

# **Richland County AG News & Notes**

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## **Wisconsin's Livestock Facility Siting Law**

Many of you within the community have heard about the Livestock Facility Siting Law, either through newspapers, or the public hearings in March, so this information may not be new. However, here are some of the most frequently asked questions from the producers stand point.

### *What is the Livestock Siting Law?*

It is a set of standards that are designed to protect public health and safety, provide producers with a predictable process including a standard application process and timeline for the process and provide an appeal process through the creation of the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board.

### *Does this rule apply to all livestock operations?*

NO. The rule will only apply to new or expanding livestock facilities that

require local approval, and then only if the facility is at 500 animal units or larger. In some areas the animal unit threshold may be lower if there was a zoning ordinance in effect prior to July 19, 2003.

### *How do I know if my livestock facility is covered?*

First thing is to check with your county and local government. Ask whether there is an ordinance that requires local approval for siting or expansion. If there are none then the law will not apply to you. If local approval is required, the law will apply to you. Local approval can take the form of a conditional use permit, permit or license to operate, or feedlot construction permit.

### *What must I do to get my new or expanded facility approved?*

You need to complete and submit the standard application to the appropriate local government. The information in the application will provide all the information needed to

approve or deny the facility. If you submit a complete application, the local government must approve the application unless it has other clear and convincing information to show that the application is incorrect

*What does a complete application include?*

General Information about the applicant, description of the proposed facility, an area map, a site map, and the following six Worksheets: Animal Unit, Odor Management, Waste Management, Waste Storage Facilities, Runoff Management, and a Mortality Management.

**Note:** if you already have a WPDES permit from the DNR, you do not have to include the Waste Management, Waste Storage Facilities, or the Runoff worksheets in the application for local approval. However, all the other parts of the application must be completed.

*What are the fees associated with the application process?*

A local government can charge a reasonable fee to offset the costs of review and processing of the application. This fee, however, can not exceed \$500, and the government may not charge any other fee or require an applicant to pay any bond or security. Also, the fee must be set by local ordinance.

*What is the timeline associated with the application process?*

A local government must notify you within 45 days of whether your application is complete. If the

application is incomplete, the local government must tell you the information that is needed. The local government then has 90 days from notification of a complete application to approve or deny the facility.

*Can I appeal a local government decision?*

Yes, this may be done through the following; local appeals process, appeal the decision to the State Livestock facilities Siting Review Board, or court.

Persons that may appeal to the decision of the local government include the applicant and any person that resides or owns land within 2 miles of the proposed livestock facility.

For more information, visit the DATCP siting web site at: <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/core/environment/land-water/siting.html>



## Premises Registration

Don't forget to register your premises. Under the Wisconsin Premises Registration Act, anyone who keeps, houses or co-mingles livestock must register their premises by the November 1, 2005 deadline. Premises registration is being conducted through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) in cooperation with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

What is Premises Registration; well it is the first step in establishing a national ID system. Through the registration process a database of locations that keep or co-mingle livestock will be created to shorten the time it takes to track animal diseases. Livestock include cattle and bison, sheep, swine, poultry, goats, horses, deer and elk, and llama.

There is no cost to register your premises, and it is easy to do. There are three options to register, online at [www.wiid.org](http://www.wiid.org) and clicking on the WLIC Premises Registration link; call WLIC at 1-888-808-1910 to request a form; or write to Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, 135 Enterprise Drive Suite ID, Verona WI 53593.

For more information contact WLIC at 1-888-808-1910 or contact your local extension office.

## Dairy Beef Seminar Set for November

People who work in the dairy beef industry - producers, consultants,

and higher education and extension educators -- can mark their calendars now for a valuable conference to be held Nov. 1 and 2 in Rochester, Minn.

According to Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, this meeting will focus on academic research related to dairy beef production and expertise from industry professionals and producers. Extension and industry representatives are working together to offer this program.

Topics will include an overview of nutrient requirements for dairy beef steers, amino acid nutrition of the young dairy calf, forage to concentrate ratios, ethanol co-product utilization, implant strategies, Optaflexx, meat quality from dairy steers, market aspects related to Holstein steers, grazing Holstein steers, impact of colostrum and milk replacer on immunity and more.

The meeting will be at the Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester, Minn. It is sponsored by the North Central Region 206 Feedlot Committee and the 4-State Dairy Management members. Lehmkuhler and Robert Tigner, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist, co-chair the planning group.

More details about registration and the program will be announced later this spring. Keep an eye open for additional information.

**For more information, please contact Jeff Lehmkuhler, 608-263-7761, [jwl@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:jwl@ansci.wisc.edu).**

## **Cow-Calf Meetings Slated for April 19 - 21**

Cow-calf producers are encouraged to attend one in a series of statewide meetings on beef cow-calf marketing and management. University of Wisconsin-Extension's Livestock Focus Team sponsors these meetings.

This year's programs cover current topics of interest to cow-calf producer, including:  
Successfully Marketing Cows and Bulls, Benefits and Design of Grazing Systems,  
A 2005 Beef Market Outlook, and  
Premise ID and Animal Identification.

The dates, times and locations are:

**Tuesday, April 19**, Bluff View Farms, Mauston, 4:30 p.m. to 8: 30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Contact Keith Vander Velde, 608-297-9153.

**Wednesday, April 20**, Spruce-Air Farms, Pulaski, 4:30 p.m. to 8: 30 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Contact Zen Miller, 920-832-5119.

**Thursday, April 21**, Pete Hubin Farm, Spooner, 4:30 p.m. to 8: 30 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Contact Otto Wiegand, 715-635-3506.

Participants will have an opportunity to view the facilities and visit with other producers and UW-Extension personnel. **Please register by April 15.**

Contact: Keith Vander Velde, 608-297-9153 ext. 4,  
[Keith.vandervelde@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Keith.vandervelde@ces.uwex.edu)

## **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW CAMP THIS YEAR**

The Northwest Show Camp is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a day camp at Clark County Fairgrounds in Neillsville. Presenters will be on hand to teach youth about beef cattle, market lambs, breeding sheep, and hogs. Cost of this camp is \$10 per participant, which includes lunch.

The State Livestock Show Camp is held at State Fair Park in Milwaukee June 17- 19. Campers arrive Friday afternoon and depart Sunday after lunch. The renown camp presenters are come from across the United States to teach our livestock youth about hogs, market lambs, breeding sheep, and beef cattle. The \$75 camp fee includes all room and board for the week-end, a recreational activity Saturday night, camp shirts, and parting gifts. This is a great opportunity to learn more about livestock project work and have the chance to meet new friends with similar interests.

For more information, look for camp registration forms on the WLBA web-site which is <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youth/index.htm>. You can also contact the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Youth Development Program director at (608) 543-3778.

# PASTURE WALKS

## OCOOCH GRAZERS PASTURE WALKS 2005

Ocooch Grazing Network (Richland County) will host the following pasture walks in 2005. Walks begin at 1 pm. Refreshments provided.

For more info call Jean Stramel, NRCS Grazing Specialist at 608-647-8874 ext 110.

| Date   | Host   | Location   | Topics  |
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| <b>May 17</b><br>Tuesday<br>10: 30 am<br><b>Co-sponsored<br/>           by Great River<br/>           Grazers</b>  | Carroll Ehrhardt<br>647-3533<br>19864 Cupp Lane                | From Richland Center go 4 miles north on Hwy 80, left on Hwy 56 through Gillingham, left on ZZ to Cupp Lane.   | High stocking rate on a dairy grazing farm, recent parlor renovation, fencing challenges.                         |
| <b>June 15</b><br>Wednesday<br>1:00 pm   | Graham and Margaret Phillipson<br>647-7118<br>21925 Cty Hwy ZZ | From Richland Center go 3 miles west on Hwy 14, north on ZZ, 3 miles to farm   | Purebred sheep grazing. Working stock dog demonstration.  |
| <b>July 6</b><br>Wednesday<br>1:00 pm<br><b>Co-sponsored<br/>           by Organic<br/>           Valley/CROPP</b> | Mike and Pam Green<br>538-3838<br>20023 Rebel Ridge Drive      | From Richland Center go 11 miles west on Hwy 14 to Bosstown, go north on G one mile to Hilltop Valley Road, go right ½ mile to Rebel Ridge Drive, turn left. | Organic beef, recently converted from dairy. <b>Guest speaker: forage management specialist Geoff Brink, ARS.</b> |
| <b>August 17</b><br>Wednesday<br>1:00 pm   | Glenn and Dean Scoville<br>647-4407<br>27092 Snow Valley Road  | From Richland Center go 11 miles north on Hwy 80 to Cty I, right one mile to Snow Valley Road.   | Long term pasture management, dairy and beef.   |
| <b>Sept 14</b><br>Wednesday<br>1:00 pm   | Brian Denman<br>647-3741<br>26528 Hillview Drive               | From Richland Center go west on Q, left on Y, 2 miles to Hillview Drive, turn right.   | Dairy, beef, sheep, and poultry. Soil quality assessment and discussion.  |
| <b>October 12</b><br>Wednesday<br>1:00 pm  | Wade Loresch<br>647-5953<br>18617 Cty Hwy A                    | From Richland Center, go 2 miles north on Hwy 80 to A, left on A about 8 miles.  | Dairy grazer. EQIP cost share.  |

# Great River Graziers 2005 Pasture Walks

For more information call:

Doug Spany at 608-875-5200 Vance Haugen at 608-326-0223

Ron Sutton 608-734-3695

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| April 5<br>10:30 a.m.  | Jack Ott<br>(608)624-3253         | Take County C out of Soldiers Grove, stay right at the first left curve in the road that is Norwegian Hollow. Jack=s farm is 3 farms down on the right. 47192 Norwegian Hollow Road, Soldiers Grove, WI  | Pasture basics on a start up beef operation.   |
| April 19<br>10:30 a.m. | Dennis Rooney<br>(608)874-4239    | From Seneca, take Hwy 27 south to Cty Rd E; go approx. 5 miles east on Cty Rd E then turn right onto Crowley Hill Rd. At the top of the hill is the Rooney farm on the left. Con the corner of Crowley Hill Rd and Dudenbostel Lane.   | Feed pad plan and converting crop land to paddock.   |
| May 3<br>10:30 a.m.    | Joe Winnes<br>507-542-4515        | From Lansing, turn right on Hwy 26, go to New Albin, IA at the MN boarder. 6 miles North of New Albin turn left onto County Road 249. 1/2 mile turn left on Nelson Valley Road, Farm is at the end of Nelson Valley Road. 18838 Nelson Valley Rd   | Constructive criticism grass management land. Dairy certified organic. 35 cows.                  |
| May 17<br>10:30 a.m.   | Carroll Ehrhardt<br>(608)647-3533 | 4 miles North of Richland Center on Hwy 80, west 4 miles on Hwy 56, left onto Cty Z, at the cemetery. Go 1/2 mile take the 1st left, Cupp Lane, 1/4 mile to Carroll=s farm. 19864 Cupp Lane, Richland Center, WI 53581   | High stocking rates on a dairy grazing farm. Fencing challenges.                                 |
| June 7<br>10:30 a.m.   | Jack Ott<br>(608)624-3253         | Take County C out of Soldiers Grove, stay right at the first left curve in the road, that is Norwegian Hollow. Jack=s farm is 3 farms down on the right. 47192 Norwegian Hollow Road, Soldiers Grove, WI   | Fine tuning beef operation grazing plan. Fencing options.  |
| June 21<br>10:30 am    | Mark Bergemann<br>(608)538-3859   | From Soldiers Grove take Hwy 61 to Cty H, turn left onto Cty H, at the intersection of Cty H and Cty X take a left onto Cty X go approx. 1/4 mile turn right onto Boyle Rd. The road will Y, Boyle road turns into Ryan Rd, go approx. 1 mile, Mark=s farm is the first farm on the right. 40355 Ryan Road, Soldiers Grove | Third year grazing results and bull pool information.  |
| July 5<br>10:30 a.m.   | Roger Dahlberg<br>(608)874-4265   | From Seneca, take Hwy 27 south to Cty E; go approx. 2 miles east on Cty E; turn right on Progressive Ridge Rd; continue approx. 1 mile to Dahlberg Rd. Dalhberg Rd Dead ends at the farm, Fire #55247  | Highway to heaven, new and improved lane. A very severe lane that moves cows 400 ft. vertically. |

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| July 19<br>10:30 a.m.      | Jahnke Family<br>Farm<br>608-723-7863   | From Lancaster go North on Hwy 61, about 2 miles, turn left onto Circle Road, go Approx 1/2 mile turn left onto Scenic Road, another 1/2 mile to Kevin=s farm, driveway to the right. 5312 Scenic Road, Lancaster.   | Summer slump options on organic dairy/beef, grass/hay only farm.  |
| August 2<br>10:30 a.m.     | Mark Burbach<br>(608)872-2202           | Farm is on west side of Hwy 61, 3 1/4 miles south of Rolling Ground. Hope Lane, Fire #19708  | Review new seeding and analyze paddock system.  |
| August 16<br>10:30 a.m.    | Don and Mike<br>Boland<br>(608)734-3958 | Take Hwy 27 north of Seneca about 3 miles; farm is on the right side of the road. Fire #18732.   | Kura clover and high stocking rate data.  |
| September 6<br>10:30 a.m.  | Jack Ott<br>(608)624-3253               | Take County C out of Soldiers Grove, stay right at the first left curve in the road, that is Norwegian Hollow. Jack=s farm is 3 farms down on the right. 47192 Norwegian Hollow Road, Soldiers Grove, WI   | Getting ready for fall on a new beef operation.   |
| September 20<br>10:30 a.m. | Bob Molini<br>(608)875-5810             | From Wauzeka take Hwy 60 West, about 2 miles turn right (North) onto Dutch Ridge Road. 90 degree turn, stay on Dutch Ridge Rd, go left (past Sprosty Hill Rd) take next left, Ash Hill Rd. Top of hill take a right on Cottontail Lane, at the T take a left over cattle grate to Bob=s farm. 33759 Cottontail Lane, Wauzeka, WI | Some results of an organic attempt to control thistle. Once a day milking. Also Wauzeka/Steuben students will visit.        |
| October 4<br>10:30 a.m.    | Jim Munsch<br>(608)452-3769             | From Coon Valley go South on Hwy 14 for 1 mile, turn right onto Cty B go 1 mile, turn right onto Sveum Road go 1/2 mile, turn right onto Bagsted Lane, Jim=s farm is at the end of Bagsted Lane. S995 Bagsted Lane, Coon Valley  | Soil Nutrient management with organic beef. 40 cow/calf operation. CIAS experiment with Jeff Lehmkuhler. Planting soft leaf |
| October 18<br>10:30 a.m.   | Gene Schriefer<br>(608)-987-4337        | From Dodgeville, go South on Hwy 23/151 about 3 1/2 miles to County Road Y. Turn left onto County Y, go about 3 miles, at the top of a hill, turn right at 2409 and follow the long drive way to Gene=s farm. 2409 County Road Y, Dodgeville, WI 53533   | Sheep / beef and 20 years of grazing.   |

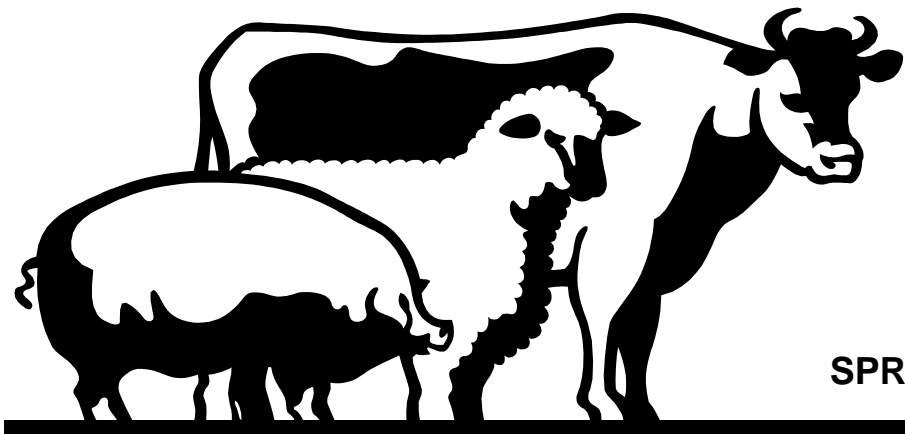
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