

UW-Extension Agriculture Report
To
The Jefferson County
UW Extension Education Committee
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Agricultural Programming

The opportunity to meet county residents and re-establish agriculture connections with UW-Extension has occurred with individuals and through attending organizational meetings such as Jefferson County Farm Bureau's annual meeting.

Introductions and conversations continue with other county personnel on needs and potential collaboration.

The Farm Land Preservation event, at the Rod Lea and Ned and Sara Healy farm, was a success with nice attendance in spite of the treat of rain. This also was a productive opportunity to listen to the needs and concerns of County producers.

Work with the Master Gardeners has proceeded on several fronts with both group and individual conversations. Materials have been provided for their monthly meetings. It has been advised to not have a Level I training this fall as there are some changes being made to the program at the state level.

Conversations and several meetings have resulted in a plan to address the Emerald Ash Bore (EAB) in a timely fashion during 2014.

A meeting was held with the UWEX Agriculture State Assistant Program Leader and several Waukesha County Horticulture educators to review the history and possible future collaboration in shared programming.

News releases have been sent to print and radio providing timely updates to producers. This has resulted in telephone calls and radio interviews for more information and lays the foundation for the future.

Planning has begun for Pesticide Application Training and Tractor Safety courses. Based on comments from parents, Tractor Safety will likely be moved back to a late winter/early spring time frames.

The results of the time spent meeting and listening will be used to develop further efforts in addressing county agriculture programming needs.