

Ties to the Land

Fall/Winter 2020 Newsletter

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Racine Kenosha Milwaukee Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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Farm Ready Research Webinar Series

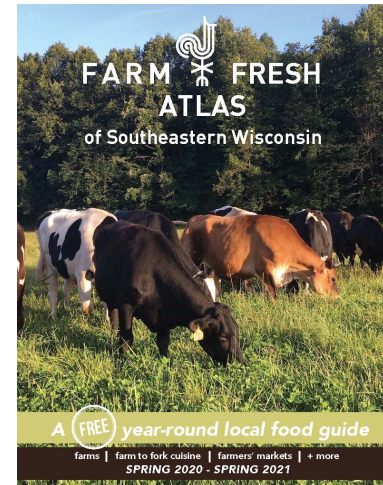
Join Extension's webinar series to learn the most up-to-date information on topics including dairy & livestock production, farm succession, direct marketing, and farm financial management. Sessions begin December 2020. Visit go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch for a full list of sessions and registration information.

Wisconsin Farm Account & Record Books Available for 2021

A limited supply of farm financial record books are available for purchase at the Extension Kenosha County office. If you would like to purchase a book, please contact Extension Kenosha County at 262-857-1948. Record books are \$6 each.

List your Farm or Business in the 2021 Farm Fresh Atlas of Southeastern Wisconsin

The Farm Fresh Atlas of Southeastern Wisconsin is a regional guide to local food, farms, and farmers markets. Hard copies of the Atlas are distributed annually throughout the area. Even more consumers are reached through a statewide website, www.farmfreshatlas.org. The Atlas is now accepting applications for the 2021 issue. Visit farmfreshatlas.org/sign-up or email farmfreshsewi@gmail.com for more information.



Extension Horticulture Resources

Prepare for the 2021 gardening season by checking out Extension's Horticulture online resources and upcoming winter educational programs at <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/>.

Get your lawn & garden questions answered by our Master Gardener Volunteers serving at the Plant Health Advising (PHA) Offices in Kenosha, Milwaukee and Racine Counties in Wisconsin. Volunteers can help with plant diagnosis, plant disease testing, garden related insect identification, soil testing, landscape & gardening info, and plant identification. Call or text 608-298-6945 or email planthealth.advisors@extension.wisc.edu.

4-H Enrollment Open

4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members, their families, and other interested adults that serve as volunteer leaders. University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension staff give professional leadership. Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of local county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H program begins at the club level, with young people, parents and leaders sharing, doing, and learning together in all kinds of project groups, club activities, and special events. Members choose projects that reflect their interests and the environment in which they live. Group activities and events such as drama workshops, trips, camps, fairs, shows, and conferences provide additional opportunities and learning experiences.

The 4-H program is open to youth in grades 5K-13 and adult volunteer regardless of their background, race, creed, or disability. Most 4-H community clubs have meetings for the entire membership once a month. To enroll in 4-H, visit <https://v2.4honline.com/>.



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Kenosha County Land and Water Conservation

The Kenosha County Land and Water Conservation office works with landowners and farm operators to develop and implement conservation practices for agricultural lands to protect and improve soil health and water quality. Some practices may be eligible for cost-sharing, often up to 70%, through the Kenosha County Soil and Water Resource Management Program. In addition, help is available for producers to learn how to write their own nutrient management plans using Wisconsin's SnapPlus software.

To find out what conservation practices may be a good fit for your land or to learn more about nutrient management planning using SnapPlus, contact Mark Jenks, County Conservationist, in the Kenosha County Land and Water Conservation office at 262-857-1900. If you would prefer to meet in-person, either in the office or on your farm, please call ahead and schedule an appointment. The Land and Water Conservation office is in the Kenosha County Division of Planning and Development in the Kenosha County Center located at 19600 75th Street, Bristol, WI. Office hours are 8-12 and 1-5pm, Monday through Friday.

Flood Maps, Flood Insurance and Your Property

Kenosha County is one of almost 600 communities in Wisconsin to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As part of that program and in partnership with local governments, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works with communities to identify flood hazards and promote ways to reduce the impact of those and other hazards. Flood maps are used for floodplain management, flood insurance rating, and to determine flood insurance requirements.

No matter where you live or work, some risk of flooding exists. To find your community's flood map, visit the online FEMA Flood Map Service Center, then type in your address and search. You may view, print and download flood maps, and view all products related to your community. If you would like help in finding the FEMA flood maps for your property, feel free to contact the Kenosha County Division of Planning and Development at 262-857-1900. For more information you can also visit: <https://www.floodsmart.gov>

Did you know?

If you live in an area with low or moderate flood risk, you are 5 times more likely to experience flood than a fire in your home over the next 30 years.



Racine Kenosha Milwaukee FSA Office

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Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA announced up to an additional \$14 billion for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2) will be September 21 through December 11, 2020.

USDA will use funds being made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and CARES Act to support row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many additional commodities. CFAP 2 payments will be made for three categories of commodities – Price Trigger Commodities, Flat-rate Crops and Sales Commodities. To apply, contact the FSA office in Union Grove at 262-878-3353. Information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap.



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Racine County Land Conservation

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Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County (WPCR)

The Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County (WPCR) consists of a team of local farmers who 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, cover crops and no till to promote soil health.

The WPCR cost-share program offers two incentives. An incentive payment of \$500 is available for entering into a grassed buffer program, such as CRP or CREP. A cover crop incentive pays \$25 per acre, with the farmer matching the acres with covers. Contact Chad Sampson at Racine County Land Conservation for more information.

The WPCR held a summer field day at Weis Farms in Burlington on September 10th. The field day featured a soil pit, cover crops, planting green, and a soil runoff simulator. The next winter workshop will be in early February, featuring farmer Rick Clark talking about his soil health journey.



Field of cover crops on display at the WPCR Summer Field Day

The WPCR includes the following local farmers



Tom Greil, Chairman
Anthony Beck
Brian Gunderson
John Holloway
Chuck Mealy
Austin Liles

Adam Lasch
Jim Halladay
Mike Stever
Andy Beck
A.J. Weis

Jon Bird
John Vyvyan
Alvin Wilks
John Napientek
Tom Burlingham

USDA Offers Secure New Options for Signing and Sharing Documents Online

Producers working with FSA can now sign and share documents online in just a few clicks. By using Box or OneSpan, producers can digitally complete business transactions without leaving their homes. Both services are free, secure, and available for multiple FSA programs. Visit farmers.gov/mydocs to learn more about Box and OneSpan, steps for getting started, and additional resources for conducting business with USDA online.

FSA Encourages Farmers and Ranchers to Vote in County Committee Elections

The 2020 Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections begin on Nov. 2, 2020 when ballots are mailed to eligible voters. The deadline to return ballots to local FSA offices, or to be postmarked, is Dec. 7, 2020.

County committee members provide a link between the agricultural community and FSA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on many different FSA programs. More information on county committees, including the new 2020 fact sheet, can be found on the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.