



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Extension Education Committee Agenda
Videoconference
OR
Jefferson County Extension Office
864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549**

DATE: August 10, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Matt Foelker, Francine Gies, Elizabeth Hafften, John Kannard, Dwayne Morris

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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 July 13, 2026
7. Communications
8. Review of 2026 Departmental Budget
9. Division of Extension update – Chrissy Wen, Area Extension Director
10. Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports – Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Jerry Wilcenski and Cadance Hawk (4-H), Julie Hill (Horticulture Educator), Alison Pfau (Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator), Josh Kamps (Regional Crop Educator)
11. Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings
12. Discussion and Possible Decision on Dates/Times of Extension Education Committee meetings:
Sept 14 & Oct 12
13. Adjourn

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Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: July 13th, 2026

Call to Order: Supervisor John Kannard called meeting to order at 0831

Roll Call: Quorum – Supervisor Francine Gies, Supervisor Elizabeth Hafften (online for part of the session), Supervisor John Kannard, and Supervisor Dwayne Morris. Supervisor Matt Foelker was absent.

Alison Pfau, Jerry Wilcenski, Chrissy Wen, Josh Kamps, Cadance Hawk, Steven Chmielewski, and Lilianne Bidwell were present in person.

Julie Hill, and Michael Luckey were present via Teams.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as printed by Kannard, second by Gies

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from June 08, 2026: Motion by Gies to approve the minutes as printed. Second by Kannard and passed.

Communications: None

Review of 2026 Departmental Budget: Wen stated nothing new with budget and is on track. Wen talked about the contract and that we pay in 2x a year. First payment was processed.

Division of Extension update: Extension is applying for a grant for health and wellness for community health workers. Wen will be reaching out to the health dept on collaboration. Other communities will be applying; this is a federal grant. This grant could bring educators into Jefferson county as we don't have anyone currently. This would be a 5-year grant. Wen is reaching out to the community to see if there is interest. Once we have that information then they will move forward. Interest is due by the 27th of July.

Annual report will be coming out this week.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports: Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Alison Pfau (Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator), Jerry Wilcenski (4-H Program Educator), Cadance Hawk (4-H Associate Educator), and Julie Hill (Horticulture Educator) presented in-person or via Teams, Josh Kamps (Regional Crop Educator).

Steve Chmielewski, Community Development Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- A Real Colors® team development workshop was delivered for employees of the City of Lake Mills. Participants increased their understanding of personality and communication styles, learned strategies for working more effectively with colleagues, and explored ways to build stronger workplace relationships. As a result, participants gained tools to improve communication, increase trust, and enhance team effectiveness in support of organizational goals.

- Planning and partnership development continued for the Rural Entrepreneur Venture (REV) Program in Palmyra. REV is a community-based economic development initiative designed to strengthen entrepreneurship, support small businesses, and identify opportunities for long-term community vitality. Local leaders, business owners, and community stakeholders are working together to assess assets, identify priorities, and develop strategies that support business growth and economic resilience. Locally developed REV Goals include:
 - Support and grow local businesses and entrepreneurs. (Comprehensive webpage in development stages as well)
 - Strengthen downtown vitality and community attractiveness. (Conducting commercial vacancy survey)
 - Build local leadership and partnerships to advance economic development workforce development with Youth Apprenticeship Program (Changes in PEASD staffing with DWD Youth Apprentice program need to be addressed)
- Extension is in discussion with REV communities and UW–Whitewater on expanding City Pitch Program, providing entrepreneurs and small business owners with an opportunity to refine business concepts, receive coaching, and present their ideas to community stakeholders and judges. Participants strengthened their business planning and presentation skills, increased their understanding of available resources, and expanded connections with local economic development partners. The program supports entrepreneurship, innovation, and community economic development throughout the region.
- To help address the Transformative Government Strategic Priority, exploration and planning also began for a county-level Local Government education program designed to help residents better understand county government structure, decision-making processes, and opportunities for civic engagement. The program aims to increase civic literacy, strengthen public participation, and build informed local leadership. Planning team will meet to make program decisions later this month.
- Additional discussion was conducted with Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission on analyzing economic impact of Public Rail System per member county to follow a request to better understand individual county's ROI of being part of a freight system

Events coming up:

Growing Within the Cap: Analyzing Your Municipal Tax Base Under Wisconsin's Levy Limits – July 14

<http://go.wisc.edu/wq44gs>

PFAS & Emerging Contaminants: Community Education, Engagement, and Response – August 20

<http://go.wisc.edu/0s7256>

Solar panels and wind turbines are becoming increasingly common in Wisconsin's energy portfolio as low-cost, reliable energy sources. As our state's energy landscape shifts, many communities are facing new challenging conversations and navigating complicated processes, some for the first time.

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- September 24: Community Priorities in Locally Permitted Projects
- October 1: State Regulatory Process & Joint Development Agreements
- October 8: Local Government Actions

Alison Pfau, Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- Planning and developing a proper administration of medicine and vaccines for dairy cattle on August 27th and 28th from 9 to 3 pm in Dane county. In this program we will talk about the proper management and storage of health products, common mistakes handling health products in dairy farms, practical tips for a successful cattle vaccination, right intervention and right medication on time, and the importance of the vaccination plan in cattle.
- Planning and developing the fourth edition of El "Break" Info-Lechero. A webinar in Spanish created to help dairy workers and the dairy industry in Wisconsin and around the world to get access of the most up to date dairy information in different topics like animal reproduction, date collection, animal welfare, nutrition, calf care and more. This webinar will be held in September and October 2026.
<https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/el-break-info-lechero-english/>
- Bovi-noticias is a bilingual (English & Spanish) newsletter created through collaboration between the Dairy and Farm Management teams. It provides dairy farms and their employees with accessible, research-based information that explains the reasons behind key practices and offers practical insights for daily work. Through this effort, Bovi-noticias helps build a more informed and engaged workforce, improving animal well-being, optimizing resources, and supporting farm profitability and safety. New summer issue, see the attachment. (Here is the link you can print the newsletter for the report)
<https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/bovi-noticias/>
- A statewide program promoting humane dairy cow-handling practices for dairy cow handlers where the participants will learn to be aware of their own beliefs about working with cows, which affect how they interact with them. They will also learn how to form or maintain good habits, which will make the cows easier to handle and their job smoother. In July, August, and September, we will schedule farms, where we are going to provide the course and get feedback from the employees.

Jerry Wilcenski 4-H Program Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- Summer Programming focused on youth sparks and expanding skills in food production and animal care with Beulah Homestead
 - *Ongoing*
- Livestock Marketing programming that gives youth real world experience in marketing their livestock project to prospective buyers using industry criteria.
 - *As a result of participation, youth increase their ability to communicate the value of livestock and agricultural products, strengthening confidence in public speaking and promotional strategies. They gain practical skills in marketing, sales, and consumer awareness—competencies that are increasingly essential in agriculture and transferable to a wide range of careers. Youth also develop broader life skills such as critical thinking, decision-making, and leadership, which are consistently linked to participation in livestock programs and agricultural*

competitions. Through this experience, participants become better prepared to engage with buyers, advocate for agriculture, and succeed in both industry and community settings.

- Countywide Cloverbud Programing that highlights the various projects and activities 4-H has to offer
 - *Improved understanding of 4-H, excitement for Cloverbud projects, improved sense of belonging to 4-H*
- Weekly in-school programing at the Palmyra Montessori school that provides and exploration of 4-H and its diverse project areas for new and primarily first generation 4-H youth
 - *Programming completed in: Legos, Food Science, Plants and Soil Sciences, Rabbits, Global Exploration, Archiving and Collections and Gems and Minerals.*
- The Youth Livestock Producers is series of programs and a youth lead committee that aims to build future leaders in fields of genetics, animal science, meat science and veterinary science.
 - *Ongoing*

Cadance Hawk 4-H Associate Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- A Cloverbud Summer Day Camp for Jefferson County 4-H Cloverbuds, where participants will engage in a wide variety of activities following an "Around the World" theme. Through this program, students will learn new skills, practice critical thinking and collaboration, and engage in multicultural education.
 - *I anticipate that this work will increase student knowledge of practical skills, multicultural awareness, and general facts-based information. This will equip students to more intentionally engage in 4-H and the world by providing an introduction to topics of lifelong relevance.*
- A summer sparks-based learning program for Palmyra-Eagle Montessori School Club Members, where youth engaged in self-directed independent projects with support from 4-H Educators. Through this activity, youth had the opportunity to more deeply engage in 4-H programming, initiate a pathway into future projects, build connections with other club members, and strengthen youth-adult partnerships.
 - *Palmyra-Eagle Montessori School Club members showed significant social emotional growth, an increased connection to 4-H, and strengthened-youth adult partnerships. These outcomes were measured qualitatively through educator observation. Student social emotional growth was assessed based on the capability of students to effectively and positively convey emotions, students' level of participation in pro-social activities, and students' ability to self-regulate throughout the course of activities. Increased connection to 4-H was assessed based on student participation in independent 4-H projects and student awareness of 4-H opportunities. Strengthened youth-adult partnerships were assessed based on student growth in response to specific guidance provided by 4-H educators, as well as increased trust of educators. Each of these measures showed positive growth throughout the course of the program.*
- A project learning day for Jefferson County 4-H Members, where participants engaged in experiential learning in the areas of foods, arts, and STEM. Through this program, students explored their sparks, practiced problem-solving and engaged in youth-adult partnerships.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- An in-person presentation, hosted by Janesville Senior Center, for the general public where

participants learned about integrated pest management to reduce wildlife conflict in a way that supports both garden and ecological balance.

- *Programming that occurred/is occurring*
- An in-person program in collaboration with Lake Mills Club 55, where participants learned about growing vegetables in containers. The goal of this effort is to increase knowledge, confidence and build skills in gardening for improved yields and reduce the harmful effects of pesticides.
 - *Programming that occurred/is occurring*
- An in-person presentation for consumer horticulture audiences where participants learned about proper horticulture practices to provide food resources and decrease/eliminate pesticide use to improve habitat availability for Wisconsin pollinators.
 - *Programming that occurred/is occurring*
- An in-person program in collaboration with Lake Geneva Public Library where participants learned about home composting. The goal of this effort is to increase knowledge, confidence and build skills in composting to help mitigate the causes of climate change and to improve the soil health of yards and gardens.
 - *Programming that occurred/is occurring*
- A weekly social media outreach campaign for consumer gardeners utilizing Extension Walworth/Rock/Jefferson County Facebook page to help promote local plant health diagnostic services and upcoming programs and improve understanding of how sustainable horticultural practices positively impact landscapes and ecosystems.
 - *Programming is occurring*
- 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.
 - *Programming is occurring*
- An in-person presentation in collaboration with Milton Public Library where participants learned about proper horticulture practices to provide food resources and decrease/eliminate pesticide use to improve habitat availability for hummingbirds as a Wisconsin pollinator.
 - *Programming that occurred/is occurring*

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- A study to better understand the target termination timing of cereal rye and triticale to provide a 50% reduction in weed biomass while not impacting the yield potential of soybean. Results from this study will help farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants in managing cover crop biomass accumulation as a tool for weed suppression while reducing the risk of herbicide resistance development.
 - *The study identified termination windows that consistently achieved approximately a 50% reduction in weed biomass while maintaining soybean yield potential. These results provide actionable recommendations that support farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants in using cover crop biomass accumulation to suppress weeds, strengthen integrated weed management programs, and reduce reliance on herbicides, which lowers the risk of herbicide resistance*

development.

- A study to better understand the optimal nitrogen rate for corn grain production within different farm production systems. Results from this study will help farmers, crop consultants, and conservation professionals in making nitrogen rate decisions which maximize profitability while reducing the risk of nitrogen leaching or loss to the environment.
 - *The study identified nitrogen rate ranges that consistently optimized corn grain yield within each production system while reducing the risk of nitrogen leaching or loss. These results provide actionable, data-driven recommendations that help farmers, crop consultants, and conservation professionals make more precise nitrogen decisions that enhance profitability and support long-term environmental sustainability.*
- A study to better understand the nitrogen credit level available for corn from a legume cover crop planted in mid-summer following small grains the previous year. Results from this study will help farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants maximize the use of nitrogen made available through legume cover crops and more accurately identify the rate of synthetic nitrogen required for profitable corn production within this cropping system.
 - *The study will generate practical nitrogen credit estimates that can be reliably applied to corn grown after mid-summer legume cover crops. These results will enable farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants to better utilize biologically supplied nitrogen, reduce unnecessary synthetic nitrogen applications, and maintain profitable corn yields while supporting improved environmental stewardship.*
- A study to better understand the level of nitrogen credit available when manure is applied ahead of corn grain production. Results from this study will help farmers, crop consultants, and conservation professionals more accurately credit the level of nitrogen and other nutrients provided in manure for corn grain production which will improve farm profitability and reduce losses of nutrients to the environment.
 - *The study will produce reliable nitrogen credit estimates that reflect the contribution of manure under real-world field conditions. The results will help farmers, crop consultants, and conservation professionals more accurately account for manure-derived nitrogen and other nutrients, enabling more precise synthetic nitrogen applications that support profitable corn production while reducing the risk of nutrient loss to the environment.*
- A farm consultation with a farmer seeking advice on grazing management of Reed canary grass where resources and recommendations were provided. Through this farm consultation, the farmer has the tools necessary to make an informed decision on utilizing the section of their farm with Reed canary grass to increase available on farm forage for the beef herd, which will reduce the need for purchased forage and will increase farm profitability.
 - *Following the consultation, the farmer now has the tools and confidence to make an informed decision about utilizing Reed canary grass as part of the beef herd's forage supply. This will increase available on-farm forage, reduce dependence on purchased feed, and ultimately improve the farm's profitability.*

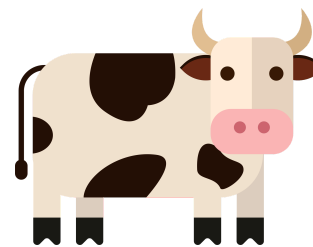
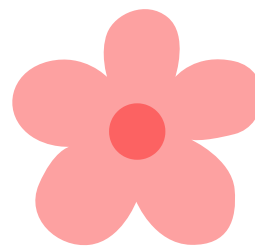
The full reports are included in the meeting packet distributed prior to this meeting and are also available on Jefferson County's website at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov.

Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings: Would like to keep this on the agenda to ensure it's an ongoing cause.

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 10th and September 14th @ 0830

Adjourn: Motion by Morris to adjourn at 0932. Second by Gies and passed.

Minutes recorded by Lilianne Bidwell, Administrative Specialist



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Program Highlights



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COMMUNITY Development



Steve Chmielewski
Community Development Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

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- Extension is working with UW-Whitewater, City of Jefferson and Village of Palmyra to explore launching the RenewTowns program, an initiative that helps rural communities strengthen entrepreneurship, support local businesses, and build long-term economic vitality. Community leaders, entrepreneurs, and residents collaborate to identify local assets, explore opportunities for business growth, and develop strategies that enhance community resilience and economic development. The program increases awareness of available resources, strengthens local partnerships, and supports sustainable community growth throughout the region. The program strengthens community partnerships, supports local entrepreneurs, encourages investment in downtowns and provides a framework to build on for years to come.

COMMUNITY Development



Steve Chmielewski
Community Development Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- Program planning for Jefferson County Transformative Government Workgroup to discuss development of a program to address the community engagement and awareness strategic priority.
- Additional discussion was conducted with Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission on analyzing economic impact of Public Rail System per member county to follow a request to better understand individual county's ROI of being part of a freight system

UPCOMING EVENTS

- PFAS & Emerging Contaminants: Community Education, Engagement, and Response – August 20 <http://go.wisc.edu/0s7256>
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AGRICULTURE

Horticulture



Julie Hill
Horticulture Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- A new partnership with GIFTS Men's Homeless Shelter in Rock County to deliver gardening programming to their guests. The goals of this effort are to learn gardening skills and best practices to improve individual well being, food productivity for the shelter, and build community.
 - Ongoing
- An informational booth at Jefferson County Fair for the general public, where Extension staff provided information and resources about Extension programming.
- An interview for the WCLO listening audience, where listeners learned about horticulture resources and basic vegetable gardening. The goal of this effort was to increase awareness and knowledge about UW-Madison Extension Rock County Horticulture.
- An in-person presentation in collaboration with Jefferson Public Library where participants learned about proper horticulture practices to provide food resources and decrease/eliminate pesticide use to improve habitat availability for hummingbirds as a Wisconsin pollinator.
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Jerry Wilcenski
4-H Program Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Summer Programming focused on youth sparks and expanding skills in food production and animal care with Beulah Homestead
 - *Ongoing*
- Livestock Marketing programming that gives youth real world experience in marketing their livestock project to prospective buyers using industry criteria.
 - *Youth involved in livestock projects gain strong technical and animal husbandry skills; however, many lack structured opportunities to develop the marketing, communication, and business skills necessary to succeed in today's evolving agricultural industry. Modern livestock production increasingly requires producers to effectively communicate the value of their animals, genetics, and products to buyers and consumers. Research shows that while 4-H livestock programs build important life skills, communication and marketing-related skills are often less developed without intentional programming.*
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Jerry Wilcenski
4-H Program Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

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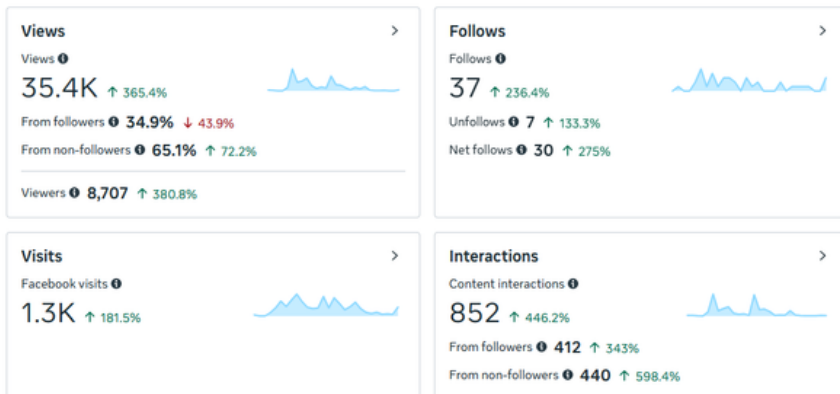


Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- A photo contest initiative for 4-H members provides an opportunity for youth to participate in the photography project at a countywide level. In the month of July, we had 6 submissions, which is a 600% increase from the previous month. As the initiative gains traction, we hope to see a continued increase in submissions. This initiative also serves to increase social media engagement among families and community members, as votes are tallied based on social media likes, and folks are inclined to interact with photos taken by community youth. This is an ongoing initiative that will occur each month.
- Garnered a significant increase in social media engagement throughout the month of July. Statistics showed that views increased by 365.4% and interactions increased by 446.2%.



YOUTH 4-H



Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

JULY PHOTO CONTEST



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WINNER



YOUTH



Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

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AGRICULTURE

Dairy



Alison Pfau
Bilingual Dairy Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- A Badger Dairy Insight webinar for dairy producers and allied professionals, where participants learned methane emissions mitigation approaches, with attention to their effectiveness, tradeoffs, and relative costs within whole-farm systems.
 - Methane emissions continue to be a hot topic in the dairy industry and particularly in livestock production. The rumen microbial ecosystem is critical for the digestion of feedstuffs including energy sources which are the primary source of methane emissions from dairy cattle. Anaerobic manure storage is also a dominant source of methane emissions. In response to the need to better understand methane emissions, we developed a Badger Dairy Insight webinar focused on research being done on these topics. This program provided information on research from both the dairy cattle and manure created. Producers will have a better understanding of how energy sources and feed additives impact performance, feeding behavior, and methane emissions. They will also have a better understanding of how technological and management strategies can mitigate emissions from manure management systems.
- An informational booth at Jefferson County Fair for the general public, where Extension staff provided information and resources about Extension programming.
- A bilingual (English and Spanish) newsletter, Bovi-noticias, for dairy farms, their employees, and industry partners, where research-based information is shared in accessible language to explain the reasons behind key farm management practices and provide practical insights for daily work, to strengthen communication, support the implementation of best practices, and foster a healthy farm culture that ultimately builds an engaged workforce, improves animal herd and well-being, enhances safety, optimizes resource use, and supports farm profitability.
 - The Wisconsin dairy industry continues to face challenges in animal health, productivity, and farm efficiency. While owners and managers often have strong foundational knowledge, frontline employees—responsible for daily animal care, feeding, and parlor work—need information that is both practical and easy to access. Language barriers further limit understanding and adoption of best practices. To address this gap, Dairy and Farm Management Extension Educators collaborated to create Bovi-noticias, a bilingual (English and Spanish) e-newsletter.

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Dairy



Alison Pfau
Bilingual Dairy Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Planning with Extension Dairy and Livestock educators to improve producers' understanding and implementation of daily biosecurity protocols within their herds or flocks. Established daily practices help prepare producers for enhanced biosecurity measures that will be implemented during a foreign animal disease response.
 - Livestock disease reduces U.S. animal productivity by 10–20%, depending on the sector. Routine biosecurity failures lead to hidden losses that often contribute more to productivity losses than obvious outbreaks. When farms don't have strong biosecurity or good planning, outbreaks get bigger and cause more damage. But with good biosecurity and business continuity plans, farms can reduce infections by up to 60% and shorten outbreaks. Experts agree that improving biosecurity is the most cost-effective way to protect livestock and limit economic losses.

AGRICULTURE

Crops & Soils



Josh Kamps
Crops & Soils Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- A study to better understand the correlation between field management practices and corn rootworm pressure by utilizing insect emergence traps and yellow sticky cards to measure adult beetle populations during the soil emergence timing of July and August. Results from this study will help farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants in selecting appropriate management strategies to best control corn rootworm in corn production systems.
 - *The study will generate information on corn rootworm emergence patterns and adult population dynamics in relation to field management practices. Results will support the development of more effective and targeted corn rootworm management strategies, helping farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants select appropriate control measures that improve pest management efficiency, protect yields, and support sustainable corn production systems.*
- An project designed to calibrate the nitrogen application equipment being used for an on-farm research trial. The results of this project provided the necessary information required to adjust the application of nitrogen at 5 different rates across the trial field.
 - *The project provided the information necessary to accurately adjust the application equipment and implement the five nitrogen treatment rates as designed. As a result, the on-farm research trial was established with greater confidence in treatment accuracy, improving the reliability of trial data and supporting meaningful evaluation of nitrogen management practices.*
- A farm consultation to provide assistance with identifying toxic plants and weed plants within a hay production system. Recommendations were shared to aid in reducing the presence of these undesirable plants which included a fertilization plan, strategic mowing timing suggestions, and the use of targeted herbicides. These management changes will help the farm produce safe forage with higher quality and higher yields for their animals.
 - *The producer gained knowledge and practical recommendations for managing toxic plants and weeds within the hay production system. By implementing the recommended fertilization, mowing, and herbicide strategies, the farm is better positioned to produce safer, higher-quality forage, increase hay yields, and improve the long-term productivity and sustainability of the forage system.*



AGRICULTURE

Crops & Soils



Josh Kamps
Crops & Soils Educator

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- A weed management plot tour for farmers, agronomists, crop consultants, and conservation professionals where integrated weed management strategies for giant ragweed and waterhemp in corn and soybean production systems were highlighted. Participants learned about comparative performance of PRE- and POST-emergence herbicide programs, insights into planting green and its impact on early-season weed control, weed management considerations in high-oleic soybean, and new emerging technologies, including research on novel herbicide active ingredients (epyrifenacil [Rapidicil] and diflufenican [Convintor]) and soybean herbicide tolerance traits. By attending this educational program participants are better equipped to build effective weed management systems for their own corn and soybean acres or their client's acres through increased knowledge of herbicide selection, cover crop use for weed suppression, and application timing and tank mixes.
 - Participants increased their knowledge of effective weed management practices and gained practical insights into herbicide selection, application timing, tank-mixture strategies, and the use of cover crops for weed suppression. As a result, attendees are better equipped to develop and implement integrated weed management systems on their own operations or advise clients on practices that improve control of giant ragweed and waterhemp while supporting sustainable corn and soybean production.
- Planning for a breakout session on the topic, Pest Management in Conservation Cropping Systems, during the 2026 Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference for farmers, agronomists, crop consultants, and conservation professionals. The goal of this session is to increase confidence with insect and disease management strategies in grain production systems that utilize reduced tillage and/or cover cropping as tools for improving soil health, reducing soil and nutrient loss, and increasing nutrient cycling.
 - The planned educational session will provide attendees with practical knowledge and tools to make informed pest management decisions within conservation cropping systems. As a result, participants will increase their confidence in managing insect and disease challenges while maintaining practices that support soil health, reduce soil and nutrient losses, and enhance the long-term sustainability and resilience of grain production systems.

PHOTO GALLERY



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FLEXIBLE PERIOD REPORT

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FROM 2026 01 TO 2026 07

ACCOUNTS FOR: 100 General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
13301 UW Extension							
13301 411100 General Property Taxes	-319,030	0	-319,030	-186,100.67	.00	-132,929.02	58.3%
13301 451100 Misc. Billed	-1,500	0	-1,500	-545.00	.00	-955.00	36.3%
13301 457020 Publication Sales	-50	0	-50	-49.00	.00	-1.00	98.0%
13301 471130 State Billed-Other	-2,608	0	-2,608	.00	.00	-2,608.00	.0%
13301 511210 Wages-Regular	55,196	0	55,196	21,063.18	.00	34,132.90	38.2%
13301 512141 Social Security	3,091	0	3,091	1,603.87	.00	1,487.24	51.9%
13301 512142 Retirement (Employer)	3,974	0	3,974	1,295.76	.00	2,678.36	32.6%
13301 512144 Health Insurance	23,496	0	23,496	.00	.00	23,496.48	.0%
13301 512145 Life Insurance	7	0	7	4.10	.00	2.50	62.1%
13301 512151 HSA Contribution	1,600	0	1,600	.00	.00	1,600.00	.0%
13301 512173 Dental Insurance	1,104	0	1,104	194.72	.00	909.28	17.6%
13301 521258 Computer Maintenance	0	0	0	500.00	.00	-500.00	.0%
13301 529299 Purchase Care & Services	180,071	0	180,071	79,004.00	.00	101,067.27	43.9%
13301 531298 United Parcel Service	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
13301 531311 Postage & Box Rent	2,608	0	2,608	.00	.00	2,608.00	.0%
13301 531312 Office Supplies	4,600	0	4,600	470.46	.00	4,129.54	10.2%
13301 531314 Small Items Of Equipment	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13301 531322 Subscriptions	150	0	150	.00	.00	150.00	.0%
13301 531324 Membership Dues	370	0	370	125.00	.00	245.00	33.8%
13301 531326 Advertising	0	0	0	97.70	.00	-97.70	.0%
13301 531348 Educational Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	1,231.17	.00	768.83	61.6%
13301 532325 Registration	1,200	0	1,200	1,135.00	.00	65.00	94.6%
13301 532332 Mileage	3,500	0	3,500	2,136.79	.00	1,363.21	61.1%
13301 532334 Commercial Travel	700	0	700	.00	.00	700.00	.0%
13301 532335 Meals	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13301 532336 Lodging	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
13301 532339 Other Travel & Tolls	30	0	30	.00	.00	30.00	.0%
13301 533225 Telephone & Fax	315	0	315	157.20	.00	157.80	49.9%
13301 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	2,100	0	2,100	843.15	.00	1,256.85	40.2%
13301 571004 IP Telephony Allocation	1,650	0	1,650	760.69	.00	889.31	46.1%
13301 571005 Duplicating Allocation	65	0	65	37.94	.00	27.06	58.4%
13301 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation	30,244	0	30,244	17,623.69	.00	12,620.31	58.3%
13301 571010 MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS)	2,063	0	2,063	1,203.44	.00	859.56	58.3%
13301 591519 Other Insurance	1,003	0	1,003	307.93	.00	695.10	30.7%
13301 594809 Capital Building	0	0	0	7,608.00	.00	-7,608.00	.0%
13301 594813 Capital Office Equip	0	8,000	8,000	.00	.00	8,000.00	.0%
13301 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	0	-8,000	-8,000	.00	.00	-8,000.00	.0%
13302 UW 4-H Program							
13302 421001 State Aid	0	0	0	-350.00	.00	350.00	.0%

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
100 General Fund	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED
13302 457032 Program Public Charges	-11,405	0	-11,405	-5,020.00	.00	-6,385.00	44.0%
13302 521258 Computer Maintenance	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13302 531326 Advertising	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13302 531348 Educational Supplies	4,175	0	4,175	3,298.07	.00	876.93	79.0%
13302 532335 Meals	500	0	500	350.00	.00	150.00	70.0%
13302 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
13302 536535 Activity Center Rental	4,000	0	4,000	.00	.00	4,000.00	.0%
13302 594950 Operating Reserve	483	-166	317	.00	.00	316.56	.0%
13302 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-483	166	-317	.00	.00	-316.56	.0%
33001 4-H							
13302 591519 33001 Other Insurance	730	0	730	706.00	.00	24.00	96.7%
13303 UW Ag Programming							
13303 457032 Program Public Charges	-1,000	0	-1,000	.00	.00	-1,000.00	.0%
13303 531348 Educational Supplies	700	0	700	.00	.00	700.00	.0%
13303 532335 Meals	300	0	300	.00	.00	300.00	.0%
13303 594950 Operating Reserve	3,710	266	3,976	.00	.00	3,976.05	.0%
13303 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-3,710	-266	-3,976	.00	.00	-3,976.05	.0%
13303781 UW Ag Pesticide							
13303781 594950 Operating Reserve	8,003	0	8,003	.00	.00	8,002.83	.0%
13303781 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-8,003	0	-8,003	.00	.00	-8,002.83	.0%
TOTAL General Fund	0	0	0	-50,306.81	.00	50,306.81	.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-347,788	-8,100	-355,888	-192,064.67	.00	-163,823.46	
TOTAL EXPENSES	347,788	8,100	355,888	141,757.86	.00	214,130.27	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	-50,306.81	.00	50,306.81	.0%

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