

NEWS RELEASE

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Protecting the Lake Michigan Shoreline Program Scheduled (A five-part educational series)

What are the major non-point pollutants in Northeastern Wisconsin? What are the sources of these pollutants? What is the Manitowoc County Discovery Farms Project all about? What are we learning about different farming systems? These are just a few of the questions we hope to answer during a series of educational seminars scheduled in July and August.

The seminar series is entitled, "Protecting the Lake Michigan Shoreline by Understanding Agriculture's Impact on Water Quality."

The seminar series is sponsored by Manitowoc County UW-Extension, U.S. Geological Survey, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Manitowoc County Government, UW-Discovery Farms Project, and Manitowoc County Discovery Farms Advisory Workgroup.

Following is a listing of the dates and topics for each of the sessions.

July 21 – What types of farming systems exist in Northeast Wisconsin?

July 28 – Understanding agricultural non-point pollution

August 11 – Discovery Farms: goals and operation

August 18 – How is the water quality data collected (on-farm)?

August 30 – What are we learning from the data in Northeastern Wisconsin?

Each session will run from 4-6 p.m. and will be held at the Manitowoc County Office Complex at 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc.

All five sessions are free of charge and open to the first 60 registrants. Pre-registration can be made by calling the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 683-4168, or by sending an email message to the following address: dawnfruzen@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

The agenda for the first session scheduled for Thursday, July 21st from 4-6 p.m. follows:

July 21 – What types of farming systems exist in Northeast Wisconsin?

4:00 Welcome and Introductions: What are we going to accomplish over the next 5 sessions?

4:10 What are the differing types of farming systems in Wisconsin? (Dennis Frame, Discovery Farms Co-Director and Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County UW-Extension Dairy Agent)

4:30 What are the differing soils and physiographic settings around the state of Wisconsin? (Fred Madison, Discovery Farms Co-Director)

5:00 What are we learning about farming systems? (Fred Madison and Dennis Frame)

1. What is "systems research?"

2. Regional differences

5:30 How do regulations fit into these challenges? (Dennis Frame and Jerry Halverson, Manitowoc County Soil and Water Department Conservation Engineer)

1. What regulations are available locally?

2. What educational programs are in place?

6:00 Adjourn

For more information about this program, please contact the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 683-4168.

Breakfast on the Farm a Huge Success

The weather cooperated for the 2005 Manitowoc County Breakfast on the Farm, which was held on Sunday, June 12th. Our host for the event was the Dean, Eileen, and Jon Leschke family located in the Town of Newton.

Approximately 4,000 people attended the event, which is sponsored by the Manitowoc County Dairy Promotion Committee and Manitowoc County Farm Bureau. An estimated 150 volunteers helped to make the 2005 Breakfast on the Farm a success. A special "thank you" is extended to everyone involved.

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