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SPECIAL EDITION Taylor'd Ag

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This special edition of Taylor'd Ag News is provided to inform you of upcoming educational events in January, February, March, April and May of 2024.

For additional information and newly added events, visit the Extension Taylor County website at <https://taylor.uwex.edu> and follow us on



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<https://www.facebook.com/taylor.uwex.edu3>



**4-H is for YOU !
4-H is for FUN !**

March 1—Deadline for 4-H Members to sign up for all 4-H Projects if they plan on exhibiting at the Taylor County Fair.

Taylor County In-Person Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing

No other notices mailed about this event!

Mark your calendars!

An in-person Private Applicator General Farming PAT training and testing will be held on February 15, 2024, at the Education Center, 624 College Street, Medford. By attending this training, you may pass the test with a 50% score.

8:30 a.m. registration, training starts promptly at 9 a.m. No walk-ins. Testing (2 hours allotted) begins at 1 p.m. Come prepared:

- Photo ID **or signed waiver as to why you do not have photo ID (call Kelly at 715-748-1413 for more information).**
- Provide your social security number on the exam.
- The current general farming manual – that you have reviewed
- Sack lunch and refreshment
- Cell phones may not be used
- Must bring current manual with you

Register for the in-person training (\$10) and obtain the manual (\$43) online by January 25, 2024, at [https://patstore.wisc.edu/secure/](https://patstore.wisc.edu/secure/items/private)

OR



[items/private](https://patstore.wisc.edu/secure/items/private)

call 608-262-7588 to reserve your seat for the February 15th training (\$10). Your manual order (\$43) and \$10 training fee must be received within 3 weeks of your reservation, or your reserved seat will expire.

Each person taking the training must have their own manual. Manuals are NOT available at the Extension office, and they are NOT available the day of the training/testing.

Visit the Pat Store online for more information about online ZOOM training and scheduling an exam at a participating County Extension Office or with Pearson Vue (a testing company). Extension Taylor County will proctor PAT exams (from online training or from using the self-study option) by appointment only, calling 715-748-3327 ext. 3. Self-study involves buying the book from the PAT Store and passing the test at 70%.



Private Applicator Recertification Notification



Dear Private Pesticide Applicator:

DATCP records indicate you are due for Private Applicator recertification. If you are anticipating using Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) please plan to register for recertification, if not please disregard this notice.

Self-Study

1. Go to the UW PAT Store to purchase a training manual.
2. Schedule a certification test with a participating County Extension Office or Pearson VUE Testing company.

UW PAT Store

patstore.wisc.edu

Participating Counties for Testing

fyi.extension.wisc.edu/pat/county-testing-sites/

Attend a Class, Zoom or Online training

1. Go to the UW PAT Store to purchase a training manual.
2. Go to the UW PAT Store to find a date and location.
3. Register at the UW PAT Store for County hosted Zoom, in-person training or online training.

UW PAT Program:

patprogram@mailplus.wisc.edu
608-262-7588 or 608-263-6358

Don't like that internet stuff, contact the UW PAT Program, we do mail order also.

For other training sites near you, visit:
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/pat/events/>



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING

This course is designed to develop a nutrient management plan that will meet the NRCS 590 Standard requirements. Participants will enter soil test information into the software program, SNAP-Plus, and will develop a plan using the data. Subjects include conservation plans, field mapping, soil test analysis, manure management and crop selection and requirements.

SOIL TESTING PAYMENTS Participants will receive reimbursement for up to \$750 of eligible soil testing costs. (Please contact your County's Conservation Department with any questions regarding this reimbursement.)

COURSE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Please register for the Full Course if you are new to Nutrient Management Planning. If you have already taken the Full Course in the past, please register for the Refresher Course.

Additional family members and/or farm employees may attend with a registered attendee at no additional charge.



These courses are in partnership with the county conservation departments from Marathon, Clark, Lincoln, Taylor, Wood and Portage counties.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Complete form found on reverse side and follow mailing instructions
2. Visit one of the websites below and search by class # found next to each class

NTC Classes

www.ntc.edu/academics-training/courses/search

Mid-State Classes

<https://courses.mstc.edu/>

3. Call us at 715.803.1965



WORKFORCE TRAINING +
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FULL COURSE - 12 HOURS TOTAL (THREE 4-HOUR SECTIONS)

Fridays, January 5 - 19, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$260*
NTC Medford Campus	Class #63433
Wednesdays, January 17 - 31, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$260*
NTC Wausau Campus	Class #63434
Thursdays, January 18 - February 1, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$260*
NTC Spencer Campus	Class #63435
Thursdays, February 15 - 29, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$260*
NTC Spencer Campus	Class #63436

REFRESHER COURSES - 8 HOURS TOTAL

Fridays, January 5 & 12, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$130*
NTC Medford Campus	Class #63438
Wednesdays, January 17 & 24, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$130*
NTC Wausau Campus	Class #63439
Thursdays, January 18 & 25, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$130*
NTC Spencer Campus	Class #63440
Thursdays, February 15 & 22, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$130*
NTC Spencer Campus	Class #63441

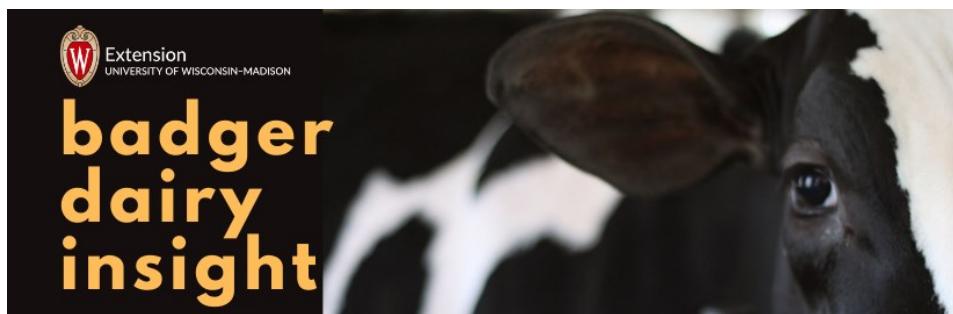


WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

FULL COURSE - 12 HOURS TOTAL (THREE 4-HOUR SECTIONS)

Tuesdays, March 12 - 26, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$260*
Wood County River Block, Wisconsin Rapids	Class #25902
Thursdays, March 14 - 28, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$260*
Mid-State Stevens Point Campus	Class #25901

**Participants will receive up to a \$260 reimbursement upon completion of a nutrient management plan. Reimbursements are provided by a DATCP Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant and administered by the county conservation departments.*



Badger Dairy Insight

3rd Tuesday starting January 16th ending September 17th from 11 a.m.–Noon CST

A webinar series to provide the latest research-based dairy information to improve animal welfare, breeding and genetic selection, automation and modernization, and nutritional decisions for producers, dairy workers and managers, ag professionals, and educators.

Join the University of Wisconsin-Madison – Division of Extension's Dairy Program on the third Tuesday of each month from 11am-12 pm CST for the Badger Dairy Insight webinar series. New this year we are switching our webinars to a monthly platform. We are featuring your local Extension Dairy Program Educators and UW Specialists as they present on current dairy topics. Take the opportunity to learn from and discuss with experts on the dates below.

There is no charge to participate in the sessions, however pre-registration is required to allow access.

Register at:

<https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-insight/>



National Beef Quality Audit Webinars - Results that Impact You

The UW-Madison Division of Extension and Wisconsin Beef Council are offering two webinars that will review results from the 2022 National Beef Quality Audit. They will be held on January 18th, with a session starting at 11:30 a.m. for dairy producers and another at 7:00 p.m. for beef producers. Each program will last about an hour.

Michaela Clowser, Director of Producer Education for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, will present results from the audit and how they apply to dairy and beef farms in each respective session. Since 1991, the Beef Checkoff-funded National Beef Quality Audit (NBQA) has delivered a set of guideposts and measurements for cattle producers and other stakeholders to help determine quality conformance of the U.S. beef supply.

To register for either program, go to:

Dairy - <https://go.wisc.edu/7j2jc7>

Beef - <https://go.wisc.edu/0ho72t>

Both webinars will be recorded for later viewing and posted on <https://go.wisc.edu/n55x3o>

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Wisconsin Livestock—Extension & Dairy too!

Jump start your
farm succession
plan in 2024!



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Cultivating Your Farm's Future

These workshops are virtual.
Choose the option that fits
your schedule:

Option One

Wednesdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14,
and 21, 2024, noon - 1:30 pm

Option Two

Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22,
2024, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Registration deadline for either
option: Jan. 19, 2024

Cost: \$100/farm; multiple
farm/family members are
encouraged to attend.

For more information:

- kaitlyn.davis2@wisc.edu
608-262-0313
- joy.kirkpatrick@wisc.edu
608-263-3485

Cultivating Your Farm's Future will provide tools and
resources for producers who want to begin the
succession planning process. The program will explore
the three step process of planning your business
succession:

- Where are you now
- Where do you want to be
- How do you get there

This program will help you gather your information and
start or continue conversations with your family and
farming partners.

Topics will include:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| • Communication | • Financials |
| • Common tensions | • SWOT analysis |
| • Is equal fair? | • Business structures |
| • Setting goals | • Assembling your team |

To learn more about the class and register go to:
<https://go.wisc.edu/cyff>

Farm Pulse: Crop Insurance and Grain Marketing

An online course with in-person meetings from January to March 2024 for farmers interested in learning the importance of risk management, crop insurance, and grain marketing

The course is arranged in eight modules that participants work through at their own pace. The in-person sessions noted below are meant to add depth to some of the topics and give participants (and others) the opportunity to get practice working through some of the concepts.

- Module One: Overview and intro. to the case farm
- Module Two: Risk Management
- Module Three: Risk Capacity & Price Determination
- Module Four: Crop Insurance
- Module Five: Grain Marketing Plan
- Module Six: Grain Marketing Tool Introduction
- Module Seven: Grain Marketing Tools
- Module Eight: Next Steps

Course fee is \$119. Farm Credit Services patrons can request reimbursement after course completion.

There are two sites of in-person sessions in support of this course in NE/NC WI. Crops/Soils Educator Scott Reuss will be facilitating the discussion at these sites. Course participant farms attend them free. Anyone interested in attending one of these discussions without being involved in the full course is welcome, but will be charged a \$10 per session fee – payable at the door. Questions? E-mail to scott.reuss@wisc.edu or call/text to 715-701-0966. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/2p8a55vn>

Main Session Topics (additional topics and Q & A at each session)	Wausau Site: AgCountry Farm Credit Services; 611 S 32 nd Ave.
Crop Enterprise Budgeting Calculating Cost of Production	Wednesday, January 24 10 a.m. to Noon
Crop Insurance for 2024; Interactions with Marketing	Tuesday, February 13 10 a.m. to Noon
Grain Marketing Tools; Intro to 'Marketing in New Era' simulation	Wednesday, March 6 10 a.m. to Noon
Grain Marketing Plans- Putting it all Together; Using MINE	Wednesday, March 27 10 a.m. to Noon



2024 SMALL RUMINANT WEBINARS

January 24 @ 7:30 PM CST - *Abortion & Respiratory Diseases in Sheep & Goats*
Maggie Highland, DVM, PhD, DAVCP

February 21 @ 7:30 PM CST - *Lamb and Kid Care*
Roselle Busch, DVM

March 27 @ 7:30 PM CDT - *National Sheep Improvement Plan*
Rusty Burgett, NSIP Program Director

April 24 @ 7:30 PM CDT - *Prepare for the Grazing Season*
Dr. Andrew Weaver



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Extension and Outreach

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/2024SRWebinars>

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2024 CAFO update

Hosted by UW Madison Extension in collaboration with WI Department of Natural Resources



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL CAFO UPDATE!

Jointly sponsored by UW Madison Division of Extension's Conservation Professional Training Program and Wisconsin DNR, these workshops are designed for livestock operations with WPDES permits or farms near permit size (CAFOs) -- owners/management and key staff, their agronomic and engineering consultants, and agency staff and others who work with these operations

LOCATIONS AND DATES

Monday, January 29th - Rice Lake

Tuesday, January 30th - Curtiss

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://GO.WISC.EDU/CAFO2024](https://go.wisc.edu/cafo2024)



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Producing Quality Beef Workshop

What physical traits enhance or detract fed cattle values? Why do some fed cattle sell for more or less than others? What opportunities did the latest beef quality audit find? These topics and more will be the focus of “Producing Quality Beef” workshop on March 14th.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. with a live cattle evaluation and discussion by a panel of cattle buyers representing packing plants that harvest fed cattle from Wisconsin and the upper Midwest. The discussion will include what type of cattle have the greatest demand based on consumer preferences and traits that add or lower fed cattle value. Adding to the cattle evaluation will be a discussion on how mud, manure, and gut fill impact dressing percent, and impacts that mobility/fitness for transport have on cattle value.

A discussion of the latest National Beef Quality Audit will highlight improvements that have been made and where there are opportunities to better meet consumer demand. In addition, participants will be able to see a variety of quality defects that packing plants encounter and learn how that impacts the industry and cattle prices.

Following lunch, sessions begin with quality and yield grade discussions and a hands-on opportunity for participants to measure the ribeye, back fat and try their hand at assigning quality grades to some real beef ribs. There will also be discussions on feeding and management to produce finished cattle that the packers are seeking, and on pre-harvest factors that impact meat quality.

Date and location for this workshop:

- **March 14th starting at Stratford Equity Livestock Sale Barn, 214910 State Highway 97, Stratford WI, 54484 and then traveling to Country Aire, 118600 Co Rd P, Stratford**

The workshop will begin at 10 am and wrap up by 3 pm. Lunch is provided, and there is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is requested 7 days in advance to ensure that plenty of food and handouts will be available for everyone. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3GSZtuJ> or call the Wisconsin Beef Council at (800) 728-BEEF (2333) or 608-833-7177.



These workshops are a cooperative effort with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, and Wisconsin Beef Council. Support is also being provided by Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association, American Foods Group and JBS.



To help Wisconsin Dairy Farmers get the most current and up-to-date research information, the UW-Extension Dairy Program has developed the "Reproduction Roadshow". Presented by Dr. Paul Fricke and Dr. JP Martins, this roadshow is an update on UW-Madison dairy reproduction research, covering heifer reproduction, sexed semen, the high fertility cycle, and more.

Registration Deadline February 12, 2024 - Registrations are not guaranteed a meal after this timeframe.

**February 20, 2024 1:30 p.m. Barron Electric Cooperative or
February 22, 2024 10:00 a.m. Edgar Family Restaurant**



**To reserve a seat, register at
<http://tinyurl.com/ReproRoadshow2024>**



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To request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language or format, or other services to make this event more accessible, please contact Adam at adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu or 920-647-6560 by March 1, 2024. There's no added cost to you for these services.

Save The Date!

NCWCA Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 beginning at 8 am at Equity Stratford,
214910 St. Hwy. 97**

RSVP required by April 31 by calling Todd at 715-507-2400 to schedule your appointment. Beef and dairy bulls are welcome.

Leave your name, a phone number, and the number of bulls you are bringing. You will receive a call back with your appointment. Arrive on time for your appointment. For biosecurity and safety, remain in your truck until told by processing crew to do otherwise. Dairy and Beef bulls are welcome! If your operation uses natural mating, then how well the bull performs is a major factor. One-third of all bulls do not successfully get cows pregnant. Sub-fertile bulls may be worth more at the market than remaining in your herd.



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WISCONSIN BEEF COW-CALF SCHOOL FOR BEGINNERS

For those:

- considering cow-calf beef production
- newer to beef production
- dairy producers adding or transitioning to a cow-calf enterprise

FREE, but class size is limited.

MUST pre-register by March 11, 2024, at

<https://go.wisc.edu/6fr1x7>



7 pm – 8.30 pm online classes in 2024:

March 19 – Business of beef: what are your options?

March 21 – Marketing: begin with the end in mind.

March 26 – Veterinary skills all beginners need.

April 2 – Meeting cow-calf nutritional needs.

April 4 – Herd reproduction to build your future.

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Hybrid Artificial Insemination Course

April 15th, and 17th, 7 - 9 pm Virtual
May 9th, 4 - 6:30 pm In-Person
May 10th, 9 am-Noon In-Person

<https://go.wisc.edu/ai>



Cost to attend: \$95

AGENDA FOR THIS CLASS

- Reproductive Anatomy and AI Technique
- Physiology and Estrous Synchronization Protocols
- Bull Selection
- Pregnancy Detection
- Work with Reproductive Track and Artificial Insemination Tank
- Hands-on work with cattle

OUR PRESENTERS



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Beef Quality Assurance



UW-Madison Division of Extension offers meetings throughout the year where Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) continuing education units (CEUs) can be obtained. Three (3) CEUs are required to maintain your certification.

Examples of programs that may qualify include extension events and online programs, and some beef association events. Pre-approval of CEU is at the discretion of the Wisconsin BQA Management Team.

You may obtain your initial BQA certification, and Continuing Education modules are now available online for free at

<https://www.bqa.org>.

Buyers representing some large packers and processors (including Tyson) will only purchase from farms selling beef breed type finished cattle that are BQA or FARM Certified. Your current BQA Certification maintains interest from buyers or beef breed type finished cattle.

At this time, buyers of dairy type finished cattle, beef, and dairy cull cows and bulls or feeder calves are not requiring proof of BQA certification.

The individual attending will hold the BQA certification; family members and employees are covered by that certification when it is filled with the market(s). It is each individuals' responsibility to share certification details with markets they use.

BQA helps beef producers capture more value from their cattle. BQA also reflects a positive public image and instills consumer confidence in the beef industry.

In person BQA events in Wisconsin can be found at:

<https://www.beef tips.com/cattlemens-corner/beef-quality-assurance>



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