



Land and Water Conservation

Ag Education Newsletter #2

Welcome to August! I hope you've been having a productive summer, whether you're milking, cutting hay, weeding in your home garden, or just kicking puddles.

With the summer we've been having, I think we can all say for sure that it's possible to have too much of a good thing. My garden flooded a few times and has now dried out, and after one too many trips back to the garden center I'm starting to give up on my original plants. If you too have the August "no veggies" blues, read on to see some options for late summer re-planting!

If you're a farmer/producer looking at your fields and thinking they're not where you want them to be, you're not alone. Just about everyone I've spoken to has had a tough season. On the upside, if there's one thing we know it's that the weather never stays the same in our little spot between the lakes. Here's hoping for better weather this fall and next year!

Cost Share and Technical Assistance!





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Calumet County Land and Water Conservation is able to provide cost-share and technical assistance to first time (or returning) adopters of No-Till and Cover Crops, as well as Low-Disturbance Manure Application. The funding is available through partnership with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, as part of the Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities program via the USDA. Contact Autumn Gomez-Tagle at autumn.gomeztagle@calumetcounty.org for more information, or read more [here](#).

Cost Share & Incentive Rates

The annual payment will be divided equally and paid during the semi-annual (summer and winter) planning meetings following the implementation of practice.

- Cover Crop and No-Till System **\$78/acre x 2 years**
- 2-Year Practice Implementation Incentive **+\$40/acre one time incentive payment**
- Accurate Whole Farm SnapPlus **\$5/acre** (max of \$1500)
- Farm Progress Report Meetings **+\$625 one time incentive payment**
- Low Disturbance Manure Application (Optional) **\$28.11**

Credit to Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance

What's New?

August is national Goat Cheese Month!

Did you know that according to the most recent census of agriculture, Calumet County was the Wisconsin county that produced the most Goat and Sheep milk?

Take some time to enjoy one of Calumet County's tastiest agricultural offerings, and take pride in local production!



Late Summer Veggies

With the amount of rain we've been having, some gardeners have had a frustrating season. If you're starting from scratch (or just trying to supplement), try some of these:

Peas: plant now for a fall harvest!

Leafy greens: re-seed spinach, swiss chard, and lettuce for late season salads!

Green Onions: green onions are a great fall treat!

Carrots: From seed, harvested in fall.

Kale: Yum yum, health food!

County Fairs: Fun for All!

While the concept of a fair has been around since times of antiquity, the first “county fair” organized by an agricultural society was created by Elkana Watson of Massachusetts. The fair in 1811 was known as a “Cattle Show” and was an animal exhibition and contest, with prize money paid out to the owners of the best livestock ([International Association of Fairs and Expos](#)).



Since then fairs have been popular all over the continental United States, and offer a great opportunity to foster connection within the community, educate, and promote local agriculture. The Calumet County Fair got its start in Stockbridge in 1856, and has had the same goals since 1891:

- The education of agriculture, mechanical, and household arts.
- To further enhance the needed educational programs for the benefit of the people of Calumet County.
- To conduct such exhibitions, fairs, and events consistent with the educational interests and needs of people in Calumet County and the members of this Association ([Calumet County Fair Board](#)).

Whether you farm now, you used to, or you just like to wave at the cows as you drive past, the county fair is a great opportunity to get out there and connect with your community. [Check out the Calumet County Fair](#) this Labor Day weekend. You might learn something, and you’ll definitely have fun!



Conservation and Ag News

[Local Food Business Grant Funding Available](#)

Via Kelly Mella, DATCP: The 2024 Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin (BLBW) grants are open to applicants until 11:59 p.m. on September 9, 2024. [...] Qualified applicants include individuals, groups, or businesses involved in Wisconsin production agriculture, food processing, food distribution, food warehousing, retail food establishments, or agricultural tourism operations. [Read more here.](#)

[USDA Assistance available for damage from Tornadoes or Flooding](#)

Via USDA: Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

[2024 Winter Wheat Performance Trials](#)

Thanks to Shawn Conley, the soybean and small grain specialist with the University of Wisconsin Extension, for [this](#) comparison of different varieties of wheat at different test sites.

[Calumet County Comprehensive Plan](#)

Calumet County is establishing its long-range vision for the next 20 years through the development of the comprehensive plan, and they want to hear from you! If you have thoughts about housing, land-use, or Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources, please take the time to fill out the survey [here](#).

[Join the 2025 Meat Goat Cohort](#)

Via Morning Ag Clips: Carolyn Ihde, the Small Ruminant Outreach Specialist for the University of Wisconsin Division of Extension and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, invites meat goat producers in Wisconsin and Iowa to join the Meat Goat Cohort 25. Read more and register [here](#).

[Cover Crop Citizen Science Project](#)

If you currently use cover crops, you could help the University of Wisconsin Extension build a knowledge base on cover crops in our county. Participation comes with a financial incentive, as well as free data on cover crop biomass, nutrient analysis and forage quality! Learn more and sign up [here](#).

USDA NASS Releases

- [WI Crop Progress, July 29 2024](#)
- [WI Milk Price, July 24 2024](#)
- [WI Farm Production Expenditures, July 24 2024](#)
- [WI Prices \(all\), July 24 2024](#)
- [WI Honey Bee Colonies August 2024](#)
- [WI Acreage, June 24 2024](#)
- [WI Grain Stocks, June 24 2024](#)

If you would like to receive these reports directly to your inbox when they are released, you can sign up [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

- **August 2:** Emergency Forage Meeting. [Information Here.](#)
- **August 7:** Electronics Recycling. [Learn more here.](#)
- **August 10:** [Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show.](#)
- **August 16:** Hazardous Waste dropoff. [Sign up here.](#)
- **August 21:** Between the Lakes Demo Farm Field Day (*details on [Facebook](#)*)
- **August 30th through September 2:** [Calumet County Fair.](#)
- **September 3:** CCASA Field Day (*details tba*)

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