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Resources and Event Updates for January 2018

Resources

How Important is Exports to U.S. Agriculture?

Trade is a key factor to agricultural income in the U.S. and much of this is associated with NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). The American Farm Bureau summarized USDA data to show just how important these trade agreements are to the U.S.

The data is shown by commodity and state. Check out the percentages for WI for some interesting statistics!
Visit the [American Farm Bureau article](#).

New Video Addresses Eye Exposure to Chemicals

Safety should always be a top priority on the farm. Brown County UW-Extension Agent, Liz Binversie, just recently published a video on how to protect your eyes and what to do when there is an incident. The free videos are available in Spanish and English. Visit [the Eye Exposure to Chemicals Video](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Events

2018 OGRAIN Organic Grain Conference offered in January

The 2018 OGRAIN Organic Grain Conference will be held January 26-27, 2018 on the UW-Madison campus. Participants will enjoy two full days of expert presentations, engaging panels, productive discussions and time to meet other farmers interested in organic grain production in the Upper Midwest. The conference will give farmers the skills, concepts and network necessary to succeed in growing and marketing organic grains in the Upper Midwest. The cost for participants is \$80 for both days. Registration includes breakfast and lunch. For more information and to register, visit ograin.triforce.cals.wisc.edu.

Grassworks Grazing Conference January 30th - February 1st

Interested in grazing? This is the conference for you! Visit the conference website to register and learn more: <https://grassworks.org/events/grazing-conference/>

Strip-Till Soybean Production

Shawn Conley, UW Soybean and Small Grains Specialist

Does Strip Tillage or Fertilizer Placement Influence the Soybean Row Spacing Yield Response? The objective of this study is to quantify the effect of strip tillage and fertilizer placement on soybean stand establishment and seed yield.

To view the full study, head to the link below >>>
<http://www.coolbean.info/library/documents/Strip-TillSoybeanProduction.pdf>

The Economic Forecast for Corn Production Next Season

Joe Lauer, UW Corn Specialist

<http://ipcm.wisc.edu/blog/2018/01/economic-forecast-for-corn-production-next-season/>

Dane County Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings

February 13 – Red Mouse, Cross Plains
March 1 – Christiana Town Hall, Cambridge
More information can be found at:
<https://fyi.uwex.edu/danecountyag/pesticide-applicator-training/>

EWEniversity – A Program for Sheep Producers

Mondays, February 5-March 19, from 6-9PM
State Bank of Cross Plains, Mount Horeb

Got sheep? Considering starting a meat and/or fiber business? This course is for you! We will meet weekly for 6 weeks during February and March focusing on the following topics: Business Planning, Pastures & Grazing, Sheep Internal Parasites & Flock Health, Nutrition, Facilities & Animal Handling, Sheep Economics & Marketing.

Click this link for more information:
<https://fyi.uwex.edu/danecountyag/events/eweniversity-a-program-for-sheep-producers/>

MOSES Organic Farming Conference - February 22-24

If you are interested in organic or "chemical-free" agriculture, this conference covers everything from dairy and livestock to crops to value-added processing. Visit the conference website to register and learn more: <https://mosesorganic.org/conference/>

Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference – February 27, 2018, Steven's Point Holiday Inn

This conference will help Wisconsin farmers use cover crops more successfully on their farms. There will be something there for everyone, from farmers that have never tried cover crops to veteran cover croppers. The event will also include farmers presenter from across Wisconsin, who are making cover crops work for their systems. We're excited to hear their stories and learn about what has worked, as well as what hasn't worked on their operations. The keynote speaker will be Barry Fisher from NRCS Indiana. Editors of "No-Till Farmer" magazine recognized Barry as one of the Nation's Top 25 No-Till Legends.

Registration: \$40 per person. Lunch and snack breaks included in registration fee. Exhibitor tables available

for sponsors. For more information and to register, visit: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/covercrop/conference/>



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