



# Agriculture Dairy Programming: Jan to March 25



## Extension Dairy

### Educator Manuel Peña

Contributes to the structure and processes of dairy producers, conservation and financial groups and other dairy professionals, enhancing their ability to function effectively.

Supports informed decision making by providing research-based information

to achieve their objectives.

## Needs Assessment

- Discussions with dairy farmers working with different breeds, farm sizes, systems and objectives to have a holistic view of the current state of the county
  - Crave Brothers Farm
  - High Gem Farm
  - Nehls Bros Farm
  - Adelmeyer Farm

## Main challenges:

- Communication/language
- Safety/good practices training
- Research on milk quality
- Calving and Nutrition

- Connect with agribusiness professionals including veterinarians, nutritionists, financial supporting companies, and other educators
  - Jeff Liner – Financial Officer Compeer
  - Steve Schwoerer - Large dairy specialist Compeer
  - Lauren Krentz – Nutritionist Vita Plus
  - Lindley Reilly – Veterinarian Cedar Groove Group

## Outcome:

- Sponsors for programing:
  - The calving Management Workshop
  - The Dairy Feeder School Workshop
- Contact with agriculture groups particularly the Dodge forage council.

## Outcome:

- Future collaboration and co-work

## Projects and collaborations for Dodge County

### ▪ Bovi-News. Bilingual newsletter (1<sup>st</sup> issue)

This is a newsletter designed to support dairy farms and their employees to increase the awareness of the “why” behind practices to encourage employee understanding and enhance engagement of dairy teams. Also to serve as a resource for team meetings, facilitating discussions between management and workers, and fostering problem-solving.

- Partnered on design, topics and content
- Translation of information available in the UW Extension website.
- Addressing current local issues and events

### ▪ Dairy Feeder School Workshop (Completed)

We presented on current topics such as feed safety, feed management, transition cow health, and the economics and importance of feeding. Our target audience was dairy owners, managers, and employees who handle the mixing of feed, as well as consultants, service providers, educators, farm organizations, and other industry leaders. All sessions were offered in both **English and Spanish**.

### ▪ Calvin Management Bilingual Workshop (Completed)

This program helped farm personnel to recognize (1) the imminent signs of birth and calving process, (2) provide guidelines for calving management to reduce the prevalence of stillbirth and health issues in cows, (3) be able to determine when first calf heifers or cows need assistance at calving, and (4) the importance of calf management and neonate care after calving

### ▪ Cow Handling Pro Bilingual-Course (Active)

This is a project created and developed by the research team of a Faculty at UW-Madison for people who handle adult dairy cows on U.S. farms, such as milkers, cow “pushers”, etc. It intends to be used in on-farm training or continuing education. My part is translating and interpreting the content for the Latin community

As a result of [Educator's] facilitation:	
People attending the events	63
Rate of the content among the participants	86%
Races (Demographics)	3
Age frames (Demographics)	5