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Dear Eau Claire County Producer,

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days has announced that Eau Claire County has been selected to host Farm Technology Days (FTD) in 2020. Although Farm Technology Days has been in the area before, you would have to go back to 1992 to the last time our county has hosted this statewide event. Over the next three years there will be many opportunities to get involved to tell the story of Eau Claire County agriculture to the rest of the state.

One of the first steps in the process of hosting Farm Technology Days is to choose a host farm. We would like to extend the opportunity to you and your farm and ask you to apply. This is not a decision to be made lightly, that is why we would like you to think about it now and consider if hosting Farm Technology Days would be an opportunity for your family and farming operation. Certainly if you apply and are selected it will be one of the major points in your farming career and something that will provide many opportunities, chances to work with many new partners and the source of memories for years to come.

What does it take to be a host farm? Certainly it is a great honor to be selected as a host; many of us can remember some of the great farms we have visited over the years through Farm Technology Days. Farm Technology Days is a big event; it requires a minimum of 60 acres for the commercial exhibits in "tent city," 100 acres for parking and 250 acres of crops for field demonstrations involving tillage and hay harvest. Over 400 acres is involved to host the show.

Do you have many of these attributes on your farm but just not enough acres? You can also partner with a neighbor and apply jointly. It has been fairly common for two families to partner together to host Farm Technology Days.

Please find attached the application and some information about commitments of host farms. If you have any questions please contact Mark Hagedorn at the UW-Extension Office at (715) 839-4712 or by e-mail at mark.hagedorn@ces.uwex.edu. This letter is being sent to only a few potential hosts based on our belief that you have access to adequate acres and potentially would be a good host for the event. If you would like to nominate another host, you can forward them the application materials or contact the Extension office and we can contact them for you.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



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