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

**Livestock facilities – specialist visits**

UW-Extension’s Agricultural Biological Systems Engineer, David Kammel met with Jackson County farms to discuss and provide information with regard to livestock facilities. Topics included, dairy farmstead design and drainage issues, and evaluation of current facility use and potential need for expansion or improvement for transition cows. One farm included their ag lender in the meeting to help him understand the purpose of the invests being considered

**Master Gardener Volunteer Training (Level 1 training) Sept. 29 – Dec. 15th**

The UW Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program trains volunteers in horticulture to become educators in their communities on the topic of horticulture, using non-biased, research-based information from UW Extension. The 12-week program meets Tuesday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. Participants pay $100 for the course, and are expected to serve 24 hours as volunteers each year. Volunteers are valuable in helping with the horticulture inquires that come to the Extension office as well as many other projects in the community. There are 18 participants in this year’s class (this is max capacity).

**Farmer to Farmer – Partners of the Americas volunteer assignment in Colombia Oct. 17-31st**

**Add’n programs/projects:**

* Hoard’s Dairymen article: “More Cows, More People” Oct. 25th ed. autho, with Jennifer Blazek (Dane Co.)
* HCE District presentation: Nicaragua Farmer to Farmer program and WI/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas
* NW region HRM plan meeting, 10/2
* Dairy Partner newsletter 10/5,6
* WI Agriculturalist/Dairy article 10/15
* Kling/Coulee Graziers pasture walk 10/15

**Farm visits/consults:**

**Add’n meetings/programs attended:**

-JC Fair board 10/8

-Comm garden clean up 11/1

* Edgington, Dairy ins. programs 10/5
* Boehm, IoH law 10/6,7
* Gearing, N-stalk 10/6
* Hunter, landscape project 10/6, 10/10
* Peterson, Odeen, dairy facility 10/7
* Kinning, manure 10/8
* Zook, turkey disease 10/8, 12
* Stetzer, hay sampling 10/8
* D’Huyvetter N-stalk 10/9
* Bush, n-stalk 10/12
* Olson, dairy COP etc. 10/13
* Horticulture, Hoefer 10/5, Olson 10/6, 8, Foost 10/6