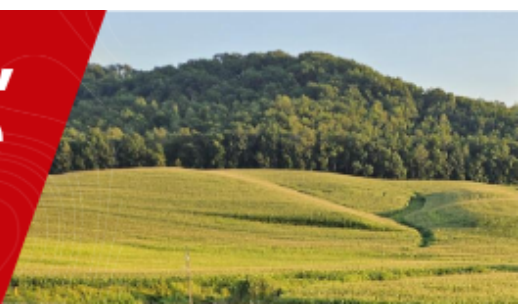


Buffalo, Trempealeau, & Jackson Ag Update

News from your local UW Extension Crops & Soils Educator



October 2026

This newsletter is written by your local UW-Madison Extension Crops and Soils Educator, **Grace Finnerty**.

Field Notes

This past month I had the opportunity to attend a couple great field days. The weed management field day at Arlington Ag Research Station was a sober reminder to steward the herbicide chemistries that we have by managing against herbicide resistance. Scouting field borders for weeds and mowing them down as needed as well as cleaning your combine between fields pay off. See [this video](#), also linked below, for how to do a quick 30 minute clean to prevent weed seed spread.

The Buffalo-Trempealeau Watershed group also hosted a great plot tour this past month, where we had the chance to see a Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP) plot and some cover crops. This is a great group to get connected with if you are interested in cover crops, experimentation, and/or conservation. Please reach out to me or Karl Geske (608-484-0225), watershed group president, to be connected. I've also linked a field notes episode on winter covers below.

As we come into harvest season, programming and outreach has started to quiet down on my end, and I have been using this time to think about what kind of programming might be valuable to you over the winter.

Some ideas include:

- Open barn equipment tours (like an open house 😊)
- Manure applicator training
- Weed management strategies/planning workshops
- Soil conservation networks

Do any of these ideas appeal to you? Do you think something else would be better? Let me know! You can reply to this email or give me a call.

- Grace Finnerty

Upcoming Events

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Regionally Specific Conservation Practices and Phosphorus Research Updates- November 9th, 6-7pm at Buzz's Bar and Grill

Join us for an evening at Buzz's in Mondovi to learn about phosphorus research and conservation practices for our region, hosted by the Farmers 4 Health watershed group and UW-Madison Division of Extension. Pizza provided by Farmers 4 Health.

[Registration](#)

LAST MONTH: Badger Crop Connect Webinars 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 12:30pm

The **Badger Crop Connect webinar series** continues every second and fourth Thursday of the month through October. Tune in for research updates and timely topics for the Wisconsin farmer or agronomist. CCA CEUs available.

[Register for Webinars](#)



Badger Crops and Soils Update Meetings: Registration and Early Bird Discount Open

Each meeting features nine UW-Madison soil and water, agronomy, and pest



Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference (WWASH), December 15-16th - Kalahari Resort and Convention Center

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growing season and outlooks for 2027 research projects. Meetings hosted in different parts of the state December 2-4.

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A merging of the Cover Crops Conference and Discovery Farms Conference in 2023, the Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference brings farmers, consultants, and Extension and agency staff to the same table to learn about and talk through what's new in soil health and water quality.

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Images from the Field



Dr. Patrick Tranel presents “Why Have the Rules Changed for Managing Herbicide Resistance?”



Waterhemp regrowth after Liberty Ultra application





Watershed group plot tour where we learned about a nitrogen optimization pilot program plot, diverse cover crop mixes, and vegetable growing for a farm stand

Alternative Crops for Risk Management

Grace Finnerty, Regional Crops & Soils Educator, UW-Madison Extension



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Presentation for the Farm Bureau annual meeting

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Field Notes Episode 2: Winter Cover Crops

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Combine Cleaning: A Simple Step to Reduce Weed Seed Dispersal

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Seed Cleaning on the Farm: Equipment Options and Considerations

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