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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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

DATE: June 8, 2026
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
Committee Members: Matt Foelker, Francine Gies, Elizabeth Hafften, John Kannard, Dwayne Morris

Virtual TEAMS Link

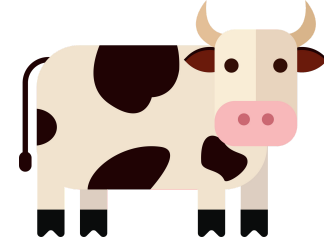
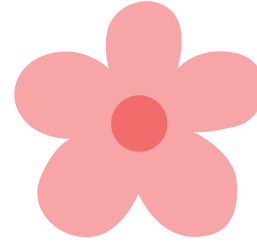
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (to establish a quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of Agenda (for possible rearrangement)
5. Public Comment (Members of the Public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
6. Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from May 11, 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:
July 13, Aug 10
13. Adjourn

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2026

Program Highlights



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JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY Development



Steve Chmielewski
Community Development Educator

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- An educational series for residents interested in civic participation with local government to better understand issues and challenges, and opportunities to engage in positive change.
 - *Planning discussions will continue after local elections.*
- A team development workshop (Real Colors) for organizations where participants increased their ability to recognize their strengths and the strengths of others, build rapport quickly with others, understand how others process information, and modify their communication to connect with others. The workshop is intended to help teams work together more effectively.
 - *As a result of participating in the Real Colors workshop, team members gained a deeper understanding of human behavior, built trust, improved communication, and learned how to work together more effectively. When the team puts what they learned into practice it can improve their ability to contribute to achieving the organization's goals and mission.*

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Dairy



Alison Pfau
Bilingual Dairy Educator

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- 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 May and June, we will schedule 4 pilot farms, where we are going to provide the course and get feedback from the employees.

Farms pilot:

Rosy-Lane Holsteins- Paoli, WI
McFarlandale farms - Watertown, WI
Mystic Valley Dairy - Mazomanie, WI
Rosy-Lane Holstein - Watertown, WI

- Development of a calving management and neonate care workshop program in collaboration with the dairy team in Sheboygan county on May 28 and 29. We had total assistance of 45 people in the 2 sessions. The following sessions will be in the southeast region (Dane, Jefferson, Rock, Walworth)
- Planning and developing a proper administration of medication and vaccines in dairy cattle in the summer, to reaching the needs in the area about this topic.
- Developing a collaboration with Colorado State University - Agricultural department (Livestock behavior and welfare team) to bring information, training and updates about: End-of-life decisions and perspectives across the dairy supply chain- research overview.

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Jerry Wilcenski
4-H Program Educator

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Countywide Cloverbud Programming 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*
- Increased awareness of food systems and processes.
 - *Increased awareness of food systems, food science, and the chocolate making processes.*
- Weekly in-school programming 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*

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Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Website updates to increase information accuracy, navigability, and presentation. The goal of this initiative is to increase accessibility to accurate program information for club members, volunteers, the community, and all other interested parties. Embedded within this is a subgoal to increase program participation and expand program reach.
- Expansion of social media presence aims to expand awareness of Jefferson County 4-H programming and to connect with youth on the platforms they engage with on a regular basis, as well as to increase guardian engagement and awareness of information access via social media.
- Development of experiential learning curriculum with an emphasis on youth empowerment. New curriculum aims to support youth in developing the skills necessary to engage in their communities, grow into leaders, and intentionally participate in lifelong learning. It also maintains a focus on particular youth interest and accounts for youth learning needs. Developed curriculum includes social skills, personal growth, global learning, food preparation, animal science, and STEM.
- The Cloverbuds May Meeting was held on Monday, May 18th at the Jefferson County Fair Park with an "Animal Learning" theme. Approximately 20 4-H members attended with their guardians, as well as several older youth who assisted in the teaching and presentation of the activity. Youth also received a take-home experiential activity kit following the theme in order to support ongoing learning.
- Development and marketing of upcoming summer camps. On June 19th, a project learning day will be held at the Palmyra-Eagle Montessori School, and on June 26th a Cloverbuds Day Camp will be held at the extension office. Both programs are open to all 4-H members, and registration can be found on our website under the newsletters tab. During the project learning day members will make chocolate, pinatas, clay beads, and eco-printed textiles. The Cloverbuds Day Camp will be "Around the World" themed, and will host a wide variety of activities.

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Horticulture



Julie Hill
Horticulture Educator

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- An in-person program hosted by Big Foot Recreation District, for the general public, where participants learned about different small space gardening techniques to maximize yield and integrated pest management to manage insects and diseases. The goal of this effort is to increase knowledge, confidence and build skills to successfully grow plants while minimize contamination from horticulture chemicals.
 - *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 that occurred/is occurring*
- An informational booth as part of the Wellness Fair at the Frito Lay Corporation (Beloit location). The goal of this effort is to increase knowledge and awareness of Extension Rock County resources, especially best gardening practices, promote the positive benefits of plants/gardening on personal health and well-being, and share mental health programming resources.
 - *Programming that occurred/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 that occurred/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*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 1st, Growing Vegetables in Containers Lake Mills Club 55 Meeting, Lake Mills, WI (10:00am)
- June 3rd, Planting for a Buzz Barrett Memorial Library, Williams Bay, WI (1:00pm)
- June 10th, From Scrapes to Soil: Composting Basics Lake Geneva Public Library, Lake Geneva, WI (2:00pm)
- June 11th, Gardening with Nosey Neighbors (The Furry and Antlered Kind) Janesville Senior Center, Janesville, WI (1:00pm)

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Crops & Soil



Josh Kamps
Crops & Soil Educator

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- A cover crop termination timing field demonstration for farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants where participants will learn about the value of delayed termination of cereal grains on weed suppression versus the risk of crop development and yield potential to inform the use of cover crops as a weed suppression and soil health tool while maintaining soybean yield potential and reducing the risk of developing herbicide resistance.
 - *Participants will gain a clearer understanding of how delayed termination can enhance weed suppression and reduce reliance on herbicides, while also recognizing the potential tradeoffs related to soybean emergence and yield. The demonstration will increase confidence in using cover crops as a weed-management and soil-health tool, helping attendees better evaluate termination strategies that maintain soybean yield potential and reduce the risk of herbicide resistance.*
- A farm consultation reviewing the potential of a field trial generator tool with the farmer and developer to design and place replicated research trials within uniform soil regions of selected fields and create an application script to automate the precise application of nitrogen fertilizer by treatment zone to increase the capacity of on-farm research potential.
 - *The farm gained a clear understanding of how to use the tool to implement replicated, spatially sound nitrogen trials, increasing confidence in conducting future on-farm experiments. The developer received actionable feedback to refine the tool's functionality, and the resulting automated application script improved the precision and efficiency of nitrogen treatment placement. Together, these outcomes significantly expanded the farm's on-farm research potential and strengthened its capacity to make data-driven nutrient management decisions.*
- An on-farm study designed to better understand the amount of nitrogen available as a nitrogen credit following a summer established clover cover crop. Results from this study will assist host farms with gaining the confidence required to adjust nitrogen rate decisions lower to reduce nitrogen input costs while maintaining crop yields.
 - *Results provide growers with evidence-based nitrogen credit values, increasing confidence to reduce fertilizer inputs while maintaining expected corn yields. The findings support more cost-effective nutrient management, improved profitability, and broader adoption of cover crops as a nitrogen-supplying practice.*



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MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- A field day for beginning crop scouts and early career agricultural professionals, where participants learned crop scouting methodologies and pest management identification and techniques to better understand the role and responsibilities of crop scouting, which is the first step of an integrated pest management (IPM) plan and is integral to making decisions for crop productivity and profitability.
 - *This field day provided attendees with beginner crop scouting tools and resources for them to understand how and what to look for when crop scouting a field and how what is seen while in the field will impact management decisions.*
- An on-farm study to better understand the amount of nitrogen available for corn production from an application of dairy manure. Results of this study will assist farmers with calculating an accurate level to credit the manure nitrogen through the use of nitrogen sensing technologies and corn yield comparisons between manure and no manure treatments.
 - *The study provides farmers with reliable nitrogen credit estimates, improving confidence in lowering supplemental fertilizer rates without sacrificing yield. These results support more accurate nutrient management planning, reduced input costs, and more efficient use of manure as a crop nutrient source.*
- A collection of multiple on-farm studies to better understand the optimal nitrogen rate for corn production. Results from these studies will directly influence profitable nitrogen rate decisions at the host farms and add relevant data in support of UW-Madison Extension soil fertility guidelines.
 - *The on-farm studies produced actionable nitrogen response curves that help each cooperating farm identify its most profitable N rate, improving economic returns and reducing unnecessary fertilizer use. Aggregated results also strengthen statewide nitrogen recommendations, ensuring they remain relevant, data-driven, and reflective of current production environments.*

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
100 General Fund							
13301 UW Extension							
13301 411100 General Property Taxes	-319,030	0	-319,030	-106,343.24	.00	-212,686.45	33.3%
13301 451100 Misc. Billed	-1,500	0	-1,500	.00	.00	-1,500.00	.0%
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	11,354.42	.00	43,841.66	20.6%
13301 512141 Social Security	3,091	0	3,091	861.15	.00	2,229.96	27.9%
13301 512142 Retirement (Employer)	3,974	0	3,974	596.72	.00	3,377.40	15.0%
13301 512144 Health Insurance	23,496	0	23,496	.00	.00	23,496.48	.0%
13301 512145 Life Insurance	7	0	7	1.64	.00	4.96	24.8%
13301 512151 HSA Contribution	1,600	0	1,600	.00	.00	1,600.00	.0%
13301 512173 Dental Insurance	1,104	0	1,104	108.72	.00	995.28	9.8%
13301 521258 Computer Maintenance	0	0	0	500.00	.00	-500.00	.0%
13301 529299 Purchase Care & Services	180,071	0	180,071	.00	.00	180,071.27	.0%
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	249.64	.00	4,350.36	5.4%
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	279.65	.00	1,720.35	14.0%
13301 532325 Registration	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
13301 532332 Mileage	3,500	0	3,500	1,176.76	.00	2,323.24	33.6%
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	104.80	.00	210.20	33.3%
13301 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	2,100	0	2,100	640.37	.00	1,459.63	30.5%
13301 571004 IP Telephony Allocation	1,650	0	1,650	543.35	.00	1,106.65	32.9%
13301 571005 Duplicating Allocation	65	0	65	27.10	.00	37.90	41.7%
13301 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation	30,244	0	30,244	12,588.35	.00	17,655.65	41.6%
13301 571010 MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS)	2,063	0	2,063	859.60	.00	1,203.40	41.7%
13301 591519 Other Insurance	1,003	0	1,003	219.95	.00	783.08	21.9%
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 457032 Program Public Charges	-11,405	0	-11,405	-4,420.00	.00	-6,985.00	38.8%

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100 General Fund							
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	.00	.00	500.00	.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	-68,865.25	.00	68,865.25	.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-347,788	-8,100	-355,888	-110,812.24	.00	-245,075.89	
TOTAL EXPENSES	347,788	8,100	355,888	41,946.99	.00	313,941.14	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	-68,865.25	.00	68,865.25	.0%

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