

October 7-13, 2018

# Extension Week

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## Agriculture and Horticulture Programming Schedule



### **Recent Market Turmoil and the Future of Dairy Farming in Ashland/ Bayfield Counties**

**Monday, October 8, 1:00-2:30PM, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center  
Mark Stephenson, Director of Dairy Policy Analysis at UW-Madison**

What does the recent turmoil in dairy markets and dairy trade mean for our local dairy farmers? What does the future look like for our farmers when markets are so far away? Dr. Mark Stephenson, the Director of Dairy Policy Analysis at UW-Madison, will provide an overview of dairy markets and discuss how recent turmoil may affect dairy farming in northern Wisconsin.



### **Renewable Energy: Updates and Next Steps**

**Monday, October 8, 6:00-7:30PM, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center  
CheqBay Renewables, Xcel Energy, Bayfield Electric, Next Energy Solutions**

It's been roughly one year since the kick-off of the solar group buy and announcement of Xcel's community solar project. During this panel presentation we'll discuss what has been accomplished to-date and what's next. This event is a great opportunity for anyone interested in renewable energy for home, business, or government.



### **Aquaculture Facility Tour and Open House**

**Wednesday, October 10, 1:00-3:00PM, Northern Aquaculture Demonstration  
Facility, Red Cliff, WI  
Greg Fischer and staff**

Aquaculture is a growing industry in Wisconsin and the UW-Stevens Point Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility is leading the way in developing and supporting recirculating fish production systems. Come tour the facility and learn more about aquaculture during this open house event. No registration required.



### **Wild and Cultivated Mushroom**

**Thursday, October 11, 6:30-8:00PM, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center  
Travis Lynch, Travis' Wild and Exotic Mushrooms**

Mushrooming is a rewarding, but potentially dangerous activity. Come learn from the experts on how to safely identify and harvest wild mushrooms and to cultivate your own. The event is free and open to the public.



**Happy Hour Chat—What’s Next for Local Foods**  
**Friday, October 12, 5:00-6:30, SOEI, Northland College**

Join us for a casual happy hour of updates and conversation. Hear from regional local food colleagues about current projects, and ideas for the future. What’s next for local food in the Chequamegon Bay Region? *Light snacks and tea will be served. Cash bar will be stocked with local beer and cider.*



**Hazelnuts in Northern Wisconsin: A Potential New Crop**  
**Saturday, Oct 13 Noon-1:00PM, Eileen Town Hall, Bayfield Business Park (former Ag Station)**  
**Jason Fischbach, UW-Extension Food and Energy Woody Crops Specialist**

UW-Extension has been working for more than a decade to develop hazelnuts into a high-value crop for farmers in northern Wisconsin. With recent identification of 10 select cultivars, it is time for the next stage with growers trying the hazelnuts on their farms. Jason Fischbach, Co-Leader of the Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative and Agriculture Agent for Ashland/Bayfield Counties will discuss the hazelnut opportunity and how growers can get involved. With revenue potential more than \$3000/acre, hazelnuts could be a great opportunity for our region. Come learn more! Registration is requested, but not required.



**Growing Fast Trees: For Landowners That Can’t Wait**  
**Saturday, Oct 13 1:00-2:30PM, Eileen Town Hall, Bayfield Business Park (former Ag Station)**  
**Jason Fischbach, UW-Extension Food and Energy Woody Crops Specialist**

The best time to plant trees is 20 years ago, the second best time is today! Fast growing hybrid poplar, willow, and tamarack are good options for those that want to grow trees and grow them fast. Plus, all three do well on clay soils. At this field day we’ll talk about site selection, establishment, and maintenance. We’ll also tour 10 year old plantings so you can see the trees in action. Registration is requested, but not required.



**Hay Buying Workshop**  
**Saturday, Oct 13 3:00-4:30PM, Benoit Community Center, Benoit, WI**  
**Matt Cogger, UW-Extension Horticulture Educator**

How do you know what you’re getting when buying hay? What’s a fair price for buyer and seller? Come to the Extension Week Hay Buying Workshop to find out more! This workshop is intended for buyers and sellers of hay. Registration is requested, but not required.

**For more information on these or other great Extension Week programs go to one of the websites listed below.**



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