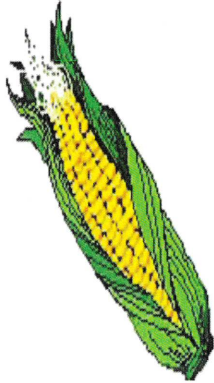




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September, 2026 Ag Newsletter

This year has seen its challenges and we aren't done with them, yet. If you have any significantly drought-stressed silage, please make sure you think about nitrate content if you are going to use it as feed. Corn without cobs that has been fertilized normally has the highest potential for extreme nitrate (think dead cattle) levels if fed as green chop or even ensiled and fed as a primary feed source. The lower third of the stalk is where nitrates are concentrated and this will be that much worse within a few days after a rain event. Plants with cobs will be closer to normal, but the lower the yield, the more potential there is for nitrate toxicity.

In general, the best way to approach feeding something you think may have higher nitrate levels is to

- Plan your harvesting appropriately, i.e. don't harvest right after rain
- Either segregate and test, or layer into your normal silage pile, but still consider testing prior to feeding.
- If grazing or green chopping, add slowly to your ration and let the rumen microbes adjust to the high nitrate levels.

Contact me if you have any information needs or questions. If buying or selling corn silage, high moisture, or other crops, I can email you the current Excel pricing sheets or you can hopefully find them on local offices' websites.

If harvesting silage this year, make sure to utilize the moisture testing opportunities available to help your planning—whether the ones I'm doing or with one of the companies in the area.

Stay safe, Scott Reuss, Crops & Soils Educator

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State & Regional Workshops/Events

PARASITE PATROL TOUR 2026-2027



OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

September 25, 2026

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Osborn Town Hall
W3389 County Rd Ee
Seymour, WI 54165

REGISTER
AND
LEARN MORE



go.wisc.edu/PP2627

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Extension and Outreach

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**Weed Management
Workshop: Managing
Resistant Weeds** Wednesday,
September 2, at the Arlington
Agricultural Research Station

Outstanding program featuring
nationally recognized experts,
Wisconsin farmers, and the
WiscWeeds team, with plenty of
opportunities for practical learning,
discussion, and networking. Will
include hands-on activities and CCA
CEU's.

If weed management is part of what you do, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Registration is required; reserve your spot today: <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-wisconsin-extension-weed-management-workshop>

U.P. Potato Field Day

Tuesday, September 1, 4-7 p.m. EST @ Vandamme Farms, Rock, MI. Featuring Variety Trial and Research Results, along with Industry Updates and Free Dinner. To register, or for more information, contact MSU UPREC at (906) 439-5114

Learn About Your Land Workshop Series

Whether you want to take care of your woods, hike and hunt on your land, or make memories with family, we are here to help. "Learn About Your Land" classes provide the knowledge and resources for you to get the most from your woodland. Brought to you by the Forestry & Wildlife Program of UW-Mad., Extension.

Learn About Your Land is a series of three weekly classes, and registration of \$30 covers all three classes.

4-7 p.m. Thursdays Sept. 17 (Keeping Your Woods Healthy) and **Sept. 24** (Invite Wildlife to your Woodland) held at the Crivitz Village Hall, 800 Henriette Ave., Crivitz, WI.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sat., Sept. 26: Silviculture Management In-person Field Day, held at the "Woods Lake Shelter" within Gov. Thompson State Park; N10008 Paust Lane, Crivitz, WI.

Questions or to register, go to <https://forestry.extension.wisc.edu/events/learn-about-your-land-marinette-county/> or contact Olivia Kovacs at 608-509-3012 or Olivia.kovacs@wisc.edu

Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Cover Crops Field Day

Tuesday, October 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Intersection of Larmey Lane and Townline Road (formerly Hogsback) in
Town of Little River – Use N1096 Townline Road, Lena, WI

Free, No Registration required. Join Scott Reuss, Crops/Soils Educator and Chris Clark, UW NPM Outreach Specialist

+ Sulfur rate in corn, grain research plots

+ Managing Sulfur, Nitrogen, and their Interactions

+ Cover Crop Demonstration Area

+ Selecting Cover Crops to meet your needs and increase your bottom line, not just add time and cost to your program

Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program Funding available for 2027-2028 projects

The on-farm research done through the NOPP is continuing! If you are interested in conducting on-farm research in one of the areas noted here (or a similar nitrogen management research question project), be ready to submit a proposal. The Request for Proposals will be released soon with application processes

starting in October.

You can work with your agronomist to put together a proposal or bring your idea to Scott Reuss and he can help you design the research plan and in putting together the proposal wording. Scott is also very willing to piggyback research projects and work with you in such projects and help you accomplish the project goals.

Nitrogen Response Trial

Max award of
\$40,000/producer

- Discover the optimum N rate for your field, or how management practices impact optimum N rate
- Example projects: N rate trial, N rate + management, N response in speciality crops
- Effort: High

Zero-Synthetic Nitrogen Test Strip

Max award of
\$6,000/producer

- What is your baseline? Learn how much N the soil is supplying, fertilizer use efficiency under your current N management, and opportunities to improve
- Zero-N test strips may include organic N sources (e.g. manure or legume credits)
- Effort: Low/Medium

Reduced Nitrogen Rate

Max award of
\$6,000/producer

- Test a reduced N rate compared to current management
- Project includes 3 reduced N rate test strips (20% less than current rate)
- Effort: Low/Medium

Custom Nitrogen Research

Max award of
\$10,000/producer

- Investigate other innovative strategies to optimize N use and evaluate performance through on-farm research
- NOPP team can assist in developing projects
- Effort: Medium

Corn Silage Moisture Monitoring for 2026

Corn Silage harvest has already started on some of the driest acres and will be going for many weeks, yet. Most fields will likely be ready to chop in the window between Sept. 10 and 20, but there will be a fair amount of variation.

This year's Extension-sponsored sampling events are meant to supplement private entity offerings. I have listed the Charapata Seed Sales events, as they are open to everyone. Many other agricultural businesses have stated to me that they will be conducting silage sampling for clients, but not at set events/dates, so those are not specifically listed

Samples will be chopped at the times/places below and then analyzed at Dairyland Laboratories. Analysis is sponsored by Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano County offices of UW-Madison, Division of Extension.

Sampling Events:

+ Tuesdays, Sept. 1 through 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ Charapata Seed Sales, located at 731 French Street, Peshtigo. Sponsored by Charapata Seed Sales and Vita-Plus. All are welcome, light lunch provided.

+ Wednesday, September 2

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. @ Crivitz Feed Mill.

- Noon to 1:30 p.m. @ Tauchen's Harmony Valley, N3399 S Broadway, Bonduel, east of feed bunkers, use 3rd driveway south of 29.

+ Thursday, September 10

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. @ Corn Silage Field Day – see flyer at end of newsletter.

+ Thursdays, September 17 & 24 & October 1

- 8:30 to 9 a.m. @ Crivitz Feed Mill.

- 9:45 to 11 a.m. @ Peterson's Dairy, 6336 Goatsville Road, Lena; (in front of freestall at SE corner of farmstead)

- 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. @ Brown Star Farms, 10279 Hwy. 22, Gillett (adjacent to the slurry store at NE corner of farm)

- 1:45 to 3 p.m. @ Tauchen's Harmony Valley, N3399 S Broadway, Bonduel, east of feed bunkers, use 3rd driveway south of 29.

These opportunities are meant to be a chance to get your silage, snaplage, or early HMC samples tested in a relatively convenient manner. Also take advantage of other opportunities that you may have through your agronomist, nutritionist, or by conducting your own sampling and testing.

Collecting a Good Sample Sample collection is going to be challenging this year, as there is so much variability. Key is to collect representative samples from the field in total. So, if a field is 25% one soil type and 75% another, collect 1 or 2 stalks from the smaller area and 3 or 6 from the other. Also make sure you have your different varieties represented (or do two different tests), as there are definitely some impressive differences in maturity processes this year across genetic bases. Try to collect samples just before they will get chopped. If that isn't feasible, keep them in the shade, covered if possible.

IF you are buying/selling any crops between farms this year, the updated HMC and Silage Pricing guides are available on local Extension Office webpages or you can request the excel files via email at scott.reuss@wisc.edu

REFUEL THE FARMER

Register by
September 11th!



SCAN TO REGISTER
(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)



<https://forms.gle/DL2mzJ3hX6QiyBYW6>

Drive-through event providing farm families with ready-to-go meals, snacks, and practical wellness resources to support both the farmer and the family.



WHEN

Wed, Sept 23
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM



WHERE

917 Business 141
Pound, WI 54161



FORMAT

Drive-through
Rain or Shine

Harvest season brings long days, tight schedules, and added stress for farm families. Refuel the Farmer is a drive-through event designed to provide support during the busiest time of year.

WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE

- Pre-packed meals
- Grab-and-go snacks
- Stress-reduction & wellness resources

Everything is designed to be useful & easy to access.

Did You Know?

*This event falls during **Farm Safety Week**, coinciding with the peak of harvest season.*

For More Info:

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WHY IT MATTERS

You work tirelessly to feed our communities. This is our way of **giving back** with encouragement, nourishment, and support, because caring for the farmer means caring for the whole family.



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Corn Silage Field Day

Thursday, September 10

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BrownStar Farms – In field site across from 5833 Quarterline Road,
Gillett, WI (a short mile south of Hwy. 22)

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Corn Silage Moisture Sampling and Silage Genetics Plot
Viewing, Discussion, etc...

10:40 a.m. Dr. Harkirat Kaur, UW-Madison Corn Agronomist

- Short-stature corn as silage and management considerations
- Corn management considerations for 2027

11:30 a.m. Dan Marzu, Univ. of WI NPM Nutrient Management Outreach
Specialist

- Cover Cropping after Corn Silage. Options, Realities, Pitfalls.

Noon Scott Reuss – Regional Crops/Soils Educator, UW-Madison, Div. of
Extension

- Optimum Nutrient Management: Manure, Timing, Fertilizers?????

12:20 p.m. Matt Brugger & Matt Bjelland – Green Bay West Shores Demo
Farms

- Demonstration Farm activities and results
- Lunch provided
- Plot viewing

1 – 2 p.m. Corn Silage Moisture Sampling

Pre-registration not required, but appreciated for meal counts. To Register, contact Scott Reuss: call/text to 715-701-0966 or e-mail to scott.reuss@wisc.edu

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