

# Sauk & Juneau Counties Crop Updates

Ag news for Sauk and Juneau Counties from UW-Madison Extension



## News from your local Extension crops educator

July 2025

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### Field Notes

June was an active weather month with the [Wisconet](#) station in Prairie du Sac receiving 6.2 inches of rain. We also recently experienced warmer weather giving our crops a boost and making up the deficit in growing degree days. With this being said, these hot/cold and wet/dry cycles have been conducive for several diseases - one being tar spot on corn. Check out the [Crop Protection Network Map](#) for confirmed reports. The [Agricultural Forecasting System](#) is a great tool to routinely check.

Scout your fields! Routinely scouting can help you make the best crop management decisions. Don't just drive by and scout, walk into the field and make a 'W' pattern to get the best idea of what is happening. Reach out to your ag educator or agronomist with findings.

There are SO many great events coming up in July and August, please check them out.

Have a great July!

As pesky insects are making an appearance, stay alert with [insect pest text alerts](#) from the Bick Lab at UW. Also, check out the [DATCP Pest Survey](#) for weekly moth trap counts. The Sauk County Farm is a trapping location this year!

Follow the [Badger Crop Network](#) to receive the latest updates from Extension Agronomy Professors!

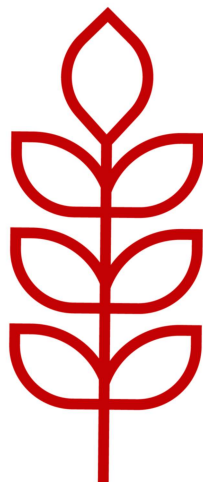
The latest [Wisconsin Custom Rates](#) are available!

### Images from the Field



Drone flight in a corn field that had multiple cover crop species.

## New Articles



## Summer Annual Forages: Diversify your feed

[Read Article](#)

## Small Grains Economics

[Read Article](#)





## Grazing to Protect Surface Water: Considering critical and sensitive areas

[Read Article](#)



## Research Brief: Interseeding legumes into grass pastures

[Read Article](#)

## Upcoming Events

### ***Badger Crop Connect***

Relevant research, resources, and strategies to help you optimize crop yield

[go.wisc.edu/BadgerCropConnect](https://go.wisc.edu/BadgerCropConnect)

**Badger Crop Connect is ongoing!**

[Register Here](#)



### **Sauk County Pasture Walks 2025**

Learn more about the pastures of Sauk County!

[List Here](#)



## Forage and Cover Crop Field Day - Arlington - July 15th

[Register Here](#)

### GETTING STARTED WITH STEWARDSHIP *Field Day!*

**Prairies & Pollinators**   **Farming & Soil Health**   **Woodlands & Invasive Species**

Join us for a hands-on event where you'll connect with fellow landowners and conservation professionals. See conservation in action and get guidance on managing forests, water, wildlife, prairies, pollinators, and more. Whether you're just starting or looking for new ideas, we'll help you find the right people and programs for your land.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**9AM-12PM**

**Register & More Info:**  
[go.wisc.edu/steward-field-day](https://go.wisc.edu/steward-field-day)

## Getting Started with Stewardship Field Day

[Register Here](#)



## WI River Basin Bash!

[RSVP Here](https://www.sswig.org/events)



## Grazing Workshop with Steve Kenyon

[Register Here](#)



# 2025 PASTURE WALKS

**17**

JUNE

## CONNOR FIELD

GETTING STARTED IN GRAZING. SEE HOW CONNOR IS BEGINNING HIS GRAZING JOURNEY BRAND NEW TO HIM IN 2025.

6:00 PM

E3176 WOODS ROAD, WONEWOC,  
WI 53968

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JULY

## BILL POWERS

BILL WILL DISCUSSING GRASS MANAGEMENT AND HOW TO BE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTIVE WHEN YEARS MAY BE WETTER OR MORE DRY THAN NORMAL.

6:00 PM

N2650 BURNS ROAD,  
MAUSTON, WI 53948

**14**

AUGUST

## TBD

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A HOST. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A PARTURE WALK. TOPIC OF YOUR CHOICE!

5:30 PM

LOCATION TBD

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SEPTEMBER

## LEROY RUNDHAUG

LEROY WILL FOCUS ON HIS PLANS FOR WINTER AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR HIS GRAZING OPERATION.

5:00 PM

W4231 SIMON DRIVE, LYNDON  
STATION, WI 53944

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CALL (608)847-7221X3 FOR MORE INFORMATION**





## Winter Camelina Agronomy and Market Opportunity Workshop

**Learn about novel cover crop and oilseed production opportunities for Wisconsin**

**Date/time:** July 23rd, 2025 10:00am-12:30pm with a complimentary lunch to follow

**Special Guest:** Anna Teeter, Novel Oilseeds Program Manager (CCA) with Cargill

### Topics Covered:

- ✓ Winter Camelina Cover Crop
  - Impacts on corn yield
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year results from on-farm research
  - Drone seeding: does it work?
- ✓ Winter Camelina for Grain Harvest
  - Planting, relay cropping, harvest, storage and more
- ✓ Grain Contract Opportunities with Cargill
  - Current contract specifics
  - Expected market growth



Register by a call or text to Sam Bibby at 608-219-2055 or use QR code



**Hosted by:** UW-Madison Extension Educators:  
Anastasia Kurth, Will Fulwider, and Sam Bibby

**Location:** Town Hall of Greenfield, N1800 Town Hall Road,  
La Crosse, WI 54601







# Sauk County Fair

See you on July 7-13, 2025  
FREE Walk-In Gate

# Unlocking Nitrogen Insights:

*Free Irrigation Water Testing & Practical Paths to Reduce Loss*

## This project helps you:

- Understand the nitrogen content in your irrigation water.
- Assess potential to save money on inputs and improve water quality.
- Improve nitrogen decisions for the future.

## What we offer:

- **Free water testing:** Analyze nitrogen levels in irrigation water.
- **Custom report:** Receive a detailed nitrogen balance tailored to your fields.
- **1-on-1 support:** Get help in interpreting data and identifying days to increase efficiency.

**Scan to learn more and sign up by July 15th, 2025**



## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Who should join?

- Farmers using high-capacity irrigation wells
- Those interested in reducing N loss

### What is needed to participate?

- Collect in-season irrigation water samples from up to five fields.
- Provide field-specific nitrogen management records, irrigation schedules, and crop yields.

### For more information, contact:

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