

Outagamie Forage Council and Midwest Forage Association

2025 Annual Meeting & Educational Program

Buzz's Pub/Grill – W2116 County Rd S, Freedom, WI 54130

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:30 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. Meeting



- 9:30 A.M.** **Registration**
- 10:00 A.M.** **Welcome - Matt Van Wychen, President, OFC and Kevin Jarek, Advisor**
- 10:10 A.M.** **Planning for Alfalfa Success!**
Scott Newell, Ph. D., Alfalfa Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Division of Extension
- 11:00 A.M.** **The Impact of Seeding Rates on Cereal Rye Forage Quality (MPT) & Yield (MPA) & Update on Ongoing 2025 Forage Council Research and Demonstration Projects**
Kevin Jarek, Crops & Soils, UW-Madison, Div. of Extension, Outagamie & Winnebago
- 11:40 A.M.** **Lunch and Outagamie Forage Council Youth Scholarship Presentation**
- 12:30 P.M.** **What's New with Corn Silage - MILK 2024 Updates & Strategies to Reduce Losses**
Luiz Ferraretto, Ph. D., Ruminant Nutrition Extension Specialist, UW-Madison
- 1:30 P.M.** **Midwest Forage Association 2024 Program Update**
Chelsea Russell, Local Council Director, Midwest Forage Association
- 1:45 P.M.** **Annual Business Meeting - Matt Van Wychen, President, Outagamie Forage Council**
- 2:00 P.M.** **Auction Fundraiser with Refreshments...**
- 3:30 P.M.** **Directors' Reorganization Meeting**
2025 Outagamie County Forage Council Executive Board



2025 Outagamie County Forage Council Registration Form

Please fill out a separate form for each person (may combine payment on one check)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Business/Organization _____ E-mail _____

Registration & Membership Payment Choices-Please Read Carefully

- ___ Midwest Forage Association & Outagamie Forage Council Membership & Lunch @ \$75.00=\$ _____
- ___ Outagamie Forage Council Membership & Lunch @ \$45.00=\$ _____
- ___ Midwest Forage Association & Outagamie Forage Council Membership (Not Attending) @ \$55.00=\$ _____
- ___ Outagamie Forage Council Membership (Not Attending) @ \$25.00=\$ _____
- ___ MFA members who renewed in December (\$55 already paid to MFA) only need to buy lunch @ \$20.00=\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHECK PAYABLE TO: OUTAGAMIE FORAGE COUNCIL

PLEASE RETURN BY: MONDAY, FEB. 10, 2025 TO: Extension Outagamie County, Attn: Forage Council, 3365 W Brewster Street, Appleton, WI 54914

I hope this correspondence finds you well and in good spirits as we begin 2025. Dairy and beef were two of the few bright spots in an otherwise forgettable year when it came to the ag commodities markets. Let's hope 2025 is better.

Scott Newell, Ph.D., Alfalfa Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Division of Extension will focus on planning alfalfa management for maximum yield in the context of a dairy. It will start with a presentation of the UW Alfalfa Cutting tool, presenting various use cases throughout the growing season and ways to use the tool to better plan and adapt cutting schedules in changing conditions. The talk will also focus on techniques required to maximize dry matter production in a dairy system, increasing productivity and profit per acre.

Luiz Ferraretto, Ph.D., Ruminant Nutrition Specialist, UW-Madison, will first discuss the new version of the MILK model for corn silage, changes in milk prediction values and advantages compared to previous versions. The second part will discuss strategies to reduce DM losses and the importance of feed hygiene to dairy cows.

This past year, the Outagamie Forage Council continued as the only Forage Council in the state to track and report height, maturity, and quality data for winter cereal forages. Winter cereal forages continue to increase in acreage here in northeast/east-central Wisconsin and **cereal crops** will now be a new category for the **2025 World Forage Analysis SuperBowl (WFAS)**. Maximizing yield and quality requires not only timely planting and fertility, but most importantly, harvest management.

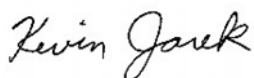
Kevin Jarek, Regional Crops & Soils Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension will share information from the 2023-2024 Cereal Rye Seeding Rate Plots hosted at Sunny Daze Dairy this past year. Additionally, Kevin will also update the ongoing OFC research and demonstration projects as we head into the 2025 growing season.

As has been the case every year, we will recognize our Forage Council Youth Scholarship winner, get an update from Chelsea Russell, Local Council Director, Midwest Forage Association (MFA), conduct our Annual Business Meeting, and conclude with the auction fundraiser that helps support the many on-farm activities and educational outreach programs the Outagamie Forage Council conducts on an annual basis.

Continuing Education Credits will be available for CCA's All of us know more than some of us... plan to attend now!

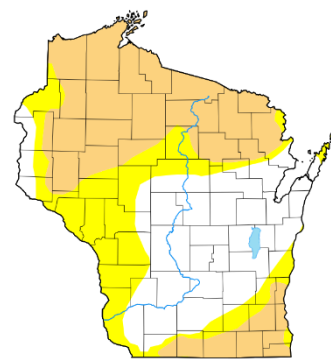
Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Buzz's Pub/Grill in Freedom!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kevin Jarek



Advisor, Outagamie Forage Council

Wisconsin



Map released: Weds. January 1, 2025
Data valid: December 31, 2024 at 7 a.m. EST

Intensity

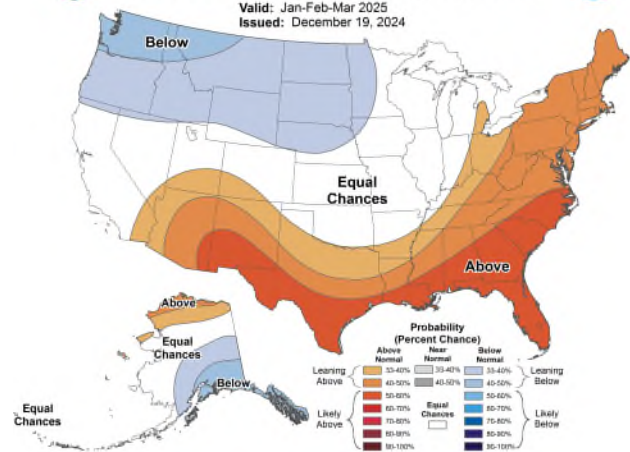
- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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Seasonal Temperature Outlook

Valid: Jan-Feb-Mar 2025
Issued: December 19, 2024



Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Jan-Feb-Mar 2025
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