

Ties to the Land Newsletter



October—December 2017

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LIST YOUR LOCAL FARM IN THE 2018 FARM FRESH ATLAS OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

The Farm Fresh Atlas of Southeastern Wisconsin, a guide to local food, farms, and farmers markets will soon be accepting applications for the 2018 issue. Visit www.farmfreshatlas.org or email farmfreshsewi@gmail.com for more info.

SAVE THE DATE: STATELINE EQUINE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The 2018 Stateline Equine Education Program will be held on Saturday, February 24 at the Kenosha County Center. Stay tuned to www.kenosha.uwex.edu for more details.

UW-EXTENSION COVER CROPS RESOURCES

Curious about cover crops? Visit www.fyi.uwex.edu/covercrop to find Wisconsin specific resources and educational events happening around the state such as the Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference on February 27, 2018 in Steven's Point.

PEST MANAGEMENT UPDATE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

University of Wisconsin-Extension Pest Management Update meetings are scheduled for Nov. 6-10 at various locations around the state. See www.ipcm.wisc.edu/blog/2017/09/2017-uw-extension-pest-management-update-meetings/ for more information. Date, meeting location, and registration contact information for the closest session is:

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.: Janesville, Holiday Inn Express Janesville, 3100 Wellington Place. Contact: Nick Baker, UW-Extension Rock County, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545; (608) 757-5698

2017 KENOSHA & RACINE COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL CLEAN SWEEP

An agricultural chemical waste collection will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 1 PM - 5 PM at Old Settlers Park (Racine County Fairgrounds), 19805 Durand Avenue, Union Grove. If you are an active farmer, owner of agricultural land, nursery, orchard, or greenhouse operator in Kenosha or Racine County you may bring in up to 200 pounds of waste free of charge. There may be charges for waste quantities over 200 pounds depending on program demand and fund availability. If you have questions about this program, please contact Leigh Presley, Kenosha and Racine County UW-Extension at 262-857-1948, 262-767-2905 or leigh.presley@ces.uwex.edu. Pre-registration is required, see details below.

2017 Kenosha & Racine Counties Agricultural Clean Sweep Pre-registration Form

Please detach and return to Kenosha County UW-Extension, 19600 75th St, Suite 2, Bristol, WI 53104

Online form available at www.kenosha.uwex.edu/agriculture/clean-sweep/

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Used motor oil and waste antifreeze will be accepted and are not counted in the 200 pound weight limit. Please list quantities you plan to bring here:

Used Motor Oil (gallons): _____ Antifreeze (gallons): _____

Please list any "special wastes" you want to dispose of (e.g., mercury, PCBs, asbestos).

Please list the hazardous waste you plan to bring to the collection (attach another sheet if needed).

Do you have any unknown chemicals in quantities over 5 gallons or 50 pounds?

Yes No If yes, list the quantity here:

| Product Type/Name | Estimated Weight |
|-------------------|------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Are any of the product containers ready to rupture or break?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

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KENOSHA TREE PROGRAM TO OFFER ONLINE ORDERING

Tree purchases can now be made online at <http://www.kenoshacounty.org/trees>. The new purchasing system is extremely easy to use, just identify your tree or shrub of interest and add it to the cart. Please give our new on-line ordering system a try. **The deadline for ordering trees is February 23, 2018.**



LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE

Are you considering conservation this year? Do you have washout from the July storms? Some eligible conservation projects include grassed waterways, well abandonment, barnyard runoff control and streambank stabilization. Do not hesitate to apply for your cost-share funding today! Kenosha County Land Conservation may provide up to 70% of the cost of your project. Our office allocates over \$50,000 in annual grant monies each year. Contact our office to apply for the program at 262-857-1900.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Are you tired of high fertilizer and fuel costs? Would you like to help protect our groundwater, rivers and lakes? If yes, then developing a nutrient management plan for your farm may be the answer. Kenosha County Land Conservation may be able to help by providing cost-sharing for nutrient management planning on your farm. You can receive up to \$28 per acre to test your soil and follow a 4-year nutrient management plan for your farm. Soil tests can be completed this fall, plans written and followed in spring. Contact our office to apply for the program at 262-857-1900.



Racine Kenosha Milwaukee FSA Office

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2017 ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

In order to comply with FSA program requirements and be eligible for payments, all producers are encouraged to visit the Racine/Kenosha/Milwaukee or Walworth FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline for the 2018 Crop Year:

November 15, 2017: Perennial Forage, Fall Mint, Fall-seeded small grains, pasture, rangeland, and forage

November 20, 2017: Honey Bee Colonies and Maple Sap

January 15, 2018: Apples, Caneberries, Cherries, Cranberries, Currants, Hops, Huckleberries, Pears, Strawberries

Late filed crop reports are \$46 per farm! Postcards are being mailed out to those whom have fall reported in the past. If you do not receive a postcard by 11/1/2017, CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY! (262) 878-3353 in Union Grove, (262) 723-3216 in Elkhorn.

MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS (MALs) ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2017 CROPS

9 month commodity loans (MALs) provide low cost financing and marketing assistance for commodities such as feed grains, soybeans, wheat, wool and honey, just to name a few. MALs provide producers interim financing after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low.

FSAfarm+, FSA's CUSTOMER SELF-SERVICE PORTAL

A new program, known as FSAfarm+, provides you with secure access to view your personal FSA data, such as base and yields, HEL and wetland status information, field boundaries and farm imagery. This data will be available in real time, at no cost to the producer and allow operators and owners to export and print farm records, including maps. Producers also can electronically share their data with a crop insurance agent from their own personal computer.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY INFORMATION VIA TEXT

Receive text message alerts from FSA while on the go. Signup to receive informational texts on your phone. Join by simply texting WIRacine to 372669 and/or WIWalworth to 372669. No more than 2 texts will be sent per month (standard texting fees may apply).



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WATERSHED PROTECTION COMMITTEE OF RACINE COUNTY (WPCR): LEADING EFFORTS IN EROSION CONTROL AND WATER QUALITY

The Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County (WPCR) is a team of local farmers who will lead efforts in erosion control, water quality improvement, and providing information to farmers and rural landowners regarding the use of conservation practices. These practices include grassed buffers, streambank protection, cover crops and no-till which promote soil health, improve water quality and improve field productivity. The WPCR hosted a field day to demonstrate practices that protect streambanks from erosion. In the wake of recent flooding, WPCR emphasizes the importance of utilizing conservation practices to help keep soil on the field and out of our waterways. Many programs are available to receive funding to implement these practices and event to receive rental payments for cropland taken out of production. Agencies partnering with the WPCR include: Racine County Land Conservation, DATCP, FSA, NRCS, UW Extension, and the Racine County Drainage Board.



WPCR Hosts Field Day at Russell Weis' Farm on September 7, 2017.

WPCR Members:

Tom Greil - Chairman

Brian Gunderson - Vice Chairman

Russell Weis-Secretary/Treasurer

John Vyvyan

Alvin Wilks

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FY2018 EQIP SIGNUP

EQIP is the primary program available to farmers for farm and woodland conservation work, offering payments for over 110 basic conservation practices. Last year, Wisconsin received about \$25 million in funds for EQIP practices. By getting applications in early, we have time to visit individual farms to help plan all practices needed and offer advice. It's easier to do an accurate plan before the snow starts, when you can better see the landscape. All eligible applications received by October 20, 2017, will be evaluated, prioritized and ranked for funding in 2018. Farmers and landowners may contact NRCS at 262-878-1243 x 3 to get started on producer eligibility and planning. If you are interested in practices that may require permits, such as manure storage or streambank restoration, begin planning and seeking permits as soon as possible. Applicants with shovel-ready projects (designs completed and permit applications submitted) will receive higher priority.

CONSERVATION CLIENT GATEWAY

Farmers and private landowners can now do business with NRCS through an easily accessible online portal. The Conservation Client Gateway gives producers and entities the ability to work with conservation planners online to access Farm Bill programs, request assistance, and track payments for their conservation activities. Too busy for an office visit? Log in to see maps of your farm, complete applications, file signatures online and more.

The portal enables farmers and private landowners to securely:

- Request NRCS technical and financial assistance.
- Review and sign conservation plans and practice schedules.
- Complete and sign an application for a conservation program.
- Review, sign and submit conservation program contract documents.
- Document completed practices and request certification of completed practices.
- Request and track program payments.

Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/clientgateway