

NEWS RELEASE

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Resch's to Host Forage Council Twilight Meeting

Back-to-back years of less than ideal crop conditions have been challenging for Manitowoc County farmers. Last year's extremely wet and cool spring weather resulted in significant crop losses and the winter kill of alfalfa this past winter resulted in two-thirds of the alfalfa being lost.

The Manitowoc County Forage Council Twilight Meeting, scheduled for June 23rd at Resch's Branch View Dairy Farm, is designed to address many of the cropping concerns associated with the loss of alfalfa.

Details of the program follow:

- 7:00 Making Haylage in a Day – Early Bird Wide-Swath Demonstration
(Depending upon adequate regrowth)
- 7:30 Alfalfa Winter Kill – What Happened and Could It Have Been Prevented?
...Steve Hoffman, Hoffman Crop Consulting
What Are Farmers Doing to Stretch Their Forage?
...Shawn Eckstein, Country Horizons Cooperative
Coping With Short Alfalfa Supplies – What Options Are There?
...Randy Marx, St. Nazianz Milling
- 8:45 Farm Service Agency Farm and Loan Programs
...Tom Schneider and Tyler Radke, Manitowoc County Farm Service Agency
- 9:00 Farm Tour

Be sure to join us after the meeting for snacks, including milk, cheese, crackers and cookies.

No pre-registration required. However, \$5.00 per person will be collected at the door to partially offset meeting expenses.

Cheese and crackers will be provided courtesy of Hamp Haven Farms and Wolfgang Dairy.

Join the Dairy Tour

The registration deadline is June 15th for the Junior Holstein bus trip to Fort Atkinson on Tuesday, July 19th. All dairy youth and dairy producers are invited. Tour stops include Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Hoard's Dairyman Publishing, Nasco, and National Dairy Shrine

We will depart from Bonde's Quick Mart in Cleveland at 7:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 pm. Transportation will be \$12 per person and meals will be on your own.

A registration form can be picked up at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 4319 Expo Drive.

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