**UW-Extension Education Committee Nov. 5th – Dec. 3rd 2015 Trisha Wagner Agriculture Agent**

**Dairy Management Assessment Center - PDPW**

This 2-day workshop for farmers is designed to assess participants’ skills considered to be important for successful business management. It combines observations of participants’ performance in multiple situations and scenarios using a set of key attributes for the dairy farm manager. UW-Extension Agents of the NW Region performed the MAC under a contract with Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW). Participants from PDPW come from all over the state, including Jackson County.

**UW Farm & Industry Short Course – Spanish for the Agricultural Sciences Nov. 9th – Dec. 18th**

UW Farm & Industry Short Course program again requested instruction for the “Spanish for the Agricultural Sciences”. This is the fourth year I have developed the course curriculum and am teaching one or two days a week, for the six week program.

Students are learning to effectively communicate with Spanish speaking employees. Specifically, students learn Spanish vocabulary, basic communication skills and resources available for the agricultural employer working with Hispanic employees. Students also develop skills in workplace culture and Latin customs in order to be effective managers.

**Farm Succession Peer Discussion group**

The regional farm succession peer discussion group met in November on the topic of Dealing with the 5 D’s in farm succession (death, divorce, disagreement, disability and disaster). Phil Harris, UW Ag Law specialist and Joy Kirkpatrick from the UW Center for Dairy Profitability were guest speakers on the topic, and answered many questions from the participants. The group plans to meet again this winter to discuss the topic of fair vs. equal in the treatment of farm family heirs.

**Add’n programs/projects:**

* NW region HRM plan meeting, 11/17
* Dairy Partner newsletter 11/19, 25 12/1
* Dairy employee training DVD 11/12
* WI Agriculturalist/Dairy article 11/15
* NW Regional HRM program plan mtg 11/17
* Farmer to Farmer report/presentation 11/18, 12/3
* Jackson/Trempealeau WFU program plan mtg. 11/25
* Master Gardener Volunteer Training (Level 1 training) Tuesday evenings Sept. 29 – Dec. 15th (continues)

**Farm visits/consults:**

**Add’n meetings/programs attended:**

- UWEX pest management update mtg 11/10

- UWEX annual conference 11/11-12

- JC annual Fair Board mtg 11/12

-JC Livestock Edu prgm 11/14

-JC LCD mtg 11/7

-NW Regional all-program mtg. 11/24

-Jack/Tremp WFU mtg 11/25

-UWEX faculty senate mtg 12/1

-UWEX nutrient mgt update mtg 12/2

-ANRE team coaches mtg. 12/3

* Sommers, CS values 10/21
* Lambert, bee mgt 10/22
* Babcock, N stalk 10/22
* Murray rye planting 11/2
* Johnson beetle mgt 11/2
* Hovell, DHHS translating 11/2
* Kling, milk share agreements 11/2, 4, 6, 9
* Alma Center, EAB mgt 11/2
* Oberlin, livestock 11/4
* Odeen, dairy facilities 11/5
* Hart, ag rental 11/5
* Hanson, horticulture 11/6
* Kling, milk share 11/9
* Iverson, N stalk 11/16
* D’Huyvetter solar prgms 11/16
* Schultz, farm mgt topics 11/16
* Chickowski, beef grazing 11/23
* JC sherrif’s dept IoH Law 11/30, 12/3
* JCI/FM prgrms beginning dairy 11/30
* Hurlbert, farm succession, etc. 12/3
* Jacobson, century farm 12/3