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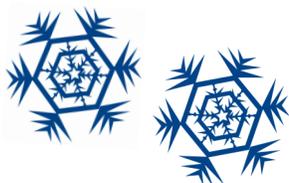
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Shawano Ag Newsletter

University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension

January/February 2016

Greetings!

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was enjoyable and memorable! My family made the trip to east-central Iowa to visit family and friends. We were welcomed with just enough snow to make it feel like Christmas and left the state just in time to beat the real winter weather back to Shawano County. Now it's time to buckle down and get ready for three months of great educational programs! Inside this issue you will find a number of meetings offered in and around the county in January and February. Although newsletters are now sent on a bi-monthly basis, I try my best to keep the Ag webpage (<http://shawano.uwex.edu/agriculture/calendar/>) and the Extension Facebook page up-to-date with local and state programs of interest. I also include regional programs I believe may be of interest, such as the Soil Health Conference at Iowa State University in early February.

As we move ahead, I, like you, don't have a crystal ball, but it looks almost certain that 2016 is gearing up to be an interesting year. The experts are forecasting potentially low commodity prices for both dairy and cash grain enterprises over the next 12 months. Proactively managing your costs of production and being strategic with commodity marketing plans will be key in helping to weather the continued down turn in markets. Along these lines, you will notice that many of our winter programs focus on improving farm production and financial efficiencies, such as managing feeding and bottlenecks to improve productivity (Cow College), as well as optimizing input expenses and reducing risk on both the crop side (Grain Crops Clinic and Forage Production Clinic/Forage Council Meeting) and dairy side (Raising Quality Heifers). In addition to these and other educational programs offered over the next few months, UW-Extension has several on-line resources, such as the 2016 Crop Budget Analyzer (<http://waupaca.uwex.edu/2015/10/09/uwex-crop-budget-spreadsheet/>) and the UW-Extension Dairy Team website (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairy/>), along with specialists and Agriculture Agents to help you find the information you need to make sound business decisions for your operation.

I wish you all the best in the New Year and look forward to serving you in 2016! Don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail, if I can be of help.

Jamie





2016
Cow College
 FVTC Regional Center
 Clintonville, Wisconsin



January 5 (1-3 PM) - Feeding Dairy Cows for Profit

*Dr. Dave Combs, UW-Madison Dairy Nutrition Specialist
 & Local Dairy Nutrition Panel Discussion*

Learn how a new forage/fee test can help your dairy herd be more productive and more profitable. Dr. Combs will explain how his new total tract digestible fiber analysis can help dairy farms get the most out of their homegrown feed, especially during times like this when profit margins are tight. In addition, a panel of local dairy feed consultants will also discuss how they use the new test, as well as other strategies they've seen help improve both production and profitability on area dairy farms. Mayra Pasayes, FVTC Office of Diversity, will also share tips to improve multi-cultural awareness of Hispanic and Latino employees.

January 12 (1-3 PM) – Achieving Excellence

*Dr. Gordie Jones, DVM / Dairy Consultant &
 Managing Partner, Central Sands Dairy LLC*

Dairy farms of all sizes have bottlenecks which keep them from achieving their potential. Dr. Jones will discuss his experiences helping dairy farms identify and manage these bottlenecks, helping achieve excellence by unleashing the herds true potential. Zen Miller, and his summer intern Bethany Marks, will also hare results of their recent evaluation of dehorning practices on dairy farms in NE Wisconsin.

January 19 Farm Tour (south-central Waupaca County)

10:00 AM Breezy Hill Farms LLC, E4399 Bartel Rd, Weyauwega WI

11:00 AM Jonely Farms LLC, N1921 Co. Rd X, Weyauwega WI

12:30 PM Lunch (Waupaca VFW, 244 Industrial Drive, Waupaca, WI)

 Register for the sessions you plan to attend: **January 5** **January 12** **January 19 (Tour)**
 Name(s) _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Cost is \$5.00/day or \$10.00 total for all three = \$ _____ **(Call or send check to UW-Extension by Dec. 31)**

Waupaca County UWEX
 Courthouse 811 Harding St
 Waupaca WI 54981
 715 258-6230

Shawano County UWEX
 Courthouse, Rm 101
 Shawano WI 54166
 715 526-6136

Outagamie County UWEX
 3365 W Brewster Street
 Appleton WI 54914
 920 832-5119

WOODS FORUMS - SHAWANO COUNTY

Income Opportunities from Your Woods: Maple Syrup

January 19th | 5:30-7:30 pm | Birnamwood

Learn about what it takes to get started harvesting and processing maple syrup as a hobby or as a commercial operation.

Getting Rid of Invasive Plants in Your Woods

February 2nd | 5:30-7:30 pm | Tilleda

Learn about invasive plants in our area, why they are a menace, and methods to control them.

Wildlife in Your Woods

February 16th | 5:30-7:30 pm | Caroline

Learn to enhance your woodlands to attract a variety of wildlife. Hear from Merlin Becker, the U.S. regional finalist Tree Farmer of the Year. Merlin has tracked every white-tailed deer and turkey removed from the woodlands since 1967.

Introduction to Timber Harvesting and Tour the Tigerton Mill

March 1st | 2:30-4:30 pm | Tigerton

Visit an active timber sale to see a professional timber harvest. Learn about the various timber products that come out of your trees, and how trees are graded to determine value. We will also have a chance to tour the Tigerton Mill to see how your trees become boards.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Dinner will be served, and space is limited, so pre-registration is necessary!

The address of the meeting will be provided upon registration.

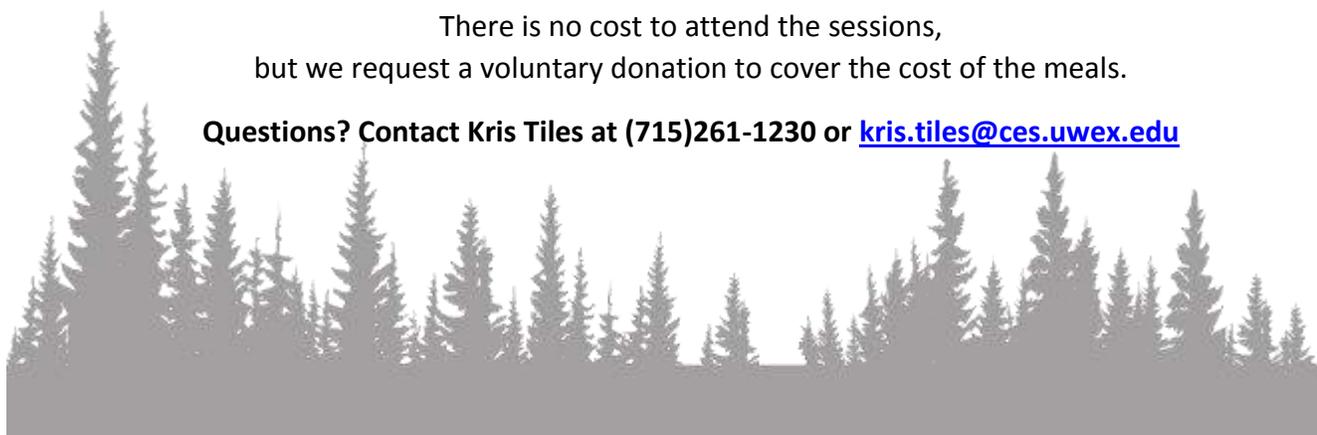
Call 715.261.1230 to reserve your spot and meal

OR register at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Uus4UHbxkO-txkW3bp-utrdOUH4Reb1UIMlwKzhFSYs/viewform>

There is no cost to attend the sessions,
but we request a voluntary donation to cover the cost of the meals.

Questions? Contact Kris Tiles at (715)261-1230 or kris.tiles@ces.uwex.edu



2016 Crop Cost of Production Analysis and Decision-making: Making good decisions in a tough year

Thursday, January 21st

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lena Town Hall



\$10 Registration Fee (collected at the door)

The intent of this day is to help everyone think through how we can manage cost inputs in a way that does not negatively impact yield potential if we do get good growing conditions. We will take the same basic approach to all crops, leading to an end product of expected costs of production for each crop and what type of yield you will need to break even. Follow-up individual analysis work will also be available.

Expected Schedule:

- 9:30 am Registration
- 9:45 am Corn - Expected costs of production for 2016 - group analysis
- 10:30 am Corn - What areas can we manage costs without losing yield potential?
- 11:15 am Nutrient management decision-making. Getting the most back from your fertilizer input dollars.
- 12:15 pm Lunch and discussion
- 1 pm Forage Crops - Costs & cost management decision-making
- 2 pm Soybean and Small Grains - Costs & decision-making

Pre-register by calling the Marinette County UW-Extension office at 715-732-7510, or by e-mailing to scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu Walk-ins welcome, but please try to call the office or Scott's cell phone (715-923-0807), if possible.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension provides affirmative action and equal opportunity in education, programming and employment. If you need any accommodations to assist in your participation of this program, please contact Scott or Gina at 715,732-7510 at least 24 hours prior to the event. All requests will be kept confidential.

Mid and Early-Career Dairy Producer and Agribusiness Professionals Group Informational Meeting

Mid and early-career dairy producers and agribusiness professionals in Shawano, Oconto and Marinette counties are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Tuesday, January 26th** at the **Gillett Library Community Center** (former BMO Harris Bank, 200 East Main Street, Gillett, WI). The meeting will begin at **1:00 pm**. Attendees will discuss the revival of the former “Young Dairy Producer” group.

The benefits of participating in a mid and early-career dairy producer group are:

Deal with complex issues –face-to-face groups enable farmers and professionals to discuss complex issues and gain a collective understanding of challenges and potential solutions

Capacity building of individuals, groups and communities – face-to-face groups are an effective means for developing skills and knowledge in an environment where individual participation is encouraged

Enabling innovation – face-to-face groups encourage innovation and new ideas to common and complex problems

Networking – face-to-face groups can enhance networking and enable a pooling of skills and knowledge from individuals

In short, the purpose of mid and early-career farmer group is to provide an environment for collective learning, sharing, networking, and problem-solving...and have fun while doing it!

There is no cost to attend the program and light refreshments will be provided.

If you have more questions about this event, please contact Sarah Mills-Lloyd at 920-834-6845 or sarah.millsloyd@uwex.edu or Jamie Patton at 715-526-6136 or jamie.patton@uwex.edu.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training—Shawano County

You have two options to become certified or recertified as a private pesticide applicator. The first option is to attend one the private pesticide applicator training programs conducted by UW-Extension and then satisfactorily complete the evaluation at the end of the session. The minimum score to pass the examination for those attending the training session is 50 percent.

The second option is to study the materials on your own and arrange to take the test at the Shawano County Courthouse on the dates listed below. Those choosing the test only option must score 70 percent on the evaluation to pass.

Two training sessions will be held in Shawano County in 2016, both in room A/B of the Shawano County Courthouse:

Tuesday, February 9th and Thursday, March 17th

Training sessions will begin at 10 am and end approximately at 3 pm. You will have a 45 minute break for lunch; lunch is on your own. You only need to attend one of the two sessions.

You will need to bring a calculator and your training manual to the session / exam. Additionally, the State of Wisconsin requires any person taking a certification exam to provide positive identification and their Social Security number. Acceptable forms of positive ID include a: driver’s license, state-issued identification card and/or birth certificate.

You, or someone for you, must register in person for the training session at the Shawano Extension Office.

The registration fee is \$30.

2016 Annual CAFO Meeting Update

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

Fond du Lac, WI
February 11, 2016
UW Fond du Lac
400 University Dr.
Registration deadline February 3rd



Green Bay, WI
February 12, 2016
Tundra Lodge Conference Center
865 Lombardi Avenue
Registration deadline February 3rd

Registration: 11:30 AM
Lunch/Presentations: 12:00 noon

- Introductions/Welcome
- Lunch
- Feed Leachate Control – Discovery Farms research update — Eric Cooley, Discovery Farms
- Manure Irrigation — the permitting process — what you need to know - Joe Baeten, WIDNR
- Media/Neighbor Relations — What to do when the media shows up at the barn door asking about manure spill, animal welfare, etc.
- Farmer Panel — What I wish I'd known about the initial permit/permit renewal process
- Adjourn

\$30 in Advance; \$45 after registration deadline and walk-ins (at the door)

Lunch included

Make check(s) payable to: BCT (Brown County Treasurer) or cash only; NO Credit/Debit Cards

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To register mail, fax, or email the following information to:

Brown County UW-Extension, Attn: Joan, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54302

Fax: 920-391-4617

Email: Laehn_jm@co.brown.wi.us

Name(s) of Attendee(s) _____

Firm/Farm Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Circle location attending:

Green Bay

Fond du Lac

Before February 3rd: Number of people _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

After February 3rd: Number of people _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Topic(s) you would like covered in this meeting - please write in: _____

Office use: Date received: _____; Payment Enclosed: Check # _____ Cash No Payment ; Initials _____

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SAVE THE DATE

Farm Risk Management Programs

****More details in February newsletter****

Dairy Price Risk Management

Thursday, February 11 @ the Lena Town Hall, starting at 10:00 a.m.

\$15 registration fee – includes lunch

We will be focusing on the tools you have available as dairy producers to conduct milk price risk management. Details of how to use those tools correctly, their true costs, and what you are actually going to accomplish with them. Discussion will include all the available possibilities from simple forward contracting to the futures market, and how the MPP-Dairy or LGM-Dairy programs interact with your risk management.

Crop Insurance for 2016

Thursday, February 18 @ the Oconto Falls Community Library, starting at 1:30 p.m. Free – coffee and snacks provided

Join Scott for a discussion of the crop insurance programs for 2016 crop production. Although there aren't lots of new things, there are always tweaks to the system and considerations for your decision-making as we approach the March 15 deadline. In particular, we'll be looking at ways to have sufficient coverage, but without having excess premium costs.

Grain Marketing

Wednesday, March 2 @ the Lena Town Hall, starting at 10 a.m.

\$15 registration fee – includes lunch

Unfortunately, the blunt approach to marketing grain from 2015 and 2016 production is that we need to minimize losses, unless we see a significant, long-term weather event. There are certain cycles to the grain marketing year that any crop producer can take into account to help them plan out their grain marketing strategies. This can be especially true in a lower grain price climate. We will be concentrating on the grain price annual cycle and how to put a plan into place through which you make sound decisions that take emotion out of your pricing decisions. In the process, we will analyze the different pricing or protection tools that you can use in your marketing plan.



University of Wisconsin-Extension Dairy Team Raising Quality Heifers Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Liberty Hall Conference Center, 800 Eisenhower Drive, Kimberly, WI

Registration: 9:30 am
Meeting: 10 am-3 pm

Registration Fee:
\$35 per person in advance
(includes lunch & materials)
\$10 *additional* "Walk-in"
Fee will be charged after
February 10th

For more information:
Tina Kohlman
Dairy & Livestock Agent
UW-Extension Fond du Lac Co
tina.kohlman@uwex.edu
920.929.3171

Sarah Mills-Lloyd
Agriculture Agent
UW-Extension Oconto Co
sarah.millsloyd@uwex.edu
920.834.6845

A program geared toward dairy heifer management, producers and heifer growers will learn about the latest on heifer genomics and the veterinary feed directive (VFD). With fluctuating feed costs, producers and growers will hear about how to manage feed inputs to remain profitable. Topics of discussion will include:

- Current Views of Heifer Genomics • Update on Heifer Feed Costs
- What's Driving the VFD & How We Got Here •
- Juggling VFD with Existing Management •



Presenters:

Pat Hoffman
Dairy Technical Specialist
Vita Plus

Matt Akins
Dairy Replacement Specialist
UW-Madison/UW-Extension

Dick Wallace
Senior Dairy Veterinarian
Zoetis

Panel Discussion on implementing the VFD within your management practices

Veterinarian CEU Credits have been applied for. Please contact for more information.

2016 Raising Quality Dairy Heifers Meeting Registration

Name(s): _____

Company: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Email address (for a direct mailing in future years): _____

Registration: _____ People x \$35 per person (includes meals & materials) = \$ _____

_____ **Additional Walk-in/Late Fee after February 10th x \$10 per person** + \$ _____

Total Enclosed: = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: **UW Extension**
UW-Extension Fond du Lac County
400 University Drive, Room AE-227
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Or to use a credit card (\$1.50 convenience fee),
please contact program assistant
Tina Engelhardt at 920.929.3171.

Registration due Wednesday, February 10th or a \$10 per person Walk-in/Late fee will be added

UW-Extension provided equal opportunities in employment & programming, including Title IX requirements.

12th Annual Fundraiser to benefit **R**ural Health Initiative

WINE & Cheese TASTING

FEB 12 2016 | 7:00 PM

The Main Event
7PM — 10PM

206 N. Lemke Street, Cecil, Wisconsin

\$30 PER PERSON
in advance or \$40 at door (until capacity is met).

36 KINDS OF WINE

FEATURING 4 BREWS (BEER)
FROM PIGEON RIVER BREWING

25 TYPES OF CHEESES & DAIRY FOOD
SAMPLES BY DAIRY PROMOTIONS

MUSIC, GREAT PRIZES, RAFFLES & GAMES

The Rural Health Initiative is a non-profit program designed to address growing concerns regarding health and safety issues facing today's farm families. At the center of this program is a professionally-trained staff member who makes "house calls" to interested farm families providing "Kitchen Wellness."

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ARDEX ALL AMERICAN MINERALS • SHAWANO AREA DAIRY PROMOTIONS

Please **PRE-ORDER TICKETS** for you or your business.

CALL: Rhonda Strebel at 715.524.1488

EMAIL: Rhonda@rhiwi.org

ONLINE: www.wiruralhealth.org

IN PERSON: Premier Community Bank - Shawano

SEND FORM: RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE-SHAWANO

Attn: Rhonda Strebel
ThedaCare Physicians
100 County Road B, Shawano, WI 54166

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Company Name/Address

Group Ticketing (8) _____
(\$240)

of individual tickets _____
(\$30 per person)

Grain Crops Production Clinic

February 17, 2016

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Registration begins at 9:30 am

CCA credits available

Two Locations:

Cobblestone Creek Dining and Banquet

740 West Ryan Street, Brillion, WI

Doxbee's Banquet and Buffet

N6744 County Highway C, Seymour, WI

*Presentations**

2016 Commodity Price Outlook and Strategies for Managing Risk

- Robin Schmahl, Commodity Broker and Owner - AgDairy, LLC

Maximizing Returns on Soybean Acres

- Shawn Conley, UW-Extension Soybean and Wheat Specialist

Managing Soil Fertility on Low, Medium and High Producing Fields

- Carrie Laboski, UW-Extension Soil Fertility Specialist

Soil Health and Cover Crops in Northeast Wisconsin—What do we know?

- Jamie Patton and Darrell McCauley, UW-Extension Agriculture Agents

Selecting Corn Hybrids & Engaging Farmers in Crop Research and Outreach

- Kevin Jarek and Annie Deutsch, UW-Extension Agriculture Agents

- Scott Reuss and Eric Ronk, UW-Extension Agriculture Agents

*Presentation times will vary by location

Grain Crops Production Clinic Registration Form - Please register by Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Where do you plan to attend?

_____ Cobblestone Creek, Brillion
_____ Doxbee's Banquet & Buffet, Seymour

_____ person(s) x \$25/person = \$ _____

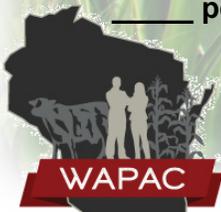
Return registration to:

For Brillion:

Grain Crops Clinic
Calumet Co. UWEX
206 Court Street
Chilton, WI 53014
920-849-1450 x5

For Seymour:

Grain Crops Clinic
Outagamie Co. UWEX
3365 W. Brewster Street
Appleton, WI 54914
920-832-5121



Make check payable to:
UW-Extension



February 18, 2016

10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Registration begins at 10:15 am

The Main Event

206 Lemke St, Cecil, WI

You don't have to be a Forage Council member to attend!

Presentations

Optimizing Alfalfa Production in Northeast WI

- What We've Learned from Regional Research

~ Kevin Jarek, Outagamie UW-Extension Crops and Soils Agent

Managing No-till, Cover Crops and Forage Production in Northern WI - Farmer-Driven Research and Field Plots

~ Jason Cavadini, Asst Superintendent, Marshfield Ag Research Station

Managing Fertilizer Inputs to Optimize Forage Quality and Quantity

~ Jamie Patton, Shawano UW-Extension Agriculture Agent

Shawano County Forage Council (starting approximately 1:45 pm)

Seed Auction

Annual Meeting



Advance Registration Required by February 11th

Make checks payable to: Shawano County Forage Council

Return to: Shawano County UWEX, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

Registration & Membership Options:

___ Midwest Forage Assoc & Shawano Co Forage Council Membership + Lunch @ \$65

___ Shawano County Forage Council Membership + Lunch @ \$35

___ Lunch only @ \$15

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Conservation Reserve Program, 49th General Enrollment Period Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016

OVERVIEW

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will conduct a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general enrollment period from Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016.

CRP is a federally-funded voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is not farmed or ranched, but instead used for conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Accepted contracts for the 49th CRP enrollment period will begin Oct. 1, 2016.

In its 30th year, CRP is authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985 and was reauthorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill). FSA administers CRP, while other USDA agencies and partners provide technical support. More detailed information on CRP is available in the FSA fact sheet, "**Conservation Reserve Program.**"

SUBMITTING CRP OFFERS

Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for enrollment during the 49th CRP general enrollment period. In addition, CRP participants with contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2016, may submit offers.

To submit CRP offers, producers must visit their local FSA office. FSA will accept offers only during the enrollment period. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS

To be eligible for CRP enrollment, a producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to the end of this CRP enrollment period, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law or;
- The circumstance of the acquisition presents adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

ELIGIBLE LAND

To be eligible for the CRP general enrollment period, land must be cropland (including field margins) that is planted, or considered planted, to an agricultural commodity four of the six crop years from 2008 to 2013, and be physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Alfalfa or other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation not to exceed 12 years may be eligible for the 49th CRP enrollment period.

ADDITIONAL CROPLAND REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the eligible land requirements for the CRP general enrollment period, cropland must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher;
- Be expiring CRP acres or;
- Be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area.

CRP PAYMENTS

FSA provides those applicants who are selected for the 49th CRP general enrollment with annual rental payments, including certain incentive payments and cost-share assistance.

- **Rental Payments**

In return for establishing long-term, resource-conserving covers, FSA provides rental payments to participants. FSA bases rental rates on the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average dryland cash rent. County office staff working with the producer will calculate the maximum CRP rental rate for each offer prior to enrollment. Producers may offer land below the rate to increase the likelihood that their offer will be accepted.

- **Cost-Share Assistance**

FSA provides cost-share assistance to participants who establish approved cover on eligible cropland. The cost-share assistance cannot exceed 50 percent of the participant's costs to establish approved practices.

RANKING CRP OFFERS

FSA will rank offers for the 49th CRP general enrollment period according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). FSA collects data (primarily based on location, soils information and selected conservation practice) and determines the environmental indices for the land offered.

FSA ranks each eligible offer in comparison to all other offers and selects from that ranking. After the enrollment period ends, the Secretary of Agriculture will decide where to make the EBI cutoff. Those who have met previous EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this enrollment period. Producers may consult with local FSA and Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS) staff on how to maximize EBI points and increase the likelihood that their offer will be accepted.

More information on EBI for the 49th CRP enrollment period is available by reading the FSA

fact sheet, “**Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment 49, Environmental Benefits Index.**”

CRP CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

In addition to the 49th CRP general enrollment period, producers at any time can participate in CRP continuous enrollment period, in which producers can enroll the most environmentally sensitive land. More information on CRP continuous enrollment is available in the FSA fact sheet, “**Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Sign-Up**” located at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2015/crp_continuous_sign_up_november_2015.pdf.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet is for informational purposes; other restrictions may apply. Consult your local FSA office for details. For more information on CRP, visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp or contact your local FSA office. To find the nearest FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Calendar of Local Upcoming Events

Date	Workshop	Location	Cost	Registration Requirement
January 5, 12	Cow College	Fox Valley Tech Clintonville	\$5 per mtg \$10 for 3	Shawano UWEX
January 6	Agromony Update	Kimberly or Wausau	Check with Location	Outagamie or Marathon UWEX
January 19	Cow College Tours	Weyauwega	\$5 per mtg \$10 for 3	Shawano UWEX
January 19	Income Opportunities from your Woods: Maple Syrup	Birnamwood	Donation	Marathon UWEX
January 21	2016 Crop Cost of Production Analysis and Decision-Making	Lena Town Hall Lena	\$10	Marinette UWEX
January 26	Mid and Early-Career Dairy Producers Reorganization Meeting	Gillett Community Center Gillett	\$0	None
February 2	Getting Rid of Invasives in your Woods	Tilleda	Donation	Marathon UWEX
February 9	Pesticide Applicator Training	Shawano County Courthouse	\$30	Shawano UWEX
February 11	Dairy Price Risk Management	Lena Town Hall Lena	\$15	Marinette UWEX
February 12	Rural Health Initiative Wine and Cheese Tasting Fundraiser	The Main Event Cecil	\$30	Premier Bank- Shawano
February 12	CAFO Meeting	Tundra Lodge Green Bay	\$30	Brown UWEX
February 16	Raising Quality Heifers	Liberty Hall Kimberly	\$35	Fond du Lac UWEX
February 16	Wildlife in your Woods	Caroline	Donation	Marathon UWEX
February 17	Grain Crops Clinic	Doxbee's Seymour	\$25	Outagamie UWEX
February 18	Shawano County Forage Council Annual Meeting	The Main Event Cecil	\$15	Shawano UWEX
February 23	Cattle Feeder Update	TBD	TBD	Waupaca UWEX
February 24	The Science of Covers	University of Wisconsin Madison	\$50	mcc.msu.edu
March 1	Introduction to Timber Harvesting and Tour of Tigerton Mill	Tigerton	Donation	Marathon UWEX
March 1	Modernization: Building our Dairy Future	Liberty Hall Kimberly	TBD	TBD
March 2	Grain Marketing	Lena Town Hall Lena	\$15	Marinette UWEX
March 9	What's Your Farm's Future: Estate and Farm Succession Planning	Gillett Community Center Gillett	TBD	Shawano UWEX
March 17	Pesticide Applicator Training	Shawano County Courthouse	\$30	Shawano UWEX
March 30	Heart of the Farm	Gillett Assembly of God Gillett	TBD	Shawano UWEX