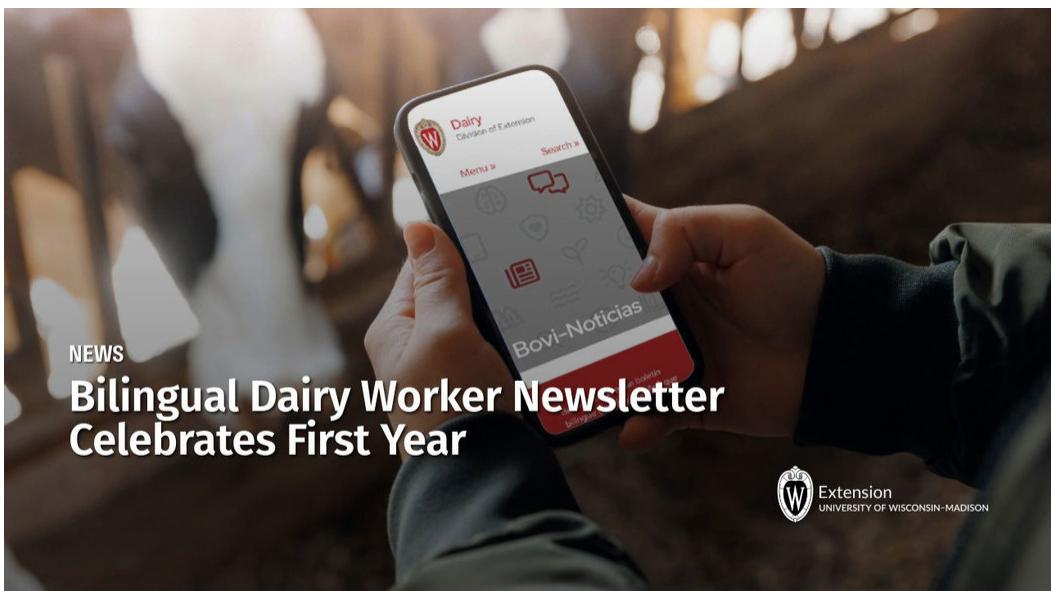
New Mandatory Dairy Processing Cost and Yield Survey

Dr. Andrew Novakovic, Cornell Professor of Agricultural Economics Emeritus, and Leonard Polzin, Dairy Markets and Policy Outreach Specialist

Agricultural Conservation and The Future of Farm Policy

Dr. Jeff Hadachek, Ag & Applied Economics Professor and Extension Specialist

[View recorded webinars](#)



Throughout 2025, dairy producers across Wisconsin and beyond have been sharing *Bovi-Noticias*- the bilingual dairy worker newsletter- with their employees. This free electronic publication which supports dairy farms and their teams has been well-received by farm owners, managers, and workers alike.

In each issue, the Bovi-Noticias team shares expert knowledge and insights-covering topics from dairy cow nutrition and milk quality to safety and farm management-in both English and Spanish, making it easy for owners and managers to share with their employees.

"Thanks Bovi-Noticias!" says Julie Maurer of Soaring Eagle Dairy. "They are very well done and are useful as paycheck stuffers for me! I like the format and it's nice that they have a safety aspect - keep these coming!"

Created through a collaborative effort between the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Extension Dairy education and Farm Management teams, Bovi-Noticias provides accessible, research-based content aimed at strengthening on-farm practices, improving workplace safety, and fostering more effective communication among dairy workers and decision makers.

Subscribe to Bovi-Noticias which arrives in your email inbox once every quarter:

<https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/2010717/1954380/>

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

January 20th-From Field to Feed: What we know about high Oleic Soybeans

[Register](#)

Cultivating Your Farm's Future

A workshop series for farms interested in planning the transition to the next generation.



This virtual series will help you gather information and answer these planning questions:

- Where are you now?
- Where do you want to be?
- How do you get there?

Topics we will cover:

- Communication
- Common tensions
- Financials
- Is equal fair?
- SWOT analysis
- Estate planning, including probate & estate tax
- Wills, trusts, & business entities



Learn more and register at:
go.wisc.edu/cyff

Winter 2026 Virtual Workshop:

Thursdays from 6:30-8PM

February 5, 12, 19, and 26

Optional session on March 19

Registration deadline: January 16

Cost: \$150/farm. Multiple farm or family members can attend. This fee provides one *Cultivating Your Farm's Future* workbook, one copy of *Cultivating Continuity*, a Learner's Guide for each person registered, course videos, and five live Zoom classes.

Register soon!

Registration is limited to 20 farms per series.

Questions?

Contact: joy.kirkpatrick@wisc.edu,
608.263.3485



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Upcoming Events

TECH. TOOLS. TACTICS.

"Leveraging tech to protect water, save money, and boost productivity."

JANUARY 28, 2026

10:00am - 1:30pm



ANNUAL MEETING & FORUM

**Tech.
Tools.
Tactics.
Panel**
Local Panel

**Soil Insights
That Matter:
Using Local Soil
Sensor Data to boost
Productivity**
with Greg Olson, Sand
County Foundation

**Rain 360 on a
Large Dairy:
Costs, Payback, &
Practical Wins**
with Aaron Augustian,
Augustian Farms

**Turning
Low Yields
into Profit:
Data-Driven Acre
Conversion**
with Johnny Behrendt,
Pheasants Forever



[Tech.Tools.Tactics Facebook
Event Page](#)

RSVP by January 16th

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Farm WI Discovery Center
7001 Gass Lake Rd., Manitowoc





TECH. TOOLS. TACTICS.

January 28, 2026

Members Meeting:
9:00am - 9:45am

The meeting is open to all Seven River
Soil Cooperative members and those
considering membership

Farm WI Discovery Center

10:00am



Welcome:

Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative Welcomes You!

Jesse Dvorachek, Seven River Soil Cooperative President

10:00am - 1:30pm Forum Agenda

10:15 am

Rain 360:

Costs, Payback, & Practical Wins

with Aaron Augustian, Augustian Farms



10:45 am

Corporate Member Updates & Break



Soil Insights That Matter:

Using Local Soil Sensor Data to boost Productivity

with Greg Olson, Sand County Foundation

11:00 am

Turning Low Yields into Profit:

Data-Driven Acre Conversion

with Johnny Behrendt, Pheasants Forever



11:25 am

Corporate Member Updates & Lunch

12:30pm

Tech. Tools. Tactics. Panel

Local Panel



1:15pm

Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION
LINK



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2026 Annual CAFO Update

How To Stay In Compliance With Your Permit
An update meeting for WPDES-permitted CAFO owners/managers/key staff, nutrient management plan writers, engineers, agency staff, and consultants.



NEW for 2026:

- Virtual option Thursday Feb 19.
- Bonus Extension session for the CAFO audience: "Supporting economic and water quality opportunities through expanded dairy heifer grazing" featuring Sarah Lloyd, Jordan Mathews (Rosy-Lane Dairy) and Ron Schoepp - Feb 3, 12-1pm.

Agenda

Time has been set aside before, during, and after the sessions for informal discussions with DNR staff.

- Nutrient Management Policy
 - Update Reviews Summary
 - 5-Year NMP Reviews
 - Policy Updates
- Step One to Reduce N Loss: Build a Nitrogen Budget
- Expansions/Permit Modifications
- Root Causes of Manure Spills
- Farmer/Consultant Panel: Manure Hauling and Record Keeping
- Common Issues for Permit Issuance Applications
- Lightning Rounds: Short presentations on key issues
 - Manure Sampling Reminders
 - Temporary Feed Storage Approvals
 - Permanent Markers 101
 - Silurian Bedrock Reminders (only Green Bay, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc)
 - Groundwater Parameters
 - Engineering Grab Bag



Engineering Session Agenda

- CAFO Program Updates / Plan Review
- Feed Storage Clean Water Diversions
- Manure Storage Design Update
- State-Adopted IBC and Codes

Locations & Dates

Engineering Technical Sessions:

9-11:30 am

Tues Jan 27 | Green Bay | Tundra Lodge
Wed Feb 11 | Mauston | Outdoors Forever Clubhouse

Farm/Key Staff/Consultant Sessions

Tuesday, Jan 27 | Noon-4pm | Green Bay
Tundra Lodge
865 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay

Wednesday, Jan 28 | Noon-4pm | Fond du Lac
Korneli's on the Avenue
605 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac

Thursday, Jan 29 | 8am-Noon | Manitowoc
Farm Discovery Center
7001 Gass Lake Rd, Manitowoc

Wednesday, Feb 4 | Noon-4pm | Darlington
Lafayette County Multipurpose Building
11974 Ames Rd, Darlington

Thursday, Feb 5 | 8am-Noon | Jefferson
Jefferson County Highway Dept
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson

Wednesday, Feb 11 | Noon-4pm | Mauston
Outdoors Forever Clubhouse
W4890 Cty Rd N, Mauston

Thursday, Feb 12 | 8am-Noon | Chippewa Falls
Market on the River
128 W River St, Chippewa Falls

Thursday, Feb 19 | 8am-Noon | Virtual

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There's no added cost to you for these services.

Register Online

<https://go.wisc.edu/CAFO2026>

1. Fill out online registration form.
2. Choose location and session.
 - Each in-person event registration includes the session and meal.
 - 8am sessions will include breakfast.
 - Noon sessions will include lunch.
3. Select payment type.
4. Click: "Submit."
5. Proceed to payment by card or check.

You MUST promptly complete payment to confirm your registration.

A confirmation email will be sent to you within 5 business days.

Complete registration and payment **one week prior to intended session** to avoid the late fee!



For more information about this program:
Contact Kevin Erb at 920-391-4652 or Kevin.Erb@wisc.edu

For questions on registration or payment:
Email: Extension@browncountywi.gov
Phone: 920-391-4610

Registration Information

<https://go.wisc.edu/CAFO2026>

Register 1 Week Prior: \$46

- Register Online
- Pay by Card or Check
- Meal Included

Late Registration: \$56

- Register Online
- Pay by Card or Check
- Meal Not Guaranteed

Walk-In Registration: \$56

- Pay by Check Only
- Meal Not Guaranteed

No price adjustments for meal or partial attendance.

No refunds.

Cash will not be accepted.

Same cost in-person or virtual.

Payment Information

Card Payment - Online Only

- After registering online and instructions with link for online payment will be provided.

Check Payment

- Register online and instructions will be provided.
- Make check payable to **Brown County Treasurer**
- Mail to:
Extension Brown County
Attn: CAFO
2019 Technology Way, Rm 113
Green Bay, WI

2026 Annual CAFO Update

Hosted by UW-Madison Division of Extension in collaboration with the Wisconsin DNR



Jan 27

Green Bay

Jan 28

Fond du Lac

Jan 29

Manitowoc

Feb 4

Darlington

Feb 5

Jefferson

Feb 11

Mauston

Feb 12

Chippewa Falls

Feb 19

Virtual

Growing leaders. Growing dairy.

VITAL

Valuably Informed Thriving Agriculture Leader

A day to learn, network, and grow for dairy & industry peers

Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center, Manitowoc, WI

Friday, March 6, 2026



**To register and see
the full agenda,
scan the QR code**

Know someone
who should join us?
Refer a friend and
get entered
into our giveaway!



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Barn-to Body Wellness

Submitted by Gina Phillips, RN- Manitowoc County Health Department

BELONGING

Welcome back! This month we'll talk about what **belonging** means, why it's important, and how we can increase our sense of belonging.

What does belonging have to do with farmers?

"... while there is an ideology and fantasy about homesteading and farming, it is difficult and often isolating because farmers work all the time."

The need for belonging is universal; it is intrinsic to human nature/

[Read more](#)





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