

Central Wisconsin Agricultural Extension Report



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2012 UW-Extension and Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association Grower Education Conference January 31- February 2 Wisconsin Muck Growers Association Meeting February 1

By: Ken Schroeder

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the latest technology for potato production and handling, get expert market outlooks, and agribusiness advice. Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Tuesday morning January 31st general sessions will focus on fumigation rules and regulations, an update on recent groundwater conversations, and a demonstration of a new irrigation scheduling tool. After morning break, presentations will cover GAP for potato producers and sustainability certification expectations. Afternoon breakout sessions will focus on Seed Production and Variety Development, Storage and Early Dying Management, Groundwater Issues, and Business Management. NEW this year: research and education poster sessions, come talk with poster presenters during afternoon breaks. Wrap up the first day with the Annual Wisconsin Seed Potato Improvement Association and WPVGA Associate Division reception.

Wednesday morning's general sessions will feature talks on potato scab, grain markets, deficit irrigation of field corn and soybean, biotechnology, optimizing fresh market value, export opportunities and an update from Wisconsin DNR. After lunch, breakout topics cover Manure Management and Sandy Soils, Soil Borne Disease, and New Technology. Be sure to attend this year's grower panel discussion on Dairy Integration into Potato and Vegetable Rotations 3:30 to 4:30 PM. In the evening, don't miss the 63rd annual WPVGA Associate Division banquet (choose from ribeye or salmon) – followed by awards, drawings for \$1500 in cash prizes, and a drawing for a 40-inch LCD TV. Entertainment for the evening will be former Green Bay Packer, Blaise Winter.

Wisconsin Annual Muck Meeting on Wednesday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Topics will cover: in-furrow insecticides for carrots, new fungicides for disease management, onion management systems, weed management, and seed treatment for onion. After lunch, cultural management for muck potatoes, food safety risk management, and pesticide reporting for crops entering the supply chain.

Our conference concludes Thursday morning with University of Wisconsin research updates on disease, insect, and weed management strategies as well as using controlled release fertilizers, tank mixing pesticides, and seed potato certification. At 1:00 PM is the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association annual meeting.

For more detailed program information, conference registration and hotel information, check the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association website <http://www.wisconsinpotatoes.com/> or WPVGA at 715-623-7683. Early registration deadline is January 20, 2012. Send registration forms and payment to: WPVGA, PO Box 327, Antigo, WI 54409, (715) 623-7683. For discount room rates, make room reservations before January 13, 2012.

Milk Marketing and Price Risk Management

By: Nav Ghimire

Green Lake County University of Wisconsin-Extension, Markesan State Bank and Center for Dairy Profitability jointly presents “Milk Marketing and Price Risk Management Training” to dairy farmers. The program will be held in 3 different sessions and each session will last for 2 hours. After their participation in the program, farmers will go home with a profit margin marketing plan for their farm. Farmers will learn, experience, and practice the four-part process of marketing management including:

- a. Knowing thyself
 - i. Your marketing philosophy, attitude and goals for marketing and risk
- b. What price the market provides:
 - i. Knowing price behavior and being able to assess situation and outlook in milk and other markets
- c. What price you uniquely need:
 - i. Assessing your business risk and margin needs
- d. Marketing management – making your profit plan happen
 - i. Marketing strategies and tools, how they work, and when the use of each is most effective
 - ii. Establishing price targets and marketing protocols
 - iii. The market system, how it works, and the people - brokers, bankers, and local buyers/sellers
 - iv. Implementation and control systems

Program Dates: January 24, February 7, and February 21, 2012

Time: 1- 3 pm

Venue: Community Room, Markesan State Bank, Markesan

Registration is free, please register before: January 20th, 2012

Contact for Registration: Nav Ghimire, Agriculture Agent, UW-Extension, Green Lake County.
Phone: 920-294-4037, Email: nav.ghimire@ces.uwex.edu

Or Heather Cotterill, Markesan State Bank. Phone: 920-398- 2358

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Marquette County Agriculture Programs

By: Keith VanderVelde

February 14—Cattle Feeders Clinic, Elizabeth Inn, Plover (Junction of I-39 and US 54) 10:00 am—2 pm. This program is part of the statewide UW Extension Livestock Team Programs for cattle feeders. Topics include: Market Outlook, Marketing on the Grid, Beef Enterprise Budget Analysis, and Best Management Practices for Alternative Feeding Operations. To register for this event, please call Keith VanderVelde at 608-297-3141.

February 25—Cow-Calf Producer Meeting, Marquette County Service Center, Montello, 9:00 am-Noon. The program’s topics will be related to increasing production and reducing cost to make the most profit in a cow-calf enterprise. Topics are: Industry Market Price Outlook, Effective Use of Crossbreeding, Pasture and Forage Management, Strategies to Deal with High Grain and Forage Costs, and a New Look at Replacement Heifer Management to Reduce Cost. To register for this event, please

call Keith VanderVelde at 608-297-3141.

March 17—Horse Hay Marketing-Marquette County Service Center, Montello, 9:00 am—Noon.

This year's program will focus on hay production for horse owners and other specialty markets. We will again look at the cost of production, inter-seeding into existing stands to increase forage yields, outlook on hay pricing in 2012 and beyond, and dealing with winter kill and drought. To register for this event, please call Keith VanderVelde at 608-297-3141.

March 31—Statewide Cow-Calf Production Meeting-Site to be determined, 5:00 pm—8:30 pm.

This program is part of the UW Extension Livestock Team effort to reach cow-calf producers statewide with programs on farm. Topics for this year's program will include a Market Analysis for 2012 and Beyond, Reduction of Hay Waste, Management of Heifers, and Effective Use of Crossbreeding, Marketing of Cows and Bulls and other relevant programs. To register for this event please, call Keith VanderVelde at 608-297-3141.

**Central Wisconsin Dairy Series, February 21, February 29, March 6
By Craig Saxe, Juneau County**

The Central Wisconsin Agriculture Specialization Team is sponsoring dairy meetings throughout Central Wisconsin. The dates and locations for meetings are: Tuesday, February 21 at the Elroy American Legion Hall, 402 E Franklin Street; Wednesday, February 29 at the Junction City Community Hall (Highway 10, Fire Station) and Tuesday, March 6 at the Plover Elizabeth Inn, 5246 Harding Avenue (Hwy. 54 and I39 Interchange). The program runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics include: Dairy Marketing 101; Maximizing Cow Comfort; Cull Cows or Cull Heifers? and TMR Management Practices.

Speakers vary by location, but include: David Kammel, UW-Extension Agriculture Engineer; Katie Behnke, Shawano County Agriculture Agent; Maria Bendixon, Clark County Agriculture Agent; Rick Tittle, Agri-Nutrition Consulting; Matt Lippert, Wood County Agriculture Agent and Craig Saxe, Juneau County Agriculture Agent.

Registration is \$15 and includes your meal and program materials. Register at least one week in advance of the meeting you are planning on attending. See below for registration details.

Registration: Elroy-February 21

Juneau County UW-Extension
211 Hickory Street, Rm. 302
Mauston, WI 53948
Phone: 608-847-9329

**Registration: Junction City,
February 29**

Wood County UW-Extension
400 Market St.
PO Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
715-421-8440

Registration: Plover, March 6

Portage County UW-Extension
817 Whiting Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481-5246
Phone: 715-346-1316

**Two-Part Nutrient Management Training: February 22 and 29
By Don Genrich and Nav Ghimire**

Green Lake County UW-Extension and Land Conservation Department are jointly implementing a two-part Nutrient Management Training for farmers. The topics covered in the training are: why is nutrient management an issue? State and federal direction on nutrient management, components of a nutrient management plan, understanding soil test reports, soil pH and nutrients availability, management of nitrogen fertilizers, phosphorous in soil, feed, and the environment, and

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introduction to Snap plus.

Benefits of the training include: reduced fertilizer cost, managing soil fertility, maximizing crop yields and ability to write a nutrient management plan. Donald Genrich, Adams County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent and Nav Ghimire, Green Lake County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent are instructors for the training.

Location: The workshop will be held in the Green Lake County Training Room located at Government Center, Court House. The training will run from 10 am –3:00 pm. The \$15 training fee includes lunch and educational materials. Please pre-register at least one week in advance so we can make lunch arrangements. Call Nav Ghimire, Agriculture Agent at 920-294-4037 or stop by Green Lake County UW-Extension office located at 571 County Road A, Green Lake. You can also send a \$15.00 check payable to UW-Extension to register for the training; please mention in the check - for Nutrient Management.

Heart of the Farm Comes to Marshfield, Friday, March 2

By: Matt Lippert, Wood County

Heart of the Farm is a program for farm women. This program has been very popular across the state and is coming to Marshfield on Friday, March 2.

So far the agenda is:

Balancing Act—Or Is It a Three-Ring Circus. **Matt Lippert**, *Ag Agent, UW-Extension, Wood County* and **Jenny Vanderlin**, *Assistant Director, UW-Extension Center for Dairy Profitability*. This will be a fun, facilitated discussion on balancing farm, family, and personal priorities. Learn how others “do it all” or how they avoid feeling guilty if they don’t!

Farm Business Arrangements – Phil Harris, *Farm Law Specialist, UW-Extension*. Phil is widely acclaimed for his expertise in farm law and his ability to put it practical terms. You will be sure to get lots of ideas for your farm from Phil’s presentation.

Thank You, Michael Pollan OR Never Underestimate the Power of a Farm Tour.

Daphne Holterman, *Dairy Farmer and World Dairy Expo Woman of the Year, 2009*. Do you feel you make a difference in the World of Agriculture? — You Do! Daphne will discuss how you, as women, are set up perfectly to answer Pollan’s “call to action” and talk about what you do and why you do it every day.

Take Charge of your Destiny To top off the day, there will be an input session for planning future Heart of the Farm Programs. To set the mood for good conversation, **Marieke Penterman of Holland’s Family Cheese**, Thorp and the staff of Marshfield’s own **Blue Heron BrewPub** will discuss how to pair cheese and beverages to take a meal beyond just simple nutrition.

We are still finalizing a location in Marshfield, but be sure to put down the date. The program is planned to run approximately 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Or register now at Wood Co UWEX; PO Box 8095; 400 Market St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495, 715-421-8440. Registration is \$15 if received by Monday, February 27.

Heart of the Farm is supported by the UW-Center for Dairy Profitability, UW-Extension Farm Management Team, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, USDA Risk Management Agency, North Central Risk Management Education Center and USDA-Research, Education and Economics.

**Visit the Central Wisconsin Agricultural
Specialization Team on the Web— <http://fyi.uwex.edu/cwas/>**

Central Wisconsin Processing Vegetable Crops Meeting: March 7 **By: Ken Williams**

The University of Wisconsin-Extension will be holding a processing vegetable crops meeting on March 7, 2012, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at the Elizabeth Inn, 5246 Harding Ave., Plover. Rolls and registration from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. This seminar will concentrate specifically on issues affecting the vegetable producers and processors of Central Wisconsin. University of Wisconsin Extension specialists will present information on cover crops, organic vegetable opportunities, sweet corn herbicides, weed management, crop insurance, disease management, insect management, water management and soil fertilization.

The production of vegetables is an extremely important part of the economic framework of the central area of Wisconsin. According to the 2008 Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service, in 2007 there were 129,011 acres of potatoes, sweet corn, snap beans and green peas grown in the Central Wisconsin area of Portage, Waushara, Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette and Wood Counties. Production of these vegetables accounts for over \$212 million in income. In addition to these four major crops, there are also substantial acres of carrots, cucumbers and onions grown in the Central Wisconsin area. The production of vegetables has increasingly become a very specialized art. The challenge of managing a farm operation today with continually increasing costs for farm inputs such as fuel, fertilizer and equipment makes it a necessity for producers to stay on top of production improvements as well as potential problems from insects or disease. Adding to the mix of increased production costs, insects and diseases is the increase in demand for grain crops. The use of corn for ethanol has spurred the development and production of ethanol which has been a major driver in the increase in prices being paid for grain crops.

Pre-registration is required in order to make lunch and space arrangements. Registration of \$25 will cover refreshments and lunch. Certified Crop Advisor Credits will be applied for. There is ample free parking available. People may register by mailing a check to UW-Extension, PO Box 487, Wautoma WI. 54982. For additional information contact Ken Williams, 920-787-0416, ken.williams@ces.uwex.edu.

Managed Intensive Grazing (MIG) in Central Wisconsin: March 9 and 10 **By: Ken Williams**

Managed grazing is being used more and more by producers of all types of grazing animals as a way to increase the forage production from a limited amount of land. Studies have shown that forage production can be increased by as much as 100 percent by the use of MIG. We will be holding two meetings in Central Wisconsin on March 9 and March 10. The meeting on March 9 will be held at the Lemonweir Valley Telephone Company office, 127 US Highway 12/16, Camp Douglas and the meeting on March 10 will be held at the Jenson Community Center, 487 N. Main St., Amherst. Registration with coffee and rolls will be at 8:30 am with the meeting being held from 9 am to 3 pm at each location. Key speakers for these meetings will be Ben Bartlett and Peter Arnold.

Ben Bartlett has three decades of experience with Michigan State University prior to his retirement last spring, and has been one of the most visible figures in upper Midwestern grazing. Ben and his wife operate a 640 acre grass farm in the heart of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In 2011 Ben

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and his wife lambled 400 ewes, produced 640 lambs and backgrounded 200 dairy steers.

Peter Arnold and his wife graze 174 cows on 230 acres of owned land and 100 acres of rented land at Edgar Wisconsin. Seasonal calving is practiced with 80% of the herd calving in six weeks time beginning about April 1. The entire farm is grazed except for about 25 acres of wood lot. All dairy quality forage for the herd is derived from the farm. Additional dry cow and heifer quality hay is purchased for winter feeding. Dry cows and heifers are outwintered with preset bales. The milking herd is housed in a free stall barn during the winter and is supplemented with some grain and byproducts in addition to the home grown feed. Meadow Fescue is an important grass on the farm, and the Arnolds have been involved in research with Geoff Brink, of the UW Dairy Forage Research Center on pasture renovation practices. The Arnolds and two part-time employees provide all of the labor for the farm. Peter is originally from Switzerland and spent six years in Illinois on a pasture farrowing swine operation before establishing the grazing dairy in Edgar.

Other speakers to be announced will cover various topics pertaining to MIG. Registration which will include morning coffee and rolls and noon lunch will be \$15 for each meeting. Pre-registration is needed for meal planning. Please register by contacting Ken Schroeder, UW-Extension Portage County, 715-346-1316, for the meeting at Amherst. For the meeting at Camp Douglas, please contact Craig Saxe, UW-Extension, Juneau County at 608-847-9329.

**Private Pesticide Applicator Training Classes
By: Ken Schroeder**

Private Pesticide Applicator Training classes will once again be offered by your local UW-Extension office. Anyone who intends to purchase, mix, load, apply, or direct the use of restricted use pesticides as a private applicator must be certified. Certification is good for five years. There are two ways to become certified. Purchase and study the training manual and attend an all-day training class offered by your local UW-Extension office. These classes consist of presentations followed by a written exam at the end of the day. If you are unable to attend one of the classroom sessions, the second option is to self-study and schedule time through the UW-Extension office to take the exam on your own.

Training manuals are available at your local UW-Extension office and must be purchased at least five (5) days before the class or individual exam is taken.

January 30	-	Adams County	February 17	-	Juneau County
January 30	-	Green Lake County	February 20	-	Green Lake County
February 3	-	Wood County	February 22	-	Wood County
February 7	-	Marquette County	March 12	-	Adams County
February 10	-	Portage County	March 16	-	Portage County
February 16	-	Waushara County	March 19	-	Waushara County

UWEX Nondiscrimination Policy

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programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment.

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Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodations must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of your local County Extension Office, at least ten (10) working days prior to the event.

Individuals who need TTY access may contact their County Extension Office by calling the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System, 1-800-947-3529 or 711.

Reducing Your Risk: Compliance requirements of WPDES permit holders

An update meeting for WPDES permitted CAFO owners & managers, nutrient management plan writers and engineers.

March 8

Location: Marshfield Ag Research Station, Marshfield, WI <http://www.ars.wisc.edu/marshfield/>

Session goals: Improve nutrient management plan implementation; improve communication between plan writers, permit holders and WDNR; and also provide other information on regulations that may affect large farming operations.

Meeting topics & speakers (Session Start: 9:00 am, End: 3:30 pm)

- Spreading maps, w soils and tile line monitoring, irrigation requirements, hauling audits-DNR NMP Specialist
- Feed storage & runoff control system design, operation and maintenance considerations–Local DATCP Engineer
- Working proactively with Towns to preserve rural roadways – UW Extension Educator
- NRCS 590 vs. NR 243 requirements – DNR NMP specialist
- EPA farm inspections, what to expect – US EPA Representative
- Record-Keeping and NM plans – DNR NMP specialist and group discussion
- Satellite farm issues and permits – Local DNR Agricultural Specialist
- Working with your professional manure applicator – Local Custom Hauler

\$15 in Advance, \$25 after March 1 or at the Door Lunch provided

Payment in check or cash only – NO CARDS

Check Payable To: UW Extension-BCT

To register: Fax or mail the following information to: Wood County UW Extension, PO Box 8095; 400 Market St.; Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495 Fax: 715-421-8476

Name(s) of Attendee(s) _____
 Firm/Farm Name _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____
 Email _____

Please specify if payment is enclosed or paying at the door _____

Calendar of Events

January

- 24 Milk Marketing and Price Risk Management. Free. 1-3 pm, Markesan State Bank Community Room, Markesan. Registration: contact Nav Ghimire, UW-Extension Green Lake County, 920-294-4037, nav.ghimire@ces.uwex.edu or Heather Cotterill, Markesan State Bank, 920-398-3458, hcotterill@markesanstatebank.com
- 31, Feb 1,2 **UW-Extension and Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association Grower Education Conference**
Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point.
Registration: <http://www.wisconsinpotatoes.com/> or WPVGA at 715-623-7683. Early registration deadline is January 20, 2012. Send registration forms and payment to: WPVGA, PO Box 327, Antigo, WI 54409, (715) 623-7683. For discount room rates, make room reservations before January 13, 2012.

February

- 1 & 2 **UW-Extension and Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association Grower Education Conference (see above)**
- 7 Milk Marketing and Price Risk Management. Free. 1-3 pm, Markesan State Bank Community Room, Markesan. Registration: contact Nav Ghimire, UW-Extension Green Lake County, 920-294-4037, nav.ghimire@ces.uwex.edu or Heather Cotterill, Markesan State Bank, 920-398-3458, hcotterill@markesanstatebank.com
- 14 **Cattle Feeder Clinic**, 10 am—2 pm, Elizabeth Inn, Plover. Registration: call Keith VanderVelde (608)-297-3141
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- 21 **Central Wisconsin Dairy Series**, Elroy American Legion Hall, Registration: \$15, to Juneau Co. UW-Extension 211 Hickory Street, Rm. 302, Mauston, WI 53948, Phone: 608-847-9329.
- 22 & 29 **Two-part Nutrient Management Training**, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Green Lake Training Room, Courthouse . Cost: \$15. Pre-register at least one week in advance, 920-294-4037 or in person at Green Lake UW-Extension.
- 25 **CWAS Cow-Calf Seminar**, 9 am—Noon, Marquette County Service Center, Montello. Registration: call Keith VanderVelde, (608)-297-3141
- 29 **Central Wisconsin Dairy Series**, Junction City Community Building (Highway 10 Fire Station). Registration: \$15, to Wood Co. UW-Extension, 400 Market St., PO Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495, 715-421-8440.

March

- 2 **Heart of the Farm – Women in Agriculture Conference**, Marshfield. 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Registration: Wood Co UWEX; PO Box 8095; 400 Market St.; Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495; 715-421-8440. Registration is \$15 if received by Monday, February 27.
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- 8 **Update meeting: compliance requirements for WPDES permit holders**, Marshfield Ag Research Station, Marshfield. 9 am—3:30 pm. \$15 in Advance; \$25 after March 1 or at the door. Lunch provided. Registration: Wood County UW-Extension, PO Box 8095, 400 Market St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 Fax: 715-421-8476. Cash or check only.

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- 9 **Managed Intensive Graining (MIG)**, Lemonweir Valley Telephone Company, 127 UW Hwy 12/16, Camp Douglas. **Pre-registration required for meal planning.** Fee: \$15. Program: 8:30 am, registration; 9 am—3pm. To register, contact Craig Saxe, UW-Extension, Juneau County at 608-847-9329.
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- 17 **Horse Hay Marketing**, 9 am—Noon, Marquette County Service Center, Montello. Registration: call Keith VanderVelde, (608)-297-3141
- 31 **Statewide Cow-Calf Production Meeting**, 5-8:30 pm, site to be determined. Registration: call Keith VanderVelde, (608)-297-3141

Cooperative Extension Marks 100 Years of Working for Wisconsin



Cooperative Extension's first agent, E.L. Luther, hired in 1912 in Oneida County, made farm visits using a two-cylinder motorbike. One hundred years later, both modes of transportation and Cooperative Extension programming have changed, but one important point remains the same.

Cooperative Extension educators continue to serve as a portal to educational resources from the University of Wisconsin to address issues faced by individuals, families, businesses and communities around the state. "Our centennial creates opportunities for us to celebrate 100 years of Cooperative Extension history through stories that highlight how we've evolved and changed to meet the needs of people, businesses and communities in Wisconsin and beyond," said Cooperative Extension Dean and Director Richard M. Klemme. "Our past serves as the foundation for our current work. Throughout 2012, we will explain and demonstrate how the work we do today positively influences the future of Wisconsin."

In 1911, the Wisconsin legislature provided funds for counties to jointly employ with the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture "an agriculturist who is an agent of a restricted area, a county or a part of one." The Oneida County Board was the first county to send three of their members to Madison, asking the University for this service, with expenses to be shared on a 50/50 basis. Luther was hired in February 1912, and two additional agents were hired that same year, one in Eau Claire County and the other in Barron County.

In 1912, Luther provided agricultural information about livestock, winter feed, soils and legumes. Today, Cooperative Extension is home to four program areas offering local information in person and online, providing research-based information 24/7. Local Cooperative Extension offices also connect communities with University of Wisconsin campuses, where Cooperative Extension faculty and staff provide research-based information about the issues facing the people of Wisconsin.

With an office in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties and on three Native American reservations, Cooperative Extension develops practical educational programs tailored to local needs and based on university knowledge and research. Cooperative Extension delivers expertise to the public, addressing a wide range of needs, in both urban and rural areas of the states.

Colleagues in Cooperative Extension, a division of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, will be incorporating the 2012 Centennial Celebration into a variety of conferences, workshops and educational programs throughout the year. Examples include the Garden Expo in Madison in February; Farm Technology Days in Outagamie County in July; county fairs; and the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair.



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- List of staff members including Donald Genrich, Ken Schroeder, Craig Saxe, and others, with their contact information and titles.

How to Contact Team Members