

Extension Education Committee Agenda Videoconference (See link at bottom of agenda) OR

Jefferson County Extension Office 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Matt Foelker, Elizabeth Hafften, Dan Herbst, John Kannard, Dwayne Morris

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call (to establish a quorum)
- 3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
- 4. Approval of Agenda (for possible rearrangement)
- 5. Public Comment (Members of the Public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time.)
- 6. Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from January 13, 2025
- 7. Communications
- 8. Review of 2025 Departmental Budget
- Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Alison Pfau (Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator), Jerry Wilcenski (4-H), Julie Hill (Horticulture Educator), Lisa Krolow (Bilingual FoodWIse Coordinator), Josh Kamps (Regional Crop Educator)
- 10. Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings
- 11. Discussion and Possible Decision on Dates/Times of Extension Education Committee meetings: March 10, April 14, May 12
- 12. Adjourn

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Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: January 13, 2025

Call to Order: John Kannard called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Roll Call: Committee members present in person: John Kannard, Dan Herbst, Matt Foelker and Dwayne Morris

Jerry Wilcenski, Chrissy Wen, Lisa Krolow, Steve Chmielewski, Meghan Splinter and Katelyn Broedlow were present in-person.

Libby Hafften, Alison Pfau and Jill Hill were present via zoom.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Herbst, seconded by Foelker, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from December 9, 2024: Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Communications: None.

Review of 2025 Departmental Budget: Wen stated the budget is as approved and there is nothing to report on the budget.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

Steve Chmielewski, Community Development Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Continues to work with the City of Jefferson Rural on Extension's program Rural Entrepreneurial Venture. There is an information session coming up this week here at the Extension Office.
- Continues to work with Sustain Jefferson to wrap up their strategic planning process.
- We as an office have been working with the County to bring back Youth Government Day.

Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Working with Josh Kamps on the Forage Meeting which is being held in Whitewater on February 27.
- A part of the Dairy Nutrition Group who are planning an educational Nutrition Feeder School with specialists from UW Madison. The program for this area will be March 19.

Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- December was a slow month for programs.
- We had a Cookie theme bake off meeting.
- We held a beef carcass program.
- Many 4-H programs will be starting this month.
- Working on classes for Project Learning Day which is being held in February.
- Discussion was had.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Program planning and preparation is happening right now.
- Working with the UW-Whitewater Continuing Education Department to offer a pruning workshop on March 1.

- Planning some programming on soil testing.
- Plans to spend some time reviewing and updating existing programs.

Lisa Krolow, FoodWIse Coordinator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Started the Strong Bodies series in Watertown at River Commons Apartments last week.
- Housing site in fort pitched the Strong Bodies program.
- Scheduling the series with Head Start in 10 classrooms in Jefferson county for the year.
- Discussion was had.

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator, was unable to attend the meeting.

Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings: None.

Next Scheduled Meetings: February 10, March 10, April 14

Adjourn – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst, to adjourn at 8:55am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist

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Steve Chmielewski Community Development Educator

Community Development

January Program Highlights

- Planning for community needs assessment in collaboration with community leaders, businesses and organizations in Jefferson County. The goal is to engage new participation to learn about trends, challenges and goals to develop new programming, raise awareness of local and statewide resources, and increase relational capital.
- A one-day workshop for community broadband leaders, economic development organizations, public and private permitting agencies, and internet service providers, where participants learned about broadband permitting requirements, engagement and endorsement of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) projects, and engaged in peer learning through case studies so they can build effective public-private partnerships that meet their community's broadband needs, increasing economic opportunity and quality of life for all community members.







Alison Pfau Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator

January Program Highlights

Agriculture Dairy



• Development of a workshop called "Badger Dairy Feeding" this winter across Wisconsin. A group of excellent topics will cover the current dairy feeding concerns of Wisconsin's farmers, including feed safety, feed management, transition cow health, and the economics and importance of feeding. Our target audience is dairy owners, managers, and employees who handle the mixing of feed, as well as consultants, service providers, educators, farm organizations, and other industry leaders. All sessions will be offered in both English and Spanish.

- February 20, 2025, Lafayette County Multipurpose Building (11974 Ames Rd., Darlington)
- March 5, 2025, Brown County STEM Innovation Center (2019 Technology Way, Green Bay)
- March 19, 2025, Dane County Extension Building (5201 Fen Oak Dr. Ste 138, Madison)
- March 26, 2025, Fond du Lac County Highway Department (1820S Hickory St, Fond du Lac)
- April 2, 2025, Abbotsford Public Library (203 N 1st St., Abbotsford)
- Planning and development of a workshop on Forage Management on Thursday February 27, from 10 PM to 3 PM at the Whitewater Community Engagement Center. This program will provide information about minimizing dry matter losses in storage, Forage quality during storage, planting alfalfa production and feed efficiency.
- The UW-Extension Dairy program has developed the "Calving management practices and Neonate care in dairy cattle" workshop. This program will help farm personnel to recognize the imminent signs of birth and calving process, provide guidelines for calving management practices to reduce the prevalence of stillbirth and health issues in cows, be able to determine when first calf heifers or cows need assistance at calving, and the importance of calf management and neonate care after calving. This program will be held in Marathon County on March 13-14, 2025 as a collaboration effort between dairy educators.
- Planning and development of a monthly bilingual newsletter developed by UW-Madison Extension state specialists and regional educators from the Dairy and Farm Management teams. It provides information to help dairy workers learn, understand, and grow in their job skills while improving on-farm safety.



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Jerry Wilcenski 4-H Program Educator

January Program Highlights





- Youth will learn about safe food handling, common pathogens, and proper internal temperatures of meat products. Participants in each session will learn about the nutritional components of meat products, the cost of production and innovative production methods focused on climate and sustainability. Youth will also learn about animal welfare and how it effects consumer demands and product quality.
- A series of events that break down into four main categories: Youth care of animals Meat Science and Carcass Quality Genetics Marketing and Public Speaking.
- Bake-Off is a series of challenges that allow youth to expand baking skills and master a wide range of baked goods. Each month focuses on technical, creative, and group challenge for: cakes, breads, pastries, cookies.
- Countywide Cloverbud Programing that highlights the various projects and activities 4-H has to offer.
- Cook-Off is a series of challenges that allow youth to expand cooking skills and master a wide range dishes. Each month focusses on technical, creative and group challenge for a wide range of foods.
- Youth will learn about all aspects of draft horse management and care, from reproduction to nutritional needs to safe handling. Programming involves hands on lessons throughout the year.







Agriculture Horticulture

Julie Hill Horticulture Educator

January Program Highlights

- A yearlong activity/service for residents of Jefferson County to provide research based answers to their horticulture questions. The goal of this effort is to educate individuals of Jefferson County so they can implement best practices in their landscapes that will positively affect the environment and their communities.
- Working with Steve Chmielewski (Community Development) on planning for community needs assessment in collaboration with community leaders, businesses and organizations in Jefferson County. The goal is to engage new participation to learn about trends, challenges and goals to develop new programming, raise awareness of local and statewide resources, and increase relational capital, as well as identify possible opportunities for horticulture programming.
- Coming up:
 - Presentation: Understanding Your Garden Soil, February 18, 2:00 p.m., Seniors in the Park Garden Club, 504 W. Starin Road (open to the public!)
 - Workshop: Making the Cut: Hands-on Tree Pruning Workshop, March 1, 10:00 a.m., UW-Whitewater Continuing Education, <u>https://www.uww.edu/ce/gardenlandscape</u>







Lisa Krolow Bilingual FoodWIse Nutrition Coordinator



Priscilla Gonzalez Bilingual FoodWIse Nutrition Educator

January Program Highlights

• See attached report.









Healthy Choices Healthy Lives

FoodWIse in **Jefferson County** is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed). With local strengths, we support healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for Wisconsin residents experiencing limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.

Extension

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Whether people are healthy or not is affected by systems, policies, and environmental factors.

39%

of children in schools were eligible for free or reduced price meals.^



8%



of county residents use SNAP benefits to purchase food for themselves and their families.*

 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 * WI Dept of Administration and WI Dept of Health Services

Achieving More **Together**

UW-Madison Division of Extension works alongside the people of Wisconsin throughout urban and rural communities to deliver practical educational programs where people live and work. In Jefferson County, FoodWIse partners with Head Start programs, senior meal programs, and food pantries to help make the healthy choice the easy choice in our communities.

Community

Impacts in 2024

Engaged with 754 learners around nutrition education topics in a variety of settings, including early care, senior dining sites, subsidized housing sites, and food pantries.

The FoodWIse team collaborated with the UW Whitewater Food Pantry which serves low-income students on Campus. We

inventoried pantry items and provided healthy recipes to help students prepare meals with available ingredients.



Inspiring Collaborations

Many residents in subsidized housing rely on local food pantries for their groceries. However, they sometimes receive ingredients that they think they don't like or don't know how to use. Some of these included canned beef and chicken, whole wheat pasta, and beans. As a result, they discard these items in the community room for others to use. To address this issue, the Jefferson County FoodWIse team conducted a 5-week cooking series to help residents utilize these commonly discarded items.

Our team reviewed and identified the most commonly discarded ingredients in the community room. We organized weekly cooking

sessions over five weeks, where residents could taste and learn to cook with these ingredients. Each session included the distribution of easy-to-follow recipes featuring the highlighted ingredient.



Growing Healthy Families through Nutrition Education for Kids and Caregivers



The Jefferson County FoodWlse team provided nutrition education to preschoolers in 10 classrooms, where they learned about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and staying active through regular exercise. The hands-on lessons were designed to engage young children and help them understand healthy habits in a fun and interactive way.

In addition to working with the children, we partnered with parents to offer valuable food safety information and practical tips on budgeting for healthy foods. These parent presentations were conducted virtually, ensuring accessibility, and were delivered in both English and Spanish to reach a broader audience.

These sessions not only supported families in making healthier choices but also helped our partner fulfill a key program requirement, demonstrating the collaborative impact of this initiative on both children and their caregivers.

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Priscilla Gonzalez Nutrition Educator

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Josh Kamps Regional Crops & Soils Educator

Agriculture Crops & Soils

January Program Highlights

- Planning for a spring weed management educational talk for the county highway departments in collaboration with Mark Renz and Matt Wallrath (WI First Detector Network). The goal is to provide research based recommendations for weed control and vegetation management on right of ways to control the spread of invasive weeds while reducing the amount of time and capital investment by the highway departments.
- A panel discussion for educators, agronomy industry and agency professionals where attendees learned about the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP) to increase awareness of nitrogen management results and involvement in the program. The goal of the presentation as a panelist was to discuss experience with the program as an extension educator and fiscal agent.
- Planning for a four session Focus on Forage webinar series for forage growers and agriculture consultants in collaboration with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the US Dairy Forage Research Center. The goal is to provide research based forage management solutions to improve forage quality and meet producer goals.
- An on-farm research project to determine the performance of five winter barley varieties at different planting dates, where performance is determined by winter survival, yield as well as malt, forage, and feed analysis. Results from this study will help determine if/how winter barley can be integrated into Wisconsin cropping systems and if it can serve as an overwintering cover crop that can potentially garner higher prices and yield than winter wheat for farmers in the state.



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ABOUT EXTENSION

The educational programs of Extension Jefferson County and its staff are the result of a partnership between Jefferson County, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The objective of that partnership is to use the knowledge and research of the University of Wisconsin to meet the educational needs of Jefferson County residents through the efforts of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension faculty members. We teach, learn, lead & serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

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The Health & Well-Being Institute works to catalyze positive change in Wisconsin residents through evidence-based and community engaged promotion and programs.

FoodWlse Nutrition



FoodWIse advances healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for families with limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels. By partnering with community-based organizations, we promote change for individuals, families and communities, and help make the healthy choice the easy choice.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Positive Youth Development Institute prepares the youth of today to become 🐼 🐼 the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. 4-H clubs, camps and



afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

4-H Youth Development

4-H involves youth (Kindergarten -13th Grade) in project-based education. Through the 4-H experience, youth explore their interests ("sparks") and master new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be hands on to create a memorable learning experience. This hands-on approach allows youth to learn life-long skills, reflect, and grow from these experiences.

LOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Institute provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enrichés the lives of their residents. We educate in leadership development, organizational development, food systems, community economic development, local government education and much more.

OUR MISSION

Helping the people of Wisconsin and Jefferson County apply University research, knowledge, and resources to meet their educational needs wherever they live and work.











The Agriculture Institute is your connection to the latest UW-Madison research to inform decision-making needs of the agriculture community. Our work supports people, communities, and businesses within the agriculture sector.

Crops & Soils

Provides resources that promote economic and environmental sustainability in crop production and soil management. Timely resources and information assist farmers, agricultural consultants, and conservation professionals with profitable crop production and strategic soil management techniques.

Dairy

Strengthening the competitiveness of the Wisconsin dairy industry through statewide leadership in education and research. Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management.

Horticulture

Horticulture includes topics from soil to trees, water quality to plant health, and beneficial to harmful insects. As the demand for horticulture information and products increase, Extension programs help find appropriate, cost effective and environmentally sound solutions. These programs provide research-based information and teach gardening practices that promote environmental stewardship.

Wisconsin Master Gardener

The Master Gardener Program supports a network of individuals dedicated to horticulture education, service, and lifelong learning. Through University research-based horticulture training, they are equipped to address needs and opportunities in their community.



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