

## Monday, February 16

Available with a Tuesday/Wednesday registration only:

- 1:00 **UW-Extension Manure Applicator Training 101<sup>AC</sup>**  
Kevin Erb, Jerry Clark, Anastasia Kurth, UW-Madison Division of Extension
- 4:15 **Pump School<sup>B</sup>**  
Puck Enterprises

## Tuesday, February 17

- 8:00 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** - Sponsor: *American Drone*
- 8:40 **Building a Future in Farming: How One Family Is Diversifying & Welcoming the Next Generation<sup>A</sup>**  
Avery & Emily Elsing, New Age Custom Farming - Sauk City, WI
- 9:40 •**Corn Silage After BMR<sup>A</sup>**  
Luiz Ferraretto, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Madison, WI
- Short Corn & Changing Dynamics of Corn Production<sup>A</sup>**  
Harkirat Kaur, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Madison, WI
- Feeding the Crew: Level Up Meal Planning on the Go**  
Christy Paplow, Paplow Customs LLC - Ocheyedan, IA
- Balancing Soil Health & Nutrient Management: NRCS Criteria for Low Disturbance Manure Injection<sup>A</sup>**  
Jamie Patton, USDA NRCS - Appleton, WI  
Barry Bubolz, USDA NRCS - Appleton, WI
- 10:40 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**BREAK** - Sponsor: *Ag Bag by RCI/Forage Storage Solutions*
- 11:00 •**Opportunities in Feed Hygiene & Forage Risk Factors<sup>A</sup>**  
John Goeser, Progressive Dairy Solutions - La Farge, WI
- Greater Than Face Value: Forage Conservation as an Investment<sup>A</sup>**  
Kevin Panke-Buisse, USDA-ARS - Madison, WI
- Making Social Media Work: Tips for Farm & Custom Business Platforms<sup>A</sup>**  
Emily Elsing, New Age Custom Farming - Sauk City, WI
- What I'll Never Do Again: Hard-Learned Lessons from Manure Hauling<sup>AB</sup>**  
Kevin Erb, UW-Madison Division of Extension (*moderator*)  
Jake Zutz, R Braun Inc. - St. Nazianz, WI  
Tom Jostad, Jostad Dragline Services - West Salem, WI  
Taylor Straschinske, Straschinske Ag Services - Boyd, WI  
Chris Sponenburg, CS Custom Services LLC - Seymour, WI
- 12:00 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**LUNCH (Room E)** - Sponsor: *CLAAS of America*
- 1:30 •**Alfalfa's Potential for Human Nutrition<sup>A</sup>**  
Jo Heuschele, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN
- Alfalfa Feed Value: Its Overlooked Boosters & Breakers<sup>A</sup>**  
Kyle Taysom, Dairyland Laboratories - La Crosse, WI
- The Unseen Load: Stress, Support & Mental Wellness in the Field<sup>B</sup>**  
Dan Dohrmann, Dohrmann Enterprises - Waite Park, MN  
Karen Endres, Wisconsin DATCP - Madison, WI  
Megan Wolf, Soul Good Counseling - Shullsburg, WI
- Building Partnerships: Applicators, Town Boards, & Citizens Navigating Manure Management & Road Use<sup>AB</sup>**  
Jerry Clark, UW-Madison Division of Extension (*moderator*)  
Adam Massart, Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy - Kewaunee, WI  
Matt Joski, Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department - Kewaunee, WI  
Erin Tomasik, Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative - Sun Prairie, WI
- 2:30 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**BREAK (Foyer)** - Sponsor: *Meyer Manufacturing*
- 3:00 •**Forage Mixtures with Alfalfa<sup>A</sup>**  
Josh Gamble, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN  
Nick Fitzgerald, Soaring Eagle Dairy - Newton, WI
- Alfalfa: Beneficial Feed Ingredient & Whole System Component<sup>A</sup>**  
Alfredo DiCostanzo, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE
- Custom Farming Around the World: Similarities & Differences<sup>A</sup>**  
Matthias Siegrist, Siegrist Harvesting Inc. - Ottawa, ON
- Insurance Insights: Why Premiums Are Rising & How to Manage Costs Without Losing Coverage<sup>AB</sup>**  
Mike Endres, Endres Insurance Agency - Cross Plains, WI

-Agenda subject to change-

## Tuesday, continued

- 4:00 •**Agricultural Drones in Forage Management<sup>A</sup>**  
John Luhmann, Luhmann Drone Applications - Rushford, MN
- Implementing the Short-Term Perennial Option in NRCS 328<sup>A</sup>**  
Jon Habeck, USDA NRCS Oneida Nation - Oneida, WI  
Jamie Patton, USDA NRCS - Appleton, WI
- Understanding the WCO-PNAAW Affiliation + Q & A**
- 5:00 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**BAR** (*tap beer hosted by Meyer Manufacturing*)
- 6:00 **"Trivia Night" Dinner, Prizes, & Live Auction**  
*Banquet Sponsors: HarvXtra, John Deere, & Krone America*
- "TRIVIA NIGHT" DINNER!!** **Tuesday Night**
-  **Trivia & Prizes!** **Cash Bar!** **Cash Bar @ 5:00pm**  
**Family Style Dinner!** **Networking!** **Dinner @ 6:00pm**  
**Live Auction!** **No Speakers!**
- Entertainment Sponsors:**  
*HarvXtra, Nutretain Silage Inoculants, & Puck*
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## Wednesday, February 18

- 8:00 **Midwest Forage Association Annual Meeting & Local Council Roundtable**  
*Breakfast sponsor: HarvXtra for MFA members - get ticket at Room I*
- Wisconsin Custom Operators Annual Meeting**  
*Breakfast sponsor: H&S for WCO members - get ticket at Room G*
- EXHIBIT HALL**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** - Sponsor: *Grouser Products*
- 9:30 **Custom Farming Around the World: A Look Inside a Canadian Custom Business with Swiss Roots<sup>A</sup>**  
Matthias Siegrist, Siegrist Harvesting Inc. - Ottawa, ON
- 10:30 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**BREAK** - Sponsor: *Poettinger US*
- 11:00 •**Smart Fertility for Forage Success<sup>A</sup>**  
Liz Gartman, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Sheboygan, WI
- Making Cents of Fertility Dollars: Economics & N Credits<sup>A</sup>**  
Jordyn Sattler, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Brodhead, WI
- From Classroom to Career: A Model for Growing Ag Interest in High School Students**  
Gwen Boettcher, DeForest Area School District - DeForest, WI
- Spill Research Project Findings: Root Causes & Key Insights<sup>AB</sup>**  
Kevin Erb, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Green Bay, WI  
Jerry Clark, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Chippewa Falls, WI
- 12:00 **LUNCH (Room E)** - Sponsor: *Scherer Inc.*
- 12:30 **EXHIBIT HALL**  
**BREAK** - Sponsor: *Bank First*
- 1:30 •**Efficient Farms, Profitable Futures<sup>A</sup>**  
Amber Keller, Compeer Financial - Dodgeville, WI
- Cutting, Icing, & Tools for Evaluating Persistence<sup>A</sup>**  
Matthew Siebers, US Dairy Forage Research Center - Madison, WI
- Planting for Success: Tips to Optimize Your Planter<sup>A</sup>**  
Joseph Fugate, Insight FS - Darlington, WI
- Manure Toolbar & Application Technology<sup>A</sup>**  
Kevin Erb, UW-Madison Division of Extension (*moderator*)  
Phil Brown, Puck - Farley, IA  
Dave Eisentraut, Eisentraut Ag Services - Waldo, WI  
Jeff Marggi, Zimmerman Manufacturing - Oregon, WI  
Isaac Lemmenes, Nuhn Industries - West Bend, WI
- 2:30 **What's New in Equipment<sup>A</sup>**  
David Blankenship, Oxbo Forage - Marshfield, WI  
Lyndon Luckasson, Scherer Inc. - Tea, SD  
Randy Clark, Ag-Bag by RCI - Mayville, WI  
Kyle Berning, Krone North America - Dubuque, IA

Session Key: Room E, Room I, Upper Dells Ballroom, Room G

<sup>A</sup>Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) Credit Sessions

<sup>B</sup>WCO Safety Certification Sessions

<sup>C</sup>Manure Applicator Training Certificate of Completion Awarded

**Proceedings Available  
with Registration**

## Exhibitors



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|--|----------------------------------|
| Ag-Bag by RCI/Forage Storage Solutions - 1 | Midwest Sidewalls - 16           |
| Albert Lea Seed House - 25                 | New Holland Ag - 2               |
| American Drone - 34                        | Nicolet National Bank - 30       |
| Bank First - 7                             | Nuhn Industries - 24             |
| CLAAS of America - 8                       | Nutretain Silage Inoculants - 31 |
| CROPLAN - 26,37                            | Oxbo Forage/H&S - 22             |
| Dairyland Laboratories - 5                 | Phil's Pumping & Fab Inc - 17    |
| Dohrmann Enterprises - 33                  | PIPE AG - F4,F5                  |
| Eisentraut Ag Services - ROC Mergers - 10  | Poettinger US - 15               |
| Endres Insurance Agency - F8               | Primrose Oil Company - 21        |
| Grouser Products - 14                      | Puck - 9                         |
| Hansen Auction Group - 13                  | R Braun Inc. - 23                |
| Hay & Forage Grower - F9                   | Scherer Inc. - 32                |
| International Stock Food Corp - 35         | Strong Microbials - 27           |
| John Deere - 6                             | Tama USA - 36                    |
| Krone America - 4                          | Total Crops, Inc - 28            |
| KSI Supply, Inc - 12                       | TriCal Superior Forage - 11      |
| Kuhn North America - 29                    | Versa Corporation - 18           |
| La Crosse Seed - 3                         | WCO - Foyer                      |
| Meyer Manufacturing - F1,F2                | Wind Defender - 20               |
| MFA - Foyer                                | Zimmerman Manufacturing - 19     |

### Live Auction - During Trivia Night Dinner

\$1,000 CLAAS Parts Coupon  
Bar Leaner from CLAAS

Limited Edition CLAAS JAGUAR Belt Buckle & Limited Edition CLAAS Whiskey  
Milwaukee PACKOUT kit with Grease Gun/Impact Kit from Grouser Products  
Steel Sign from Meyer Manufacturing

Beef & Bison Steaks & Sausage from Oneida Nation Farm  
5 Free iPad/Cellular Plan/Software Use for 2026 Harvest from PIPE AG  
\$300 Scherer Parts Coupon

Two Tickets to All-Inclusive Brewers Game April 10, 2026 from Total Crops  
Two Registrations to USCHI Convention from US Custom Harvesters

### Silent Auction - Closing at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday

1/32 Scale CLAAS JAGUAR 990TT Model

Rebound AA Conventional Alfalfa Seed from CROPLAN

Two Old Fashioned Making Kits from Dohrmann Enterprises

Toy Merger from Eisentraut Ag Services

Ariat Sweatshirt & Hat from Grouser Products

RTIC Cooler with Swag from Hansen Auction Group

1/16th Scale John Deere 8300 Basket from Riesterer & Schnell

1/32 Krone Big X 580 Forage Harvester

1/2 Million Gallon Treatment of iManure from Strong Microbials

500 Ton Multi-Sile Inoculant from Total Crops

Two Packs with Jacket, Sweatshirt, Hat, & T-Shirt from Versa Corporation

...and more!



# SYMPOSIUM

## 2026

## FEBRUARY 16-18

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Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

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