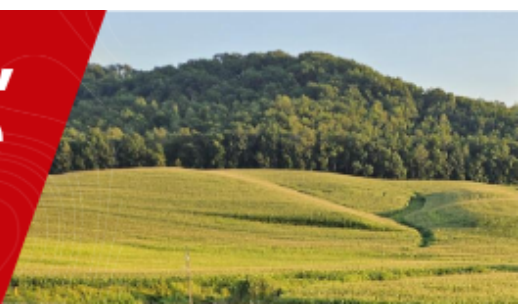


Buffalo, Trempealeau, & Jackson Ag Update

News from your local UW Extension Crops & Soils Educator



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

Field Notes

Thanks to all those who attended the Soybean Gall Midge and Beef Cow-Calf Field Days this past month. These field days were excellent learning opportunities for me, and I enjoyed the chance to meet some new folks.

If you have ideas for future field day topics, please give me a call at 608-418-3262 or fill out this anonymous survey to share your thoughts: [Click here for survey](#).

I know it's been a dry month for many. It might have you thinking about ways that you can reduce input costs or diversify your operation with new crops or animals. Extension offers support for experimentation in a variety of ways. The [Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program](#) gives you the chance to try different nitrogen rates, sources, timings, methods, etc. to see what's right for your farm. Alternative field crops and different types of cover crops can offer an additional source of forage and a way to protect soil moisture. Other organizations support conservation practices like rotational grazing (NRCS) and precision agriculture prairie strips (Pheasants Forever). If you have an interest in experimentation or trying something new on your farm, please reach out and I'll connect you with any available programs.

For those of you in Jackson County, I plan to speak at the annual meeting on September 13th and hope to talk about some alternative crops. The upcoming Buffalo-Trempealeau Farmer-Led Field Tour is another great local opportunity to hear about experimentation – see the flyer below.

Also, if you want to learn more about the ways in which your fellow farmers have experimented with conservation practices, attend the Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference (WWASH). [Applications for scholarships to attend are open now and due September 14th. General registration opens on September 14th as well.](#)

– Grace Finnerty

Upcoming Events

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FARMER-LED

Field Tour

September
10

2026

Hosted by
Buffalo Trempealeau Farmer Network

8:30

Bus Pickup | Western WI Tech College
36084 Walnut St. Independence

9:30 - 10:30

Huntsinger Farms | NOPP Plot
HWY 37 Mondovi 1 mi north of Valley Golf - watch for signs!

10:45 - Noon

Huntsinger Farms
Farm Overview, Networking and Lunch
W2394 HWY 37, Eau Claire *Additional Bus Pickup

1:00 - 2:00

Andy Bensend | NOPP Plot and Farm Tour
1528 1 1/2 Ave, Dallas

2:45 - 4:00

Joe Ailts | Field Tour and Infiltration Demo
2226 Co Rd T, Deer Park

5:00

Return to Huntsinger Farms for vehicle connections

5:45

Return to WWTC for vehicle connections



**Text Karl at 608.484.0225 to
secure your seat on the bus!**



Wisconsin Extension Weed Management Workshop, September 2nd – Arlington Agricultural Research Station

Join us for presentations and field plot tours to learn key fundamentals while also taking a deeper dive into herbicide resistance evolution to connect foundational concepts with practical, field-level implications and decision-making.

[Registration](#)

[More Information](#)



Badger Crop Connect Webinars 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Noon

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](#)



Wisconsin Water and Soil Health

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2026 Grazing School, September 16-17th - Marshfield Agricultural Research Station

Grassworks' Wisconsin Schools of Grazing offers unique, hands-on educational experiences designed to empower graziers with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage pasture-based livestock systems.

[Registration](#)

[More Information](#)

15-16th - Kalahari Resort and Convention Center

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.

[More Information](#)

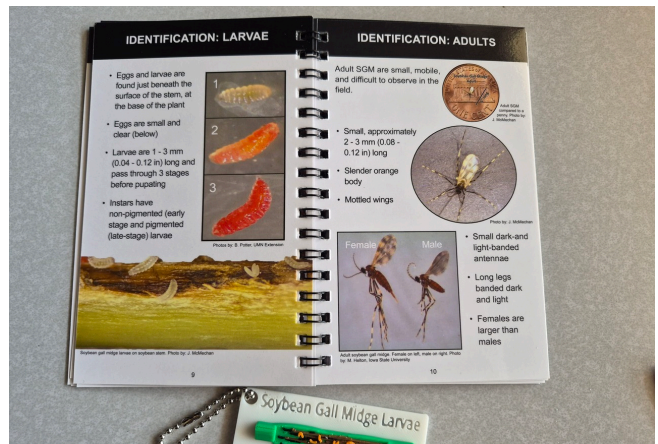
Images from the Field



Grace presenting at Beef Cow-Calf Field Day.



Kyle Nilsestuen, host of the Beef Cow-Calf Field Day, sharing about his grazing practices.



Timely Tips



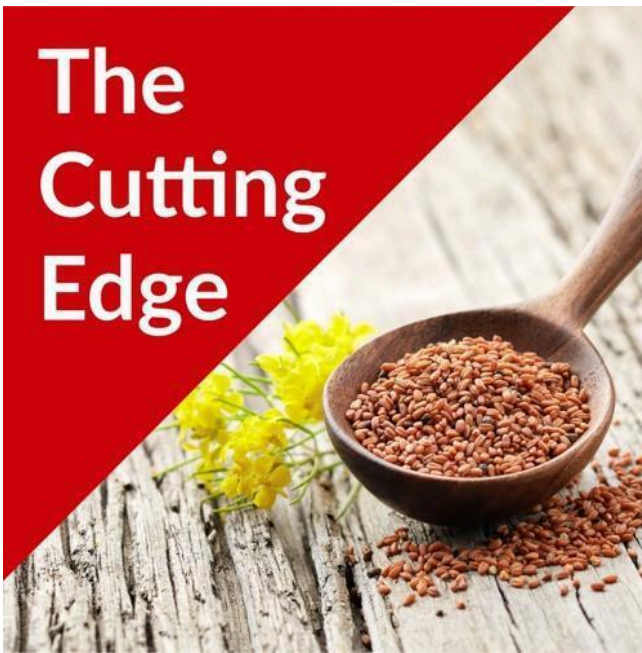
**Cover Crops Before Corn: Is there
a corn yield drag following a rye
cover crop?**

[Read About Project](#)

**Evaluating Nutrient Removal in
Wisconsin Alfalfa Fields**

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The Cutting Edge



The Cutting Edge Podcast: Winter Camelina Market and Research Updates

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Cover Crops 101

[Read Article](#)

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