**UW-Extension Education Committee July 15th - August 17th 2016 Trisha Wagner Agriculture Agent**

**Jackson County Towns Association 8/4**

The Jackson County Towns Association requested a presentation on the topic of invasive species, resources available to Town officials, and management responsibilities of officials. Major impetus for the discussion is due to the proliferation of wild parsnip (Pastinaca sativa) on town roadsides, and the human health hazards the species presents. The discussion covered proper identification, lifecycle, control methods and related effectiveness as found in UW Extension research trials. I provided resources from UW-Extension’s Management of Invasive Plants in WI publication series and DNR 40 (WI’s invasive species rule.

**Safe Operation of Skid Steers – western Wisconsin 8/17**

This program is offered annually in western Wisconsin locations for farm owners and employees interested in learning about safe skid steer operation. The course includes classroom and hands-on operating/driving course experience including how to conduct pre-operation maintenance checks, awareness of major on-farm hazards, and ways to prevent accidents. Sessions are provided in English and Spanish.

**Add’n programs/projects:**

* UWEX/ANIMART collaboration – forage podcast series
* Spaulding Rd. Community Garden newsletters 8/2
* WI Agriculturalist, UWEX Dairy Team column 8/15
* Coulee Grazier July pasture walk – Chikowski Farm 7/14, Kling Farm 8/11
* Dairy Partner/El Compañero newsletter – 7/20,21
* Farm Succession program planning 7/25
* Farm HRM workgroup mtgs 7/11, 8/9,15
* JC youth livestock workshop: Livestock cost of production workshop 7/20
* Farm & Industry Short Course – program planning 7/25
* Master Gardener Volunteer, garden tour event 7/31
* NW Regional Ag Agent in-service host 8/16
* SWD (Zielsdorf, Brauner, Comstock) – weekly monitoring continues (confirmed at all locations on 7/13)
* JC Boys & Girls Club at Community Garden with MGVs – weekly program continues

**Farm visits/consults:**

* Mitchelle, horticulture 7/8
* Doe, land rent 7/8
* Blair Press, crop report 7/11
* D’Huyvetter, legal 7/11
* Bob R. brush control 7/11
* Mohorko, horticulture 7/12
* Gearing, soil quality 7/12
* Mitchell, horticulture 7/12
* Prindle, ag wages 7/20
* Laufenberg, NM plan 7/21
* Borntreger, ag&horticulture 7/22, 27
* Guenther, horticulture 7/ 25
* Holder, horticulture 7/28
* Laufenberg, fungicides 7/28
* Hornby, horticulture 8/1
* Colson, JC Chronicle, 8/1
* Johnson, pricing standing hay 8/2
* Scholze, mailbox pred. tool 8/2
* John, horticulture/weed mgt 8/8
* Epstein, weed id/mgt 8/15
* Blair Press, crop report 8/15

**Jackson County Fair: major responsibilities**

* Livestock Carcass program: Coordinate carcass evaluation/judging with judge, locker plant owners, livestock superintendents, Sale president, and exhibitors for carcass judging. Organize and facilitate the awards and educational program, calculate additional awards, coordinate with Sale committee for exhibitor checks, etc., respond to exhibitors/parents;
* Livestock Auction: Coordinate JC Jr. Livestock Sale with Sale committee president prior to (coordinate volunteers, paperwork and computer files) and during auction (assist with clerking during/after Sale); Coordinate with Equity Sale barn for resale of animals, coordinate with locker plant owners for processing of animals, coordinate with Dairy Basket auction; attend JC Jr. Livestock Sale Committee meetings throughout the year:
* Livestock weigh-in: provide technical assistance for RFID tag technology: order tags, create tag files, manage computer program, and assist livestock superintendents and Sale committee president in managing tag/exhibitor files throughout the fair and during livestock loadout on Sunday night.
* Livestock Cost of Production – teach educational workshop, provide materials for activity required for youth livestock exhibitors; attend JC Livestock Education committee meetings throughout the year;
* JC Master Gardener Volunteer booth/display –provide support for 6-10 volunteers (~200+ educational contacts);
* Coordinate soil education displays/booths with Jackson County partners (NRCS, JC LCD);
* Livestock awards, trophies, ribbons (coordinate and confirm sponsorships); coordinate with multiple representatives from the press for Sale information, awards and award sponsorship;
* Assists livestock superintendents, exhibitors, and parents: respond to issues as they arise and solve problems; provide information and resources as needed throughout the year;
* Assist dairy program superintendents, committee members: assist with Round Robin showman ship competition, dairy herdsman ship judging, dairy ice cream parlor as needed; attend Dairy committee meetings throughout the year as needed;