

NEWS RELEASE

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Minimizing Manure Contamination Seminar and Ground Water Hazard Tour Scheduled

What makes Manitowoc County sensitive to water pollution? What best management practices are available to protect ground and surface water? These are just some of the questions that will be answered at an April 6th seminar on minimizing manure contamination. The seminar will be held at the Manitowoc County Office Complex at 4319 Expo Drive. In addition to the morning seminar, a tour of ground water hazards will be held in the afternoon.

The agenda for the seminar and tour follows:

- 9:30 Registration**
Milk, Coffee and Cookies Available
- 10:00 Welcome and goals for the day**
Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County Dairy Agent
- 10:05 What Makes Manitowoc County Sensitive to Water Pollution?**
Tony Smith, Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department
Topics to be covered include geologic features (Karst features, high bedrock, heavy clay soils, highly permeable soils and more)
- 10:30 BMPs to Protect Ground and Surface Water and Cost Sharing Availability**
Mike Wendt, Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department
- 11:00 Getting It Right to Avoid Run-off Events and Spills**
Custom Manure Applicators, Topics will include field prep prior to application, monitoring during and after application/incorporation, proper manure application rates, site clean-up and proper drainage of drag hoses and pipes.
- 11:45 Animal Waste Ordinance Update**
Tom Ward, Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department
Tom will address some of the proposed changes to the AWO including the land application ordinance and the storage ordinance along with winter spreading recommendations.
- 11:55 Lunch (included with registration)**
- 12:45 Groundwater Hazard Tour**
The tour will include: a stop at the Manitowoc County Highway quarry, a look at various sinkholes and unused wells, buffering around a sinkhole, diverting surface water away from a sinkhole, abandoned wells, waterways and more
- 2:30 Arrive at Manitowoc County Office Complex**

Registration is \$5.00 per person with checks being made payable to Manitowoc County Treasurer. Registration form and check can be mailed to Manitowoc County UW-Extension, Attn: Scott Gunderson, PO Box 1150, Manitowoc, WI 54221-1150.

The seminar and tour is sponsored by Manitowoc County UW-Extension and Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department. Financial support for this seminar and tour is provided through grant funding secured by Manitowoc County governmental departments from the Multi-Agency Land and Water Educational Grant (MALWEG) and Altria Agricultural Solutions.

For more information, contact the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 683-4168. A promotional brochure and registration form is available at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/index.html>.

**Applications are Available for 2006 Badger Dairy Camp
Camp fills quickly; register early to avoid disappointment**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Badger Dairy Camp, June 8 to June 10 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Badger Dairy Camp, in cooperation with the UW-Extension, Department of Dairy Science, and the Badger Dairy Club, is a program that supports life-lessons such as self-confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship for young people between the ages of 12 and 18. Hands-on learning projects — fitting, showmanship fundamentals, dairy judging workshops, and dairy science-related workshops that focus on nutrition and reproduction - teach campers the fundamentals needed to be successful in their dairy project work and lets youth explore some of the "science" in dairy science.

"Every year we try to make the workshops a little different," says camp founder and director Ted Halbach, a UW-Madison/Extension dairy science specialist. In the past, campers have experienced a wide variety of activities: making ice cream at Babcock Dairy, dissecting reproductive organs of a dairy cow, and, literally, hands-on exploration of the rumen of a dairy cow.

Aside from solidifying dairy fundamentals and getting a jump on the upcoming judging and showing season through competitive contests, campers get great exposure to a university setting while exploring future career opportunities.

Halbach is also excited by the addition of Laurie Winkelman, Ohio State University Extension Dairy Youth Specialist and UW-Madison graduate as one of the camp's lead instructors. "Laurie adds tremendous energy and new teaching ideas to our instructor team," said Halbach. "She relates so well with kids and you know the saying, once a Badger, always a Badger!"

Corey Geiger, associate editor at Hoard's Dairyman magazine and contest superintendent for the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, and emeritus dairy science professor Dave Dickson are the camp's other lead instructors.

The all-inclusive \$110 registration fee covers dorm, food and camper activities. Grants and private sponsorships fund about half of the actual program expense.

Apply early; Halbach expects the camp to reach the enrollment capacity of 110 campers for the sixth straight year. Applicants are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. In past years the camp has attracted youth from Wisconsin and 8 other states. For an on-line application or more information about Badger Dairy Camp, go to the Wisconsin Dairy Youth website at www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth. Applications are also available through the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 683-4168.

You can also contact Halbach directly about the camp at (608) 263-3305 or tjhalbach@wisc.edu.

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