**UW-Extension Education Committee Dec. 8th – Jan 13, 2016 Trisha Wagner Agriculture Agent**

**Management Assessment Center for Dairy Farm owner/manager – PDPW 12/13-15**

Participants in this MAC were members of the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW) association. The association has sponsored its members’ participation in the program each year, sometimes twice/year since 2010. PDPW member participants come from all over the state, including Jackson County. The program is designed to assess attributes considered to be important for a successful dairy business owner/manager. It combines observations of participants’ performance in multiple scenarios using a set of key attributes for the dairy farm manager. Following the program an agent assessor provides an evaluation report and follow-up discussion meeting with each participant. A minimum team of twelve agents is needed to perform the MAC program. Our team can accommodate 3-4 MAC programs/year currently. I have typically helped with 1-2 programs/year.

**WI Local Food Network Summit 1/12-13**

I was asked to serve on the Wisconsin Local Food Network (WLFN) conference planning team this fall. The WLFN is a collection of individuals and organizations that work to help “communities and businesses support a local food system that supports sustainable farms of all sizes, a strong infrastructure for those farms and supporting food business to thrive, and affordable access to healthy locally grown food for residents”. Also, I presented information on the efforts I have supported in Jackson County to increase access for Jackson County residents to produce that is fresh and grown in Jackson County (Map of JC Produce Farms, Produce Exchange, community garden and associated workshops). Also, through this network, I have learned how to create an interactive online format for the Map of JC Produce Farms, which we hope to implement in 2017.

**Add’n programs/projects:**

* UW-Farm and Industry Short Course (class concluded 12/16, grading 12/19-20)
* Annual reporting 12/27-29
* PDPW/MAC follow-up mtgs 12/28 (Orth), 1/3 (Valenzuela)
* WI Agriculturalist, UWEX Dairy Team column 1/3
* BRF public library program plan mtg 1/6
* Dairy Partner newsletter 1/10,
* Cucumber beetle management for produce farms 1/11

**Farm visits/consults:**

**Add’n meetings/program participation:**

-JC Land conservation dept mtg. 12/16

-Regional ag agent mtg 1/20

-JC Fair Jr. Livestock Sale 1/3

- Farm financial outlook/update mtg 1/4

-UW agronomy update mtg 1/6

-JC Fair Jr. Livestock edu cmt mtg 1/11

* Dahl, lease contracts 12/12, 14
* Stubrud, farm center 12/12, 16
* Parrish, WDATCP 12/15
* Gasoske, plant pop. 12/20
* Kruger farm 12/30
* D’Hyvetter, labor 1/3,4
* Stubrud, farm center 1/3
* Gasoske, sweet corn1/4
* Laufenberg, NM 1/5
* Brauner, pest mgt 1/5
* Orth, peer groups 1/5
* Waldera, facilities 1/5
* Odeen 1/5 facilities 1/5
* Waldera, facilities 1/6
* Brown, horticulture 1/6
* JC Chronicle, updates 1/9
* Oberlin livestock 1/9
* Horticulture, monarchs 1/10-12
* Laufenberg, NM 1/11, 12