

March 12, 2007

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

Nutrient Management “Intensive” Workshops Scheduled

Even though all farms in Wisconsin should have a nutrient management plan, many don't. Making a nutrient management plan doesn't have to be costly or complicated, and neither does learning how to write one. By devoting a single day to a workshop, you can learn the nuts and bolts of nutrient management planning. Nutrient Management “Intensive” classes offered this spring in Price and Taylor Counties will get you well on the way to completing a nutrient management plan for your farm that will help you get the most benefit from your crop and soil management expenses. Farmers who are enrolled in conservation programs that require nutrient management plans will also be able to complete most of the plan requirements without hiring crop consultants or other advisors.

The workshop will be held in Phillips on Monday, March 26th at the Price County UW-Extension Office and repeated in Medford on Wednesday, April 4th at the County-USDA Service Center. Both classes begin promptly at 10 am and will conclude at 3 pm.

Farmers who have participated in classes to write nutrient management plans for their own farms have gained an understanding of how their plan is put together, why it's written the way it is, and the importance of nutrient management planning from both economic as well as environmental perspectives. The workshop will cover soil testing and interpretation for nutrient management planning, updating farm conservation plans and farm maps, estimating annual livestock manure quantities, documenting and planning crop rotations, identifying fields with manure spreading restrictions, and calculating nutrient credits for livestock manure and legumes. The information we cover will help farmers to write a nutrient management plan according to NRCS Standard 590, if so desired.

These workshops are sponsored by the Price County UW-Extension Office and the Taylor County Land Conservation Department. Farmers will need to pre-register for these classes by March 21st (Phillips session) or March 30th (Medford session). The registration fee for the class is \$25 for the first farm representative and \$5 per person for other people attending from the same farm. The fee will cover all class materials and lunch. A late fee of \$5 per person will be charged for registrations received after the deadline.

***“Extreme Makeover--The Parlor Edition:”* What can a milking parlor do for your family?**

Dairy farmers: Find out how you can create more free time and have a healthier body with a minimal investment. *“Extreme Makeover – The Parlor Edition”* is aimed at dairy farmers and their families who are striving to transition their farms into more family- friendly, healthy and profitable dairy businesses for all generations. The focus will be on how a milking parlor can improve your lifestyle by freeing up your time, easing the stress on your body, and improving your farm’s profitability.

The program will be held at the Price County UW-Extension Office in Phillips on Thursday, March 29th. The day begins with registration at 10 a.m. and speakers beginning at 10:30. Lunch will be included, and the program will wrap up by 3:30 p.m.

Topics will include:

- Setting Priorities & Spending Money Wisely to Reach Your Goals
- Energy Conservation for Dairy Farms
- Dairy Modernization Grants and Programs
- A Low-Cost Parlor in Every Barn
- What a Parlor Did For Our Family (Farm Family Roundtable)

The cost for the program will be \$15 for the first person and \$12 for each additional farm member prior to the early bird deadline of March 21st. Late registrations will be \$20/person. The registration fee will cover all program materials and a catered lunch. All registrations received prior to the registration deadline will be entered in a drawing for a \$30.00 Fleet Farm Gift Certificate.

Extreme Makeover – the Parlor Edition, is sponsored by the UWEX Dairy Team, Center For Dairy Profitability, Heart of the Farm--Women in Agriculture, and the UWEX Offices in Price, Marathon, Langlade, Lincoln, Shawano, and Clark Counties.

Sincerely,

Mark Kopecky
Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent
Price County UW-Extension

REGISTRATION

I will be attending: (please check)

Nutrient Workshop	Extreme Makeover
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Name: _____

Name: _____

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost & Deadlines:

- ❖ **Nutrient Management Planning. Deadline: March 21. Cost: \$25 for the first farm representative and \$5 per person for other people attending from the same farm.**
- ❖ **Extreme Makeover: The Parlor Edition. Earlybird registration: March 21. Cost: \$15 for the first person, \$12 for each additional farm member prior to earlybird registration deadline. Late registrations will be \$20 per person. Earlybird registrations will be entered into Fleet Farm Gift Certificate drawing.**

I have enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Price County Treasurer.

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