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Manitowoc County to Host Twilight Meeting



Celebrating 100+ Years of Dairy Excellence

HONORING THE BORGWARDT FAMILY & WELCOMING LIBERTYLAND FARMS

Manitowoc County Holstein Twilight Meeting
Sunnyside Dairy Farms, Valders • Saturday, September 19, 2026 • 6 PM



This year's Twilight Meeting celebrates a remarkable chapter in Manitowoc County dairy history. After more than 100 years of dairy farming, Todd and Sue Borgwardt have transitioned Sunnyside Dairy Farms to neighboring producers Greg Gries and Zak & Rachel Kenneke of Libertyland Farms. Built on generations of award-winning cattle, and a commitment to quality, Sunnyside Farms has long been recognized as one of the area's premier dairy operations. Celebrate the Borgwardt family's legacy with us while looking ahead to the future under the next generation of dairy leadership.

Event Location: 12629 Newton Road, Valders, WI 54245



**Manitowoc County
Holstein Association**

Watch our Facebook page for more updates!
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2026 Nutrient Management Regional Meetings

Save the Date!



Join DATCP, NRCS, UW-Extension, and the SnapPlus team for a day of nutrient management updates and planning guidance. Meetings run from 10:00am to 1:00pm, followed by an optional SnapPlus V3 training from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Registration is free, but required. CEUs have been requested.

- **Jefferson- August 19th**
 - 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549
 - Rooms 8 & 9
- **Wausau-September 1st**
 - 1100 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403
 - Superior Room
- **Appleton-September 2nd**
 - 1825 N Bluemound Dr. Appleton WI 54914
 - Room 170A-Park in N. parking lot and enter through door 16.
- **Dodgeville- September 15th**
 - 303 W. Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533
 - Iowa County Community Room
- **Eau Claire- September 9th**
 - S7650 WI-37, Eau Claire, WI 54701
 - West Creek Event Center

Register Now!

Questions?

Contact Andrea Topper at
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Farm Transition Interest - Manitowoc County



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Are you wondering where to begin the conversation about farm succession? Do you have questions like:

What farm succession topics should I learn more about?

What steps should I take first to start the conversation?

How do I determine what is fair versus equal among all of my children?

What strategies should I consider before talking with a lawyer or hiring a consultant?

If these questions sound familiar, this Farm Succession Interest Assessment may be for you. Farm succession planning continues to be top of mind for dairy farmers in Manitowoc County, according to the 2025 Manitowoc County Community Needs Forum. Interestingly, the average age of a farmer in Manitowoc County is 55.9 years old (Census of Agriculture, 2022).

Many farm families know succession planning is important, but are unsure where to start. In fact, a high percentage of Manitowoc farm businesses have not yet identified a successor or developed a succession plan. One of the greatest challenges dairy farm families face is simply understanding the first steps in the process. This interest form can be filled out by multiple generations involved in the farm.

By completing this assessment, you can help identify the topics, resources, and educational opportunities that would be most valuable for local farm families as you begin planning for the future of your farm and family legacy. I would like to bring a valuable series of peer-to-peer discussions to the Manitowoc Farmers' interested in farm succession.

[Assessment Survey](#)



Join us for a High-Oleic Soybean Field Day on August 25th.

This field day will focus on practical information for dairy farms interested in incorporating high-oleic soybeans into their feeding programs.

The day will begin with educational presentations and lunch at the Brillion Nature Center. In the afternoon, participants will visit Woldt Farms for hands-on learning activities.

Topics for the Day

- Background of high-oleic soybeans
- Growing and agronomic considerations
- Handling and identity preservation
- Economics and best practices for roasting and processing
- Farm and industry Q&A

Register at <https://go.wisc.edu/hosb26>

Registration will be required for accurate meal counts.

Questions? Contact Katelyn Goldsmith (katelyn.goldsmith@wisc.edu).

Dairy Ventilation App: A New Tool Helps Wisconsin Dairy Producers Manage Heat Stress

Dairy producers across Wisconsin now have a new tool to help manage one of summer's biggest challenges: heat stress. It costs the U.S. dairy industry significantly each year through reduced milk production, lower fertility, and added health expenses. At the same time, the cost of running the fans and ventilation systems that prevent those losses keeps rising, making smart decisions on the farm matter more than ever.

Dairy Ventilation App

*A Ventilation Decision App for Wisconsin Dairy Producers:
Real-time temperature-humidity index (THI) tracking,
ventilation needs, fan selection, and cost analysis.*



KEY FEATURES

- Live local weather via GPS
- Instant THI calculation
- Heat stress risk levels
- Ventilation recommendations
- Cost analysis
- Works on phone and tablet

WHY IT MATTERS

Heat stress causes significant losses for U.S. dairy producers each year. Reduced milk production, lower fertility, and added health expenses all add up. At the same time, the cost of running ventilation fans that prevent those losses keeps rising. This app helps producers make smart ventilation design decisions.

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Pricing Standing Alfalfa

Written by [Kevin Jarek](#) and [Scott Newell](#)

Are you considering selling or purchasing alfalfa? Factors to consider when determining a fair price for standing forage include stand density, average yield per cutting, expected total season yield, weather risks and field losses, value per ton DM, and harvesting costs. Kevin Jarek and Scott Newell put together a document that you can refer to by clicking the button below.

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Hay Market Report



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Opportunities for Youth at the Manitowoc County Fair

- **Herd Builder Award - Due August 1st**

[2026 Herd Builder Award Application Form.doc](#)

- **Outstanding Dairy Cattle Youth Exhibitor Award - Due August 1st**

[2026 Outstanding Dairy Cattle Youth Exhibitor Application Form \(1\).docx](#)

- **Manitowoc County Fair Dairy Fitting Competition**

[Manitowoc County Fitting Contest 2026](#)

- **Kids, Calves & Costumes**

[Register here](#)

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