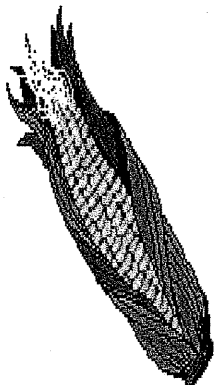




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## September, 2025 Ag Newsletter

As fair season wraps up with the Shawano County Fair this weekend, we shift from pest management and alfalfa harvest to Silage Season. This edition includes notices for three very worthwhile events. The Men's Mental Health night at Romy's is worth everyone's time, if for no other reason than to hit your mental reset button before grain harvest season gets going full force. The Targeted Herbicide Application Technologies focus of the annual Arlington Weed Management Workshop is going to be a great way to hear about some of the newest weed management techniques available and see if they may be a fit for your operation. I realize that event is in the heart of silage season, but should be worth the trip.

If you raise beef, the pasture walk and beef management discussions taking place at Kingbird Cattle on Oct. 7 is going to be a great day. Greg's focus on pasture and animal management will be the feature of the at-farm portions and there will be great discussions at the Town Hall, as well.

Stay safe, Scott Reuss, Crops & Soils Educator

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### Calendar of Events


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### Farm to Farm Crop Sales

As you've heard from me in the past, I am a firm believer in developing win-win situations between farms. One of the easiest ways to do this is by doing direct farm to farm sales of forages, grains, and bedding. I have updated the corn silage and HMC pricing spreadsheets for this year and you can find them on the Marinette Extension web page, or you can request the files directly from me by emailing to [scott.reuss@wisc.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@wisc.edu)

I am very willing to assist in the processes of contract wording, yield estimation, and other aspects of direct sales.

As we work with corn silage, even in a lower price corn year, there are a lot of dollars out there per acre. A ton of normal (65% moisture) corn silage in our region is likely going to contain between 8 and 8.5 bushels of grain and about \$13 worth of fertilizer replacement equivalency in the stover. Thus, about \$33 worth of grain (current Chicago price) + \$13 = \$46/fresh ton @ 25 tons/acre = about \$1150 in corn silage value. Take care of it!!!

  
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## 2025 Wisconsin Extension WEED MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

**Sept. 11, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**N633 Hopkins Rd, Arlington Public Events Building**

Connecting ag service providers, farmers, agronomists,  
 chemical applicators, and more around the latest weed  
 management science, technology, and take-home-tips to  
 improve weed control and profitability.

**This Year's Theme:**  
**TARGETED HERBICIDE  
 APPLICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

**Join us for:**

- **Spraying is Easy, Doing It Right Isn't:** Tips for better herbicide applications with *Dr. Tommy Butts*, clinical assistant professor and extension weed scientist, *Purdue University*
- **Targeted Spray Applications:** Presentations from research teams with *Ecorobotix*, *One Smart Spray*, *John Deere See and Spray*, and *WiscWeeds Team*
- **Practical Experiences with Laser Weeders and Intelligent Sprayers in Vegetable Crops** with *Dr. Jed Colquhoun*, professor and extension IPM specialist, *UW-Madison*
- **Panel Discussion on In-Field Experiences with Targeted Spray Systems**
- **Field Equipment Demos**
- **WiscWeeds Plot Tours**

Noone really appreciates mental health until they see someone else go through depression or addiction-related problems. This year's Men's Health Event features a great speaker, with a great meal, all for \$25. If the QR code below doesn't work, go to <https://go.wisc.edu/lyq74j> to register for the event.

Proceeds from the event benefit Oconto Cty programs, but you definitely don't need to be from Oconto Cty. to attend, everyone is urged to consider being there!

*Healthy Oconto County Men's Event, Featuring*



## Tom Farley

The Importance of Mental Health for Men

**October 23, 2025 | 5pm-8pm** \*Family style dinner served at 5:30pm

**Romy's Holiday Inn (9600 Hwy G, Suring, WI)**

### *Our Speaker:*



Tom Farley grew up in Madison, WI and graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in Marketing. From 1999 to 2012, he ran The Chris Farley Foundation, a nationally recognized non-profit dedicated to substance abuse prevention. Like his brother, Tom was successful in opening the "eyes and ears" of all ages through the powerful and effective use of humor. In 2008 he wrote "The Chris Farley Show", a New York Time bestselling biography of his late brother, the actor and comedian Chris Farley.

**\$25 per person**

Includes dinner, presentation, and a chance to win a Fishsconsin Outdoors Fishing Charter or a pair of tickets to the Packers vs. Bears game on 12/7/25!

*\*All attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in many other raffles!*

Scan QR Code to Register!



Weeds are everywhere, and new tools are being developed nearly every year to help us try to manage them. The Sept. 11 Weed Mgmt workshop focuses on Targeted Application tech and is a great opportunity to learn about these new methods. Lunch is included with the \$25 registration fee and CCA CEU's are available. Register at: <https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-extension-weed-management-workshop/>

**Save a Calf, Save a Cow** Extension is offering a workshop series for dairy and beef producers, and dairy workers (in Spanish). This workshop provides information and techniques to boost your confidence in preparing the cow for calving, obstetric techniques and newborn calf care, with practical strategies to support both cow and calf health.

The Zoom covers getting newborns off to a good start: neonatal calf care and colostrum management; and cow nutrition and management: pre- and post-calving health and reproductive success.

During the in-person session, participants will learn about and practice stages of labor and signs to watch for, when to call the vet; calving equipment options and sanitation; worker safety -cow & calf handling/needles/PPE/ biosecurity. National Dairy FARM continuing education is available for attending the entire series.

### Zoom Sessions:

- Sept 17 afternoon, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
- Dairy Workers (in Spanish) - Sept 18th, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
- Sept 18th evening, 7 - 8:30 pm

### In-person Sessions:

- Athens: Sept 24, 1-3 pm
- Athens: Sept 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Athens: dairy Worker (in Spanish): Sept 25, 1-3 pm
- Altoona: Sept 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Series costs \$20/person. To attend an in-person session, you must first attend a Zoom session.

# **Corn Silage Moisture Monitoring for 2025**

Corn Silage harvest is going to be a little bit more 'normal' than the last couple years has been, with maturity being primarily driven by corn hybrid, rather than the huge variation in planting date and soil moisture that we have seen. Most corn silage will likely be ready to chop in the window between Sept. 10 and 20, but there will be later fields and there are going to be a few fields/farms ready to go the first week of the month.

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

I cannot cover the entire region, but hopefully have enough collection sites and dates that interested farms are able to participate. 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 and the Shawano County Forage Council.

## **Sampling Events:**

+ Tuesdays, Sept. 2 through 30, 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.

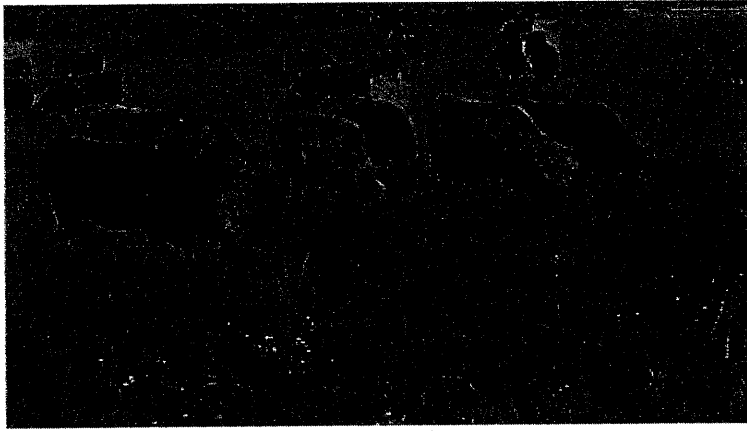
+ September 3 (Wed.), Sept. 10 (Wed.), Sept. 16 (Tues.); Sept. 24 (Wed.) & Oct. 1 (Wed.)

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. @ Fendryk Farms, in front of freestall. Use driveway on 25<sup>th</sup> Road, just south of Mar. Cty. Hwy. P.
- 10 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 12:45 p.m. @ Brown Star Farms, 10279 Hwy. 22, Gillett (adjacent to the slurry store at NE corner of farm)
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. @ Tauchen's Harmony Valley, N3399 S Broadway, Bonduel, east of feed bunkers, use 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 very important to getting good test results. The first step to collecting a good sample is to think about the different fields and/or varieties that you want tested. Each variety will mature and dry-down differently, and there are always differences from field to field, so plan on sampling most of the fields that you are thinking about ensiling this year. When collecting the actual sample plants, collect your sample according to the variability in the field. If the field is pretty consistent, collect five plants in a W-shaped pattern from the area being sampled. If the field is variable, collect more plants and collect plants in proportion to the type of growth/plant stature/maturity you are seeing. This should often be soil type-driven. 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. 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](mailto:scott.reuss@wisc.edu)**



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## **Beef Management on Grass: Pasture Walk and Workshop**

Tuesday, October 7; 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Supper Provided – Sponsored by Crivitz Feed Mill and  
Kingbird Cattle

Location: W8623 Cty. Hwy. P; Crivitz, WI (1.5 miles west  
of Hwy. 141 on Marinette Cty. Hwy. P)

Host: Kingbird Cattle

Pre-registration appreciated to ensure food availability for all attendees.  
Text/call Scott Reuss at 715-701-0966 or email to [scott.reuss@wisc.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@wisc.edu)  
with number attending.

### **Discussion and Viewing Topics:**

- + Managing grass-fed beef for today's market; Heifer selection – traits and phenotypes; Body Condition Scoring & Mgmt impacts; Truck & Trailer prep and safety; Fall Forage Management; Forage Species and Cultivar Selection; Breeding & Bull Selection
- + Any other topic brought up by attendees!

### **Free to attend.**

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