

## NEWS RELEASE

**SCOTT GUNDERSON  
MANITOWOC COUNTY UW-EXTENSION DAIRY AGENT  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION**

**December 6, 2005**

---

### **Manitowoc County Forage Council Meeting Scheduled for January 13th**

---

The 2006 annual meeting of the Manitowoc County Forage Council is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at Millhome Supper Club near Kiel. Following is the agenda for the meeting.

- |       |   |
|-------|---|
| 10:30 | Registration  |
| 10:45 | 2005 Growing Season Wrap-up<br><i>... Local Crop Consultants</i>  |
| 11:00 | What You Need to Know About Alfalfa Fall Dormancy and Winter Survival<br>How Can Round-Up Ready Alfalfa Fit into Your Forage Program<br><i>...Dr. Mark McCaslin, President, Forage Genetics International</i> |
| 12:15 | Lunch (chicken and BBQ ribs)  |
| 1:00  | Annual Business Meeting<br><i>...Bryce Larson, President, Manitowoc County Forage Council</i>   |
| 1:30  | Measuring Starch Availability and Why It Is Important<br><i>...Bob Kaiser, Extension Dairy Management Specialist, UW Dairy Science Department, UW-Madison</i>   |
| 2:15  | What Is the Midwest Forage Association Doing for You?<br><i>...Amy Kadmas, Midwest Forage Association Representative</i>  |
| 2:30  | Upcoming Events and Announcements<br><i>...Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County Dairy Agent</i>  |
| 2:45  | Adjourn   |

The registration fee, which includes lunch and materials, is \$15.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Manitowoc County Forage Council and send to the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Office by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Copies of the seminar flier are available at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office and at the following website <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc>.

The seminar is sponsored by Manitowoc County UW-Extension office, Manitowoc County Forage Council and Lakeshore Technical College.

## **Freestall/Parlor Discussion Group Scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>**

---

The second meeting of the Manitowoc-Calumet County Freestall/Parlor Discussion Group is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. The discussion group will be held at The Edgewood in Valders. The first session was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for parlor-freestall operators to discuss common challenges and concerns and learn from each others' experiences. The chances are high that other producers may have already had valuable experience relating to the issues your dairy is currently dealing with. Topics discussed may cover a broad range of concerns including feeding, labor management, herd health, manure management, cow comfort, building design, and any other topic that is of interest to individual producers and the group.

Following lunch and a 45 minute discussion, the group will travel to Soaring Eagle Dairy, 10105 Cty. Road F, Newton, to tour their facility. SED is part of the Manitowoc County Discovery Farms Project Area and has recently implemented an innovative manure handling system to remove sand from the dairy manure. Jim Fitzgerald and other family members will explain how the system works, costs associated with the system and the projected payback.

Please give Dawn Fruzen a call at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Office (683-4168) by January 2<sup>nd</sup> if you plan to attend.

---

An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.

- END -