**UW-Extension Education Committee April 7th – May 5th 2016 Trisha Wagner Agriculture Agent**

**Dealing with Compromised Cattle 4/13**

This program for dairy and livestock farm employees (and owners) focused on prevention, safety, and management of compromised cattle. Preventing the major cause of lame cattle -milk fever, or hypocalcemia was discussed by Dr. Larry Baumann, DVM of UW River Falls.  Sandy Stuttgen, DVM, and Taylor County UW Extension dairy and livestock agent discussed minimizing the risks, guidelines for down cow welfare, and recommendations for human euthanasia.  The program was available in English and Spanish.

**Agriculture Safety grants**

Through the UW Center for Agriculture Safety and Health I applied for and received two County Farm Safety grants totally $4,500 for the production of the Dairy Partner/El Compañero Newsletter ($3,000), and for creation of a video series on the topic of pesticide/chemical safety for Spanish speaking farm labor ($1,500).

**Community gardens with Ho-Chunk Nation**

Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation reached out to UW-Extension for guidance in their efforts to develop two community gardens at the reservation. I have participated in a number of planning meetings with HCN community members, and a Master Gardener Volunteer to provide educational presentations and provide technical assistance on soil testing, and soil test interpretation, garden planning and development, etc.

**Spaulding Road Community Garden workshops**

Throughout the growing season, I organize and facilitate workshops with the JC Master Gardener Volunteers for gardeners at the Spaulding Road Community Garden (and members of the public interest in learning about gardening/horticulture). May programs included an open house informational meeting for the Spaulding Road Community Garden (5/6) and a workshop on the topic of straw bale gardening (5/1). At this workshop, Master Gardener Volunteers discussed proper bale conditioning techniques and other tips for successful straw bale gardening, for over twenty attendees.

**Add’n programs/projects:**

* Yard & Garden workshop presentations 4/9
* Jackson Count farmers market mtgs 4/12, 22, 29
* Nutrient Management farmer edu grant app. 4/12, 29
* JC Livestock project, Beef Safety workshop 4/16
* Spring Thaw Beef show 4/15-18
* Dairy Partner newsletter – 4/18, 29
* Coulee Grazier pasture walk, Anderson farm 4/21
* Spaulding Rd. Community Garden newsletter 4/26
* UWEX/ANIMART collaboration – calf facilities podcasts 4/27
* JC Boys & Girls Club community garden program plan mtg 4/28, 5/4
* JC Livestock weigh-in (sheep/swine) 4/30

**Farm visits/consults:**

**Add’n meetings/programs attended:**

-JCEP conference; presentation (farm succession peer discussion groups) 4/20-21

- ACHM FFA Alumni mtg 4/20

- ANRE FARM team mtg 4/25

-Int. Programs mtg. 4/27

* Johnson, soils 4/11
* Hixton, no name, rent 4/11
* Radcliff, nutrient recs 4/12
* Kinning, feed 4/12
* Janke, silage density 4/13
* Stacy, horticulture 4/13
* Kling, agribility 4/13
* Fingerson, rental, organic, etc. 4/18
* Gonzalez, letter of rec 4/19
* Olson, lease statement 4/26
* Supriorfresh, multiple 4/28
* Okonek, tractor safety 4/28
* Stacey, horticulture 4/28
* Supiorfresh, osha 4/29
* Radcliffe, soil analysis 5/2
* Sorensen, Spanish dairy resources 5/2
* Waldera, custom rates 5/3
* Wagner, compost 5/4
* Banner Journal, chicken ordinance 5/5
* Olson, N application 4/21
* Lahmayer soil analysis 4/22
* Jolivette, spray guides 4/22
* Murray, rye assessment 4/22
* Ray, apple prod. 4/25
* Brown, pear prod. 4/25
* Murray water qual/herbicide 4/25
* Stacy, soil test interpretation 4/25
* Giese, ww/sb dbl crp 4/26
* Gottsacker, startup venture 4/26