

NEWS RELEASE

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Dairy Facility Tour Scheduled

The Manitowoc/Calumet County Freestall/Parlor Discussion Group will hold a Dairy Facility Tour on Wednesday, March 1st. The tour will be held at Borgwardt's Sunnyside Farms and Holschbach's Cloveredge Farms.

Details of the tour, sponsored by UW-Extension offices in Manitowoc and Calumet Counties, are as follows:

11:30 a.m.

Borgwardt's Sunnyside Farms, 12629 Newton Road, Valders
250 cows in a sand bedded 4-row freestall barn; Head-to-head freestall design; Gravity flow manure transfer system with guillotine gate; Double-8 milking parlor; Heifer housing facility with alley scrapers.

1:15 a.m. (approximate time)

Holschbach's Cloveredge Farm, 3223 Clover Rd, Manitowoc
500 cows housed in a 200 stall 3-row freestall barn with alley scrapers and in a retrofitted heifer facility; Swing 14 milking parlor in the former tie-stall barn; Retrofitted pre-fresh, post-fresh and maternity pens in former tie-stall barn.

Financial support for the tour is provided by Greenstone and Badgerland Farm Credit Services.

Dates of Interest

Don't miss the Wisconsin Jersey Association Annual Meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 11th, at the Eagles Club in Chilton.

Tractor Safety for Youth

Tractor Safety classes are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Lakeshore Technical College. The cost is \$62.70 per student.

To register for the Tractor Safety Course call 1-888-GOTOLTC, extension 1366, and reference course number 21909.

Ag Tourism, Direct Marketing and Value-Added Ag Seminar Scheduled

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1st if you have any interest in capturing dollars from ag tourism, direct marketing or value-added agriculture. Local UW-Extension offices, LTC, Glacierland RC&D, and Town and Country RC&D are sponsoring a day-long event to discuss alternative

agriculture. Call the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office for more info or visit <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/ag/events.html> to download a brochure and registration form.

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