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Chippewa Valley Agricultural Extension Report

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Inserts:

- Farmer's Night Out flyer
- Wisconsin Regional Waterhemp Workshop flyer
- Shifting Gears for your Later

Did you know?

- Agriculture contributes 413,500 jobs to Wisconsin's economy or 12% of total employment.
- About 90% of Wisconsin milk is turned into cheese and 90% of Wisconsin cheese is sold out of state.
- Wisconsin is the leading cheese producer, making more than 600 varieties.
- Wisconsin is the only state that offers advanced education in cheesemaking. We have 1,200 licensed cheesemakers with 70 who have earned the title of "Master Cheesemaker."

Source: 2018 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

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UW-Extension Transition to UW-Madison Update

With the transition to UW-Madison, the name University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension is being retired. Our new formal name is University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension. Local county offices will use the shortened name of Extension. With the introduction of the new name, there is also a new logo and color scheme. Even with these cosmetic changes, the services that are currently offered by Extension that you are familiar with will not be changing. The transition to UW-Madison is expected to be completed by July 1, 2019. For more information, please refer to <https://universityrelations.wisc.edu/extension/>

Wisconsin Farm Center Offers Assistance to Farmers

Many farmers balance the needs of their family and farm above everything else, often ignoring their own needs. As farmers continue to endure an extended period of tough economic conditions, services are available to farmers and landowners that is **free and confidential**.

The **Wisconsin Farm Center** at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is there for farmers to call for guidance on finances, farm succession planning, and other issues they may be dealing with. Farm Center staff work with farmers and their families one-on-one to address each personal situation. Farmers, whether beginning their career or nearing retirement, can experience challenging situations. Staff are able to walk through options with farmers about how to navigate difficult personal or financial situations. While at times, alternatives may seem very limited, sometimes an outside perspective can help bring light to possibilities.

Just as taking care of physical health is important, so is taking care of mental health. Those in need are encouraged to reach out for help and utilize available resources by calling the Wisconsin Farm Center at 800-942-2474. Staff are available Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If there is a mental health emergency during non-office hours, farmers should contact 911 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Farm Financial Assistance Available

If you or a farmer you know is experiencing financial stress, please feel free to contact Extension Agriculture Agents to set up a meeting. One-on-One meetings are **free and confidential**. Agents will help farmers understand their financial situation, explore their options, and seek to identify alternatives to help alleviate the farm financial stress caused by the current agricultural climate.

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