

January 2008

Calendar of Events:**January**

- 17 Gaining the Competitive Edge: Dairy Seminar, Molitor's, Abbotsford 10:30 am
- 21 Calf & Heifer Meetings, Lumberjack's, Stanley, 9:30 am
- 24-25 Midwest Value Added Conference, Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire
- 29 Calf & Heifer Meetings, Molitor's, Abbotsford, 9:30 am
- 29-30 Forage Symposium Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells

February

- 1 Dairy Facilities for Profit—Dairy Modernization Program, Molitor's, Abbotsford, 10 am
- 4 Fair Board Meeting, ADS, Greenwood, 7:30 pm
- 7 Cattle Feeder Series, Marshfield Ag Research Station, 10 am
- 7 Cattle Feeder Series, Eau Claire Equity Livestock Barn, 5:30 pm
- 21 Beef & Dairy Production Meetings, Ruby's Road House, Cadott, 10 am

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Learning for life

Clark County

Extension Views

Farewell,

The third week in January will be the last that I will be able to respond to your calls as the Clark County Crops and Soils Agent. The following week I will start working as the Agriculture Agent in Winnebago County. Since I will still be working for UW Extension, there likely will be opportunities for some of us to cross paths at events throughout the state.

It has been a pleasure working with the farmers of Clark County for the past three years. I have been touched by the kind and supportive words you have shared with me as more people have learned of my departure. I would like to thank my coworkers and support staff for their camaraderie and teamwork. Finally, I would like to thank the Ag and Extension Committee for granting me the opportunity to serve in Clark County.

Best Wishes to Clark County

Nick Schneider,
Clark County Crops & Soils Agent



Clark County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) Wants to Hear from you!

The Clark County Fair Board is having a "Listening Session" on:

Monday, February 4
Adult Development Service
302 S Jones Street
Greenwood
7:30 p.m.

1. What do you think the current strengths of the Clark County Fair are and that you enjoy?
2. What would you suggest for making the Clark County Fair more appealing to more people?
3. Do you have any tips to make the fair run more smoothly?

They want to hear your ideas/suggestions but if you can't attend the "Listening Session" you can send your ideas to:

Noreen Tyznik
N12616 County Rd M
Thorp WI 54771
669-3813

royandnoreen@hotmail.com
All suggestions/ideas are needed by January 31st.

**Gaining the Competitive Edge:
A Dairy Seminar Series – 2008**

**January 17, 2008
Molitor's Saloon & Steakhouse, Abbotsford
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

PROGRAM:

Dairy Crossbreeding Updates

Dairy crossbreeding results from University studies and commercial farms
Dr. Kent Weigel, UW-Extension Geneticist
Dr. Randy Shaver, UW Dairy Science, Madison, Wisconsin
UW-Dairy Science, Madison, Wisconsin



Evaluation of Milking Performance in Wisconsin

Review of teat condition, liners, vacuum levels, and other milking management issues
Dr. Doug Reinemann
UW-Milking Laboratory Staff
UW-Biological Systems Engineering, Madison, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Johne's Control Program

An interactive session about Johne's disease and the State program available to help combat this costly disease
Dr. Elisabeth Patton, Johne's Disease Program Manager
Dr. Andrea Foley, Johne's Program Veterinarian
Wisconsin Dept. of Ag and Consumer Protection, Madison, Wisconsin

Dairy Nutrition Using Bio-Energy Byproduct Feeds

Focuses on feeding byproducts generated by the ethanol and biodiesel industry to lactating dairy cows
Pat Hoffman, UW-Marshfield Research Station, Marshfield, Wisconsin
Dr. Randy Shaver, UW-Dairy Science, Madison, Wisconsin

2008 Gaining the Competitive Edge —Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Cost: \$25/Person

Make check payable to: UW-Extension

For more information contact Maria Bendixen,
Clark County Dairy & Livestock Agent at 715-
743-5121.

Mail to: UW-Extension, Dairy Seminar, 517 Court St, Room 104, Neillsville WI 54456

MANURE CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE DIGESTERS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM FARMS

Do you think that manure digesters are only for large livestock farms? Do you think the only use for digesters is to make methane for electricity?

If you answered yes to either question, then you need to attend the third annual manure bio-conversion technology conference, "Role of Methane Digesters on Small and Medium Sized Livestock Farms," slated for Tuesday, January 29, Country Springs Conference and Convention Center, Stevens Point, Wis.

"Quite simply, the conference focus is how to make money from manure," explained Timm Johnson, executive director, Wisconsin Agricultural Stewardship Initiative. "Attendees will learn how to convert manure into value-added products by digestion. Although electricity is an option, this conference will explore other potential products like animal bedding, heat for buildings, and alternative fuels for vehicles," Johnson explained.

Conference speakers include:

- Jim Harsdorf, operator of a 250-cow dairy in River Falls, Wis. and former state agriculture secretary. Harsdorf will look at digesters from the producer viewpoint and how the digester should meet the "triple bottom line" aspects of regulatory standards, good neighbor standards and milk production.
- Brandon Moffat, with Conestoga-Rovers, Ontario, Canada. Moffat will look at the pros and cons of small digester projects and show a video of a 100-cow dairy farm in Ontario, Canada that uses a digester.
- John Vrieze, Emerald and Baldwin Dairies, Baldwin, Wis. Vrieze and associates will present a panel discussion on a collaborative digester project using multiple dairies to pipe methane from individual farms to a central location.
- Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will offer closing remarks and discuss the opportunities that bio-energy offers Wisconsin agriculture and the Upper Midwest.

Conference attendees can also select one of four breakout sessions:

- Using methane gas to produce electricity and use of micro-turbines.
- Using methane for heating greenhouses, homes, shops or drying wood.
- Alternative fuel-vehicles, powered by methane.
- More efficient separation of liquids and solids for use of bio-solids as animal bedding.

Register on-line or by mail. Visit www.datcp.state.wi.us/registration/wasi.jsp. Or call (608) 224-5041 to have registration materials sent to you. The conference fee is \$65 if you register by January 25. Late registration or day of conference fee is \$75. Lunch, a CD-ROM tool kit and conference material packet are included in the cost.

The conference is sponsored by the Wisconsin Agricultural Stewardship Initiative in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Because of the overwhelming response to the Farm Transfer Workshop in December, Clark and Marathon County UW-Extension will be holding a Farm Transfer Workshop on:

**March 26, 2008
Country Aire, Stratford**

Contact the Clark County UW-Extension office 743-5121 for more details.

2008 Sheep Management WisLine Program

The long-running annual Sheep Management teleconference series will be held in 2008 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the three Thursday evenings of January 3, February 7, and March 6 at WisLine sites in many County Extension Offices throughout the state of Wisconsin.

The **January 3** program will be an opportunity for those raising sheep and those considering raising sheep to consider the question "Why do I raise sheep?". At least six sheep producers in Wisconsin will give their answers to this question. The producers on the program will represent a broad array of operations: large and small commercial lamb and wool production, a nationally prominent purebred flock that has had success in the show and sale ring, a quality fleece producer, a purebred flock selling breeding stock to local producers, and a dairy sheep producer.

The **February 7** program will feature a

discussion of the new Livestock Risk Protection-Lamb (LRP-L) program by Paul Rodgers, Deputy Director for Policy with the American Sheep Industry Association. The LRP-L program is an insurance policy that producers can purchase to hedge against an unanticipated decrease in the price of lambs. The program guarantees a minimum value for your lambs and makes a payment to you if the value of your lambs drops below this minimum value. Wisconsin is one of 26 states approved to pilot this new program.

The **March 6** program will discuss enterprise budgets for sheep operations and evaluate the profit potential of sheep. The discussion will be led by Dave Thomas, UW-Madison Sheep Extension Specialist.

Sheep Management WisLine programs are provided as a service of UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension and the UW-Madison, Department of Animal

Sciences, and are hosted by Dave Thomas, Sheep Extension Specialist. This program is free to the public.

Additional program information, including handouts, will be available at the Clark County Extension Office or the following website <<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/sheep/>>.

Contact the Clark County Extension Office for availability. The programs are free, but participants must call the Clark County Extension Office prior to each session to register for that particular session. This will guarantee that the WisLine site is open and that adequate copies of handout materials are available. Further questions should be directed to the Clark County Extension Office 715-743-5121 or to Dave Thomas, Sheep Extension Specialist, UW-Madison at dlthomas@wisc.edu or 608-263-4306.



Clark County Land & Building Cash Rent Survey

Clark County Land Cash Rent Survey

| | Parcel 1 | Parcel 2 | Parcel 3 | Parcel 4 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2008 Cash Rent: (\$/acre) | | | | |
| Township Where Parcel is Located: | | | | |
| Normal Corn Yield: (bushels/acre) | | | | |
| Please Circle One: Renter Owner | | | | |

Clark County Building Cash Rent Survey

| | Structure 1 | Structure 2 | Structure 3 | Structure 4 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Structure Type: (silo, pole shed, etc.) | | | | |
| Rate: (\$/animal, \$/sq. ft., \$/ton, etc.) | | | | |
| Township Where Structure is Located: | | | | |
| Structure Size: (sq. ft. or silo dimension) | | | | |
| Please Circle One: Renter Owner | | | | |

(Please fill out and mail to the Clark County UW-Extension, 517 Court St, Room 104, Neillsville WI 54456.)

"Dairy Facilities for Profit" Dairy Modernization Program

Friday, February 1st, 2008



Clark, Marathon, and Taylor County UW-Extension are hosting a

program on modernizing dairy facilities. It will be held from 10 am to 3 pm at Molitors Restaurant in Abbotsford. Topics include; transition cow facilities, low-cost parlor options, planning for animal handling and financial considerations when modernizing. Modernizing dairy facilities requires a lot of planning because you will probably have those facilities for a number of years and will be "stuck" with them and their cost for a while. This program will offer some ideas on planning those facilities so that both the operator and cows will be happy with it.

"Transition Cow Housing" UW Madison Biological Systems Engineer David Kammel will be talking about transition cow facilities. In particular the buildings and equipment, that are used for dry and close up cows. The presentation will be focused on the ease of use for the operator as well as cow comfort and performance.

"Low Cost Parlor Options" Northern Wisconsin Extension Dairy Educator

Sam Zimmermann will go over the design and features of low cost parlors. Several ideas and photos for low cost milking center options will be presented.

"Profiting from Modernization" Maria Bendixen Clark County Dairy and Livestock Agent will offer two example financial plans for the same modernization project and go over the positives and negatives of each plan.

"Animal Handling Facilities from a Veterinarian's Perspective". Taylor County Agriculture Educator Sandy Stuttgen, DVM will discuss the unprofitable, unsafe, and labor intense things vets see when handling your animals.

Farmer Panel on Cattle Handling Featuring:

Keith Niemann part owner of a livestock feeding operation NW of Edgar that custom raises 1000 dairy heifers, finishes out 400+ steers and has a herd of 80 purebred Angus cows. He is no stranger to cattle handling facilities and will be able to answer some questions about the do's and don'ts of cattle handling and his experience with expanding a livestock operation.

Peter Arnold owns and operates a 257 acre farm where he grazes 140

dairy cows. Peter strives to continuously modernize the farm to be more efficient in production and labor. And as such this fall they built a 111 stall free stall barn for their cows that were previously out wintered. Peter retrofitted an old barn into a 14-stall swing parlor so that one person could handle milking 140 cows twice a day. Peter set up his farm so that cattle could be handled effectively and quickly even in the out wintering system and can provide insight on cattle handling in a low cost system.

Jay Heeg, of Heeg Bros. Dairy, LLC along with his brothers operates a 700 cow 1600 acre farm. When they first expanded they built a retrofitted parlor and have since modernized a few times to get to where they are. The retrofitted parlor is now used for fresh cows. Having been through a couple of modernization projects Jay can give us an employer perspective on cattle handling in his operation.

The cost for the program is \$10.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door and includes lunch and materials. The deadline for registration is January 25th. To register please call Clark County Extension office at 715-261-1230.



Dairy Facilities for Profit – Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Cost: \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door. Make check payable to UW-Extension

Mail to: Clark County UW-Extension Office, 517 Court St, Room 104, Neillsville WI 54456

Pesticide Applicators Re-certification Classes



The Clark County UW-Extension will be holding the following pesticide re-certification meetings from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on:

General Farming Training & Testing

- Thursday, March 6
Colby VFW, Hwy 13
Colby
- Saturday, March 8
Neillsville Courthouse Auditorium
517 Court St
Neillsville

- Tuesday, March 11
Thorp Fire Hall
101 So Wilson St, Thorp

Lunch break will be available. Bring sack lunch or you can leave and eat in town.

If you are interested in getting re-certified you can pick up material at the Clark County UW-Extension Office, 517 Court Street, Courthouse, Rm 104, Neillsville WI 54456 or send in your check for \$35.00 made payable to the Clark County UW-Extension.

Self-study is another option that you might want to consider.

If interested in self-study you would need to make an appointment, at your convenience, and come to our office to take the test.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me at 743-5121.

Learn What's New in the Industry!!

Attend Beef & Dairy Production Meetings

Thursday, February 21, 2008
Ruby's Road House, Cadott
Rusk County Courthouse, Ladysmith

Registration 10:00 a.m. Sessions 10:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.



- **Cost of Raising Dairy Replacement Heifers— Research Update**
Maria Bendixen, Clark County UWEX Agriculture Agent
- **Producing Quality Corn Silage**
Jerry Clark, Chippewa County UWEX Agriculture Agent
- **Remodeling for Your Future**
Dave Kammel, UWEX Engineering Specialist
- **Badger VAC 45—The State of Wisconsin Pre-Conditioning Program**
Aliesha Crowe, Rusk County UWEX Agriculture Agent & Mahlon Peterson, Eau Claire County UWEX Agriculture Agent

Please pre-register by February 16, 2008. Registration fee of \$15 will cover cost of materials and lunch. Make check payable to UW-Extension. For the Ladysmith location call 715-532-2154 and Cadott location call 715-726-7950.

Organic Dairy 101 A Workshop for Dairy Support Professionals

**Thursday, March 13, 2008
American Legion Hall, Loyal**

Registration: 9:00 a.m. Workshop 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Increase your knowledge of successful organic dairy systems and how you can serve this growing clientele. Find out:

- What treatments are and are not allowed under organic standards?
- What is the latest research on organic dairy health management?
- What are the rules and regulations of organic milk production?
- What is the future outlook for organic dairy?
- How organic dairies operate from the farmers themselves.
- What professional services do organic farmers need and use?

For more information contact Laura Paine at 608-22405120. Please pre-register by March 6th. Registration fee is \$30.00. Make check to WI DATCP and mail to WI DATCP, Attn: Laura Paine, PO Box 8911, Madison WI 53708.

Central Wisconsin Forage Council Winter Seminar and Luncheon

Thursday, March 20th

11:00 to 2:30

Abby Travel Plaza, Curtiss

Topics:

- **GMO Systems in Corn: Sorting out which traits are right for your farm, Joe Lauer, Extension Corn Specialist**
- **Economic Comparisons of Forage Harvesting and Storage Systems, Gregg Hadley, Farm Financial Management Specialist**
- **Placing a Value on Standing Crops, Local Agent**

Cost for lunch is \$5.00

**Contact the Clark County UW-Extension Office at
715-743-5121 to register.**

2008 Forage Symposium & Annual Meeting

January 29-30, 2008

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Sponsored by:

*Wisconsin Custom Operators,
Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of
Wisconsin &
Midwest Forage Association.*

Topics: Foliar Fungicide for Corn Silage, Mold/ Mycotoxins Impacting Corn Silage, Putting Grasses to Work on Your Farm, Manure Bartering & Valuing Standing Crops at Harvest, Economics of Raising Alfalfa in a High Grain Price Environment, Biofuel Boom—Exploding Dairy Feed Paradigms; The Changing Corn Marketplace, Forages for Dairy Heifers

Cost: 2-day registration \$115 for member and \$155 non-member. Please pre-register by January 14.

If interested in attending contact Midwest Forage Association at 651-484-3888.

UW-Extension Heifer Specialist, Pat Hoffman to appear at Heartland Co-op Calf and Heifer Meetings

Pat Hoffman will be presenting new research on the cost of raising dairy replacements. Some of this research was done on Clark County farms. He will also be covering feed sorting, limit feeding, housing, bunk management, and record keeping.

**January 29, 2008
Molitor's, Abbotsford
Business 29**

**January 21, 2008
Lumberjacks's Stanley
Cty Rd H**

Meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and go until 3:30 p.m.

Speakers:

Todd McDonough—Land O' Lakes Animal Milk Products and Ft Dodge Research Farm

- *Maternity and newborn calf health
- *colostrums and colostrums replacers
- *milk replacers and calf starter programs
- *current calf diseases and approved therapies
- *pasturizers

Pat Hoffman — UW-Wisconsin Madison, Marshfield Ag Research Station

- *current heifer feeding data
- feed sorting, limit feeding, costs, benchmarking, housing,
bunk management, and record keeping

Mitch Deimund — Diamond V Yeast

- *rumen growth and development
- *age of first calving/cow productivity

Gary Geisler — District Calf and Heifer Specialist

- *new calf feed technology
- *results from Wisconsin calf feed trials



**Please RSVP to
Heartland Cooperative
which location and
date attending
1-800-521-2021
or
1-715-654-5134**

UW-Extension's 2008 Cattle Feeders Series

Producing Quality Holstein Steers



The UW-Extension Livestock team is offering a producing Quality Holstein Steers workshop in several locations throughout the state. Many people are raising Holstein steers because they are so widely available in Wisconsin. They can be a very profitable farming enterprise if managed correctly. This program is designed to help producers manage the risks and opportunities involved with their Holstein steers.

Topics include:

- “What is the Market Looking For?” Knowing what the buyers of steers are looking for will help producers get the best price possible for these animals. It will help producers determine when their steers are finished and ready to go to market and what height and weight the market is looking for. Producers will see some sample contracts and pricing grids that are used by major purchasers of their cattle.
- “Getting Calves Off to a Good Start” Many producers are buying bull calves at a very young age or keeping their bull calves to raise as steers. Problems during calf hood can really affect the performance of the steers throughout life. This presentation will include housing and ventilation recommendations, using IGG's to determine calf vitality at time of purchase or to choose what calves to raise, and how to write and evaluate calf management protocols.
- “Implant Management for Holstein Steers” Using implants to improve steer performance is a common practice for producers who raise feeder cattle, because Holstein steers grow differently than beef breeds an implant strategy should be tailored to them. This presentation will help producers to categorize the implants that are available and where they work best, and give producers some examples of pitfalls to avoid with using implants in Holstein steers.
- “Economic Considerations for Raising Holstein Steers” With rising feed prices, evaluating profits involved with Holstein steers is more important than ever. This presentation will help producer to evaluate the cost of less than Ideal performance from their animals. Special attention will be paid to the cost of raising calves.
- “Managing Nutrition for Holstein Steers and Some Common Challenges” Holstein steers have unique nutrient needs in order to perform in the most profitable way possible. This presentation will offer and evaluate feeding strategies that can be used for these animals including, using byproduct feeds, pasture, steer stuffers, and lactating cow weigh backs.

There will be a nominal fee for each location to cover meals and local expenses for the program.

The program will be held in the following locations through out the state. Please contact host county Extension office if you wish to attend at least one week prior to the meeting to register.

- **Marshfield ~ February 7th** from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at the Ag Research Station. Contact the Wood County Extension office at 715-421-8440.
- **Eau Claire ~ February 7th** from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Equity Livestock Sale Barn. Contact the Eau Claire County Extension office at 715-839-4712.

Sponsors for the program include: UW Extension and the USDA Risk Management Agency.

Nutrient Management Education

From Clark County Land Conservation, UW-Extension and NRCS

This past fall the demand for nutrient management classes exceeded our expectations. Numerous farmers attended our fall workshops to learn how to write their own nutrient management plan (NMP). Therefore, it has become our goal to create even more convenient opportunities for farmers to receive free training and assistance and eventually become compliant with the new State Law.

Currently, if you operate a manure storage facility you may already be required by County Ordinance to implement a NMP. In fact, more than 200 farms in Clark County are required to maintain an annual NMP. As of January 1st, 2008, all two thousand farms in Clark County are required by Wisconsin Law to begin implementing a certified Nutrient Management Plan. We can assist you in meeting these statewide requirements.

Private Consultant

This meeting is for private consultants who write NMPs for farmers in Clark County. Attendance at this class is strongly recommended, especially if you plan on submitting NMPs for governmental incentive programs. **Attendance is required** for consultants who submit NMPs for farmers that are subject to Clark County's Animal Manure Management Ordinance requirements. Discussion topics will

include Required NMP Components, Who's Responsible for What, Snap-Plus, Clark County Certified Maps, Spot Checks, NMP Reporting Procedure, Cost-Share Opportunities for Clients, Local NMP Implementation Strategy, Ask a Bureaucrat That, and other topics. **CCA CEUs pending.**

Pre-registration is required. There is no cost to attend.

February 1st, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

March 4th, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Beginning Nutrient Management

This winter introductory classes will be conveniently located throughout Clark County. These classes will give you the background knowledge needed to write your own NMP. Class 1 will discuss State Law, basic NMP components, conservation planning, and soil/manure sampling. Class 2 will discuss nitrogen and phosphorus fertilization, pH management, nutrient application requirements, and soil sample interpretation. Attendance at both classes is required in order to obtain the necessary NMP certification.

Pre-registration is required. There is no cost to attend.

Class 1 Schedule:

January 28th, Neillsville Courthouse Auditorium, 517 Court St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

January 30th, Thorp Library Basement, 401S Conway St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 11th, Abbotsford Community Room, 203 N 1st St 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 12th, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Class 2 Schedule:

January 31st, Thorp Library Basement, 401S Conway St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 5th, Loyal Citizen's State Bank Basement, 400 N. Main St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 7th, Lynn Town Hall, East of Neillsville on Hwy 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 20th, Thorp Library Basement, 401S Conway St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 25th, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 26th, Neillsville Courthouse Auditorium, 517 Court St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

March 3rd, Abbotsford Community Room, 203 N 1st St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Nutrient Management Education (Continued)

Re-Qualification Nutrient Management

In order for farmers (who have already taken Class 1 and Class 2 in a prior year) to continue to be considered "certified" (or qualified) to write a NMP, they must attend a re-qualification class once every four years. This class will contain more advanced information than the beginning classes. Only one class will be held in the winter of 2008. Don't miss your opportunity to recertify!

Pre-registration is required. There is no cost to attend.

March 5th, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Nutrient Management Workdays

We understand that it can be beneficial to just sit down with someone and talk about nutrient management. Anyone with or without a nutrient management plan is welcome. Local Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) will be on hand. If you want help assembling your nutrient management plan, reviewing your existing plan, or just getting fertilizer/manure/lime

application suggestions, we will be here to assist you. If further consultation is needed beyond the scheduled times below, we can also set times for farm visits.

Pre-registration is required. There is no cost to attend.

February 8th, Thorp Library Basement, 401 S Conway St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 13th, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

February 15th, Lynn Town Hall, East of Neillsville on Hwy 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 22nd, Thorp Library Basement, 401 S Conway St, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

March 6th, Greenwood Forward Financial Bank Basement, 212 S Main St, 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

March 7th, Neillsville Courthouse Auditorium, 517 Court St, 1:00-4:00p.m.

Nutrient Management On the Road

Lastly, For some of you, none of these times and locations may be convenient or maybe you and your farming neighbors may have a different perspective on fertilizer and manure management, such as organic, biological, or vegetable growing. Here is your challenge then: if you have current soil samples and can get no less than six, but no more than ten other farmers together, we'll take the show on the road to you! You name the place and set the time.....and we'll be there.

Call or write us for this unique opportunity.

To enroll in any of these events please call or write one of the following:

Clark County UW-Extension Office, 715-743-5121 or 517 Court St. Room 104, Neillsville, WI 54456

Clark County Land Conservation Office, 715-743-5102 or 517 Court St. Room 102, Neillsville, WI 54456.

**Farmers Tax Guides
Farm Account Books
Available!!!**



**Call
Clark County
UW-Extension
743-5121**



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 517 Court Street, Room 104
 Neillsville WI 54456
 Phone: 715-743-5121
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10th Annual Midwest Value Added Agriculture Conference

**Midwest Value Added Agriculture Conference
 January 24–25, 2008
 Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire**

Two days filled with agricultural and business information, education and networking brought to you by River Country RC&D, UW Extension Emerging Agricultural Markets Team and Hiawatha Valley RC&D.

There are many breakout sessions to choose from

along with general session speakers, and Local Food Summit.

There will be a trade show Thursday from 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Cost of the two day conference is \$100 each

adult and \$75 for each additional adult from same farm.

For more information or to get a brochure contact Lindsay Raab at 715-834-9672.