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Keep Planting When you can. Do Not Panic!

We typically have about 50% of our corn acres planted by May 15. Yes, we are a little behind our 30 year average, but not that far behind. Most of you have equipment that can plant more acres and do it faster than ever. See the article below from the WI Crop Manager entitled, "How Quickly Can Farmers Plant Corn in Wisconsin?" Yes, we are getting to the point where we can be giving up a potential of one bushel per acre per day, however, that one bushel per acre is not worth getting hurt over. So, keep working smart. Keep working steady, eat well, drink plenty of water, take breaks throughout the day, and get proper rest. Your work is best and most efficient, when you take care of yourself and keep your own body in top operating condition.

Grazing Farm Tours

Date: Thursday, May 25, 9:30am

Location: Spring Green, WI

Join Iowa County's Farmer-Led Watershed Group and the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute for a tour of two grazing farms, followed by brats and seafood.

9:30 a.m. Butler Family Farm (Ann and David Zimrin), 5044 Wiest Rd, Spring Green

11:30 a.m. Hillside Pastures Farm (Daniel and Linda Marquardt), 6511 Hillside School Rd, Spring Green
Farm tour followed by lunch at Hillside Pastures Farm

Come see and discuss grazing practices – grazing rotations, a demonstration of moving fence, no-till drilling for pasture improvement, goats for brush control, stream stabilization and crossings, overwintering fields in recovery, challenges with erosion and runoff, and a rainfall simulator showing impacts of land cover on erosion.

Then enjoy brats, plus seafood caught by fishermen in the Gulf – whose challenges with nutrient build-up and biological die-off in the Gulf Dead Zone we seek to help through our conservation practices.

For more information, visit the [Michael Fields Agricultural Institute website](#) or contact Margaret Krome at 608-238-1440 or Gene Schriefer, Iowa County Extension at 608-930-9850.

Salmonella Biosecurity: Protecting Yourself and Your Cattle

The 2015-2016 *Salmonella* outbreak traced to Wisconsin dairy bull calves serves as a reminder of the zoonotic threat posed by this pathogen. The Center for Disease Control reports 36 people from ten states were infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella enterica* serovar *Heidelberg*. No deaths were reported, but 13 individuals were hospitalized, and 25 (69%) of those sickened reported contacts with calves which were subsequently traced back to multiple farms and animal markets.

Is this a new *Salmonella* strain? How prevalent is *Salmonella* on beef and dairy farms? How is *Salmonella* spread between animals and humans? What biosecurity protocols should your farm adopt to protect against *Salmonella*? In response to these questions, UW-Extension Taylor County Agriculture Educator **Sandy Stuttgen** wrote the publication, **Salmonella Biosecurity: Protecting Yourself and Your Cattle**. Additional basic biosecurity resources available that dairy, beef, and other livestock producers may use in designing protocols to protect their animals and the humans associated with their farm, including their consumers is also available at **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection**. Click here for the entire article <http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairy/salmonella-biosecurity-protecting-yourself-and-your-cattle/>

The Seven Habits of Highly Successful Milking Routines

By Pamela Ruegg, Morten Damm Rasmussen and Doug Reinemann

1. Cows are calm and clean before milking – increases efficiency & decreases mammary infection
2. Cows are grouped – milk cows with low cell counts first
3. A consistent pre-milking cow prep is used – cows love routine
4. Teats are dry – important portion of teat disinfection
5. Units are properly attached – within one minute of milking prep
6. Units are properly removed – prevent under milking and over milking
7. Cows are managed post-milking – reduces the transmission of mastitis pathogens

For more details and explanation follow this link: <https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3725.pdf>

Wisconsin Crop Manager articles for this week

<http://ipcm.wisc.edu>.

Or select the individual articles below:

Weed Identification, 2017 Series, Horseweed

<http://bit.ly/2r7ck4d>

How Quickly Can Farmers Plant Corn in Wisconsin?

<http://bit.ly/2r5xPln>

Vegetable Crop Update May 7, 2017

<http://bit.ly/2pD5vFR>

Wisconsin Pest Bulletin issue #3 available, (Black cutworm in corn)

<http://bit.ly/2r7q1QW>

World Agricultural and Supply Estimates

The USDA released its [May World Agricultural and Supply Estimates](#) (WASDE) report. Below are some comments from the dairy portion of that report:

Milk production for 2018 is forecast higher on stronger milk prices and moderate feed prices. Commercial exports on fat and skim-solids bases are forecast higher on stronger global demand. Fat basis imports are forecast modestly higher in 2018 while skim-solids basis imports are forecast lower relative to 2017. Cheese and non-fat dry milk prices are forecast higher than 2017, but butter and whey prices are forecast lower. The increase in the Class III price reflects higher forecast cheese prices which more than offset lower whey prices. The Class IV price is higher as the higher non-fat dry milk price more than offset lower butter prices. The all milk price is forecast at \$17.55 to \$18.55 per cwt for 2018.

Forecast milk production in 2017 is lowered from the previous month on slower growth in milk per cow. Fat basis imports are lowered from the previous month while skim-solids basis imports are increased. Commercial exports are forecast higher for both fat and skim-solids bases. Non-fat dry milk price forecasts are raised from last month while butter is lower. Cheese and whey prices are unchanged. The Class III price is unchanged while the Class IV is higher than the previous month. The milk price is forecast at \$17.35 to \$17.85 per cwt.

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