



Agriculture: Crops & Soils Program Update



Extension Crops & Soils Educator Liz Gartman connects with crop growers, dairy producers, conservationists, and agricultural professionals to better manage the balance between crop production, nutrient management, and soil health.

Ongoing Regional Needs Assessment

- Discussions with ag producers including row crop grain producers, forage growers, dairy farmers & graziers
- Connect with agribusiness professionals including agency staff, agronomists, consultants, grazing planners, and ag lenders
- Partner with agriculture groups in 4 counties – particularly Land & Water Departments and Producer-Led Watershed Groups
- In depth reviews of current agriculture statistics

Additional Projects

- PEAQ Alfalfa Quality Management Project
 - Obtained grant funding to expand project across the state
 - Currently analyzing data & draft report
- Clean Farm Families Poker Run Stop
 - Focus on NOPP, SlugNet, Pest Trapping Opportunities
- 2025 UW Forage & Cover Crop Field Day
 - Hosted at Arlington ARS
 - 80+ in attendance
 - Focus on Forage & Cover Crop research
- Forage & Grazing Workgroup Facilitator

Current Projects

- Corn Silage Harvest Management Project
 - Launched tool for users to make harvest decisions based on local dry down results
- Forage Analysis Report Fact Sheets
 - Collaboration with Dairy Educators
 - Create guidance for dairy producers to better understand and compare forage results
- Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)
 - Dornacker Prairie Acres – focus on Manure & Nitrogen Use – Year 2
 - Ramthun’s Hickory View Farm – Legume Cover Crop & Nitrogen Use
- Beef Cow Nutrition Management Fact Sheet Series
 - Focus on managing grazing & forage to meet cow needs
- Badger Crop Connect Webinar Team
 - Provide timely crop management resources
 - August – provided update on Corn Silage Tool

- Articles in Popular Press
 - Silage Storage Maintenance – MFA Clippings E-News
 - Making Sense of Forage Testing Results – WI Agriculturist
 - UW Extension Corn Silage Harvest Tool: Tracking Whole Plant Moisture – WI State Farmer
 - Provided regional crop insight for WI State Farmer Article
- DATCP Pest Trapping Network
- Badger Crop Update Meeting Planning Team