

2025 Midwest Forage Association/Outagamie Forage Council Regional Summer Twilight Meeting

Wednesday, August 13 6:30 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. Speakers

Hosted by: J-Springs Dairy, N4182 County Rd. EE, Appleton, WI 54913

Certified Crop Advisor (CCA), Continuing Education Units (CEU) Available



Slugs Present in Soybean Field



Marketing Agricultural Commodities



(L to R) Amber Springstroh, Judy Springstroh,
Sam Ziegler, Gracie Ziegler, Jay Ziegler,
Tami Ziegler

6:30 p.m. Catered Meal by Kelsey's Country Kitchen and Refreshments Sponsored by:
Allied Cooperative, Beck's Hybrids, Dairyland Seed Company, Mustang Seeds, Nutrition Service, and
Werner Crop Insurance Agency

7:00 p.m. Replacing BMR Corn Silage – What May Be Some Alternatives for the Future?
Dr. Harkirat Kaur, Corn Agronomist, University of Wisconsin-Madison

7:45 p.m. Slug-ging it Out – A Look at Slugs and other Field Pests
Matt Brugger, Agronomist, Tilth Agronomy Group Inc.

8:15 p.m. Agricultural Commodity Markets – What You Should Know Before Harvest Season
Joe Nelson, Market Consultant, AgShield Market Smart

9:00 p.m. Refreshments & Networking Opportunities to Interact w/Sponsors & Attendees

This event is open and free to the public. RSVP no later than Monday, August 11, 2025, to ensure your meal.

Contact Ina Montgomery, Extension Outagamie, at (920)-832-4763, email at ina.montgomery@outagamie.org,
or use the following link to register for this event at: <https://bit.ly/2025TwilightMeeting> or mail reservation
to:

Extension Outagamie: OFC Twilight Meeting
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Appleton, WI 54914



Greetings Farmers and Agricultural Professionals,

"May you live in interesting times" is a Chinese proverb that accurately describes the agricultural industry in Wisconsin in 2025. On behalf of our hosts, J-Springs Dairy, Appleton, I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our 2025 Outagamie Forage Council Regional Twilight Meeting. We have plenty to talk about at this year's event. Join us for a free home cooked meal and gain some insight/strategies to consider as the 2025 harvest season approaches.

Wisconsin leads the nation in corn silage production. High quality and high tonnage corn silage is a staple in dairy rations across the state. As many are aware, the largest suppliers of BMR (Brown Mid-Rib) corn hybrids for silage will be discontinuing seed production/availability in the next few years. Farmers and agricultural professionals have been asking **"How are we going to replace BMR corn silage?"** While the answer to this question may vary from farm-to-farm, **Dr. Harkirat Kaur, Corn Agronomist, University of Wisconsin-Madison**, will begin our evening presentations by sharing research she has done evaluating short stature corn hybrids for silage yield and quality. UW-Madison Division of Extension has a Forage Workgroup that will be addressing this question moving forward.

Matt Brugger has been with Tilth Agronomy since 2010. In his talk he will discuss the impact of pests this season, from armyworm & cutworm to slugs, as well as an overview of a joint UW - Wisconsin Demonstration Farm Network study conducted this spring focused on identifying and managing slug populations.

Lastly, profit margins on numerous agricultural commodities have been thin in 2025. **Joe Nelson, Market Consultant, AgShield Market Smart**, will discuss where we have been, potential reasons why we are there, and address the factors and influences farmers and agricultural professionals should be focusing on as the harvest season approaches. As of 7-16-25, cash prices for new crop corn are \$3.89 and soybeans are \$9.41 for fall delivery. While milk prices improved from their spring lows, they recently seem to have lost any upward momentum. Beef prices have been high for a while, but now the cost of replacements has severely impacted the profitability previously seen in those markets. Joe will focus on the grain commodities but share thoughts and insights in other areas as well.

Following the presentations, there will be refreshments/networking time to enjoy with others.

Join us on August 13th for a FREE MEAL and what will be an informative and educational event!

Agriculturally,



Kevin Jarek

Regional Crops and Soils Educator/Advisor - Outagamie Forage Council
UW Madison Division of Extension Outagamie and Winnebago Counties

You may request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language or format, or other services to make this event more accessible, by contacting Ina Montgomery at ina.montgomery@outagamie.org or 920-832-4763 by **July 23, 2025**. There's no added cost to you for these services.

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