

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

*Joint / with Senate
Environment Com.*

Date: 4/4/02 Meeting Type: INFORMATIONAL HEARING
Location: 412 EAST

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Beata Kalies

Beata Kalies, Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture

Date: 8-2-01 Meeting Type: Public Hearing
Location: 411 South

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Sen. David Hansen, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Russell Decker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jim Baumgart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Alan Lasee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Sheila Harsdorf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lisa Ellinger

Lisa Ellinger, Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 8/2/2001 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 411 SOUTH

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 2/28/02 Meeting Type: Public Hearing + Exec Session
Location: 328 NW

Committee Member

Present

Absent

Excused

Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair

Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz

Rep. Garey Bies

Rep. J.A. Hines

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Rep. Joe Plouff

Rep. Marty Reynolds

Rep. John Steinbrink

Rep. Julie Lassa

Rep. Marlin Schneider

Rep. Mary Hubler

Totals:

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 2/14/02 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 47 NORTH

Committee Member

Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair

Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz

Rep. Garey Bies

Rep. J.A. Hines

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Rep. Marlin Schneider

Rep. Mary Hubler

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Absent

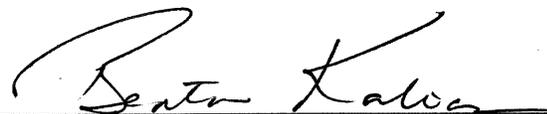
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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 1/17/02 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING / EXEC SESSION

Location: 417 NORTH (GAR HALL)

Committee Member

Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair

Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz

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Rep. Marty Reynolds

Rep. John Steinbrink

Rep. Julie Lassa

Rep. Marlin Schneider

Rep. Mary Hubler

Present

Absent

Excused

Totals:

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

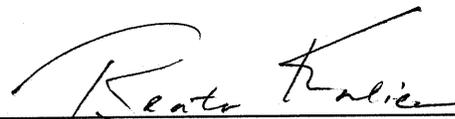
Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 5/24/01 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 225 NW

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 8/2/2001 Meeting Type: EXEC SESSION

Location: 411 SOUTH

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 4/26/01 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 417 NORTH (GAR)

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 4/26/01 Meeting Type: EXECUTIVE SESSION
Location: 417 NORTH (GAR)

Committee Member

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 3/15/01 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 417 NORTH GAR ROOM

Committee Member

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Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Joan Wade

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Scott Suder

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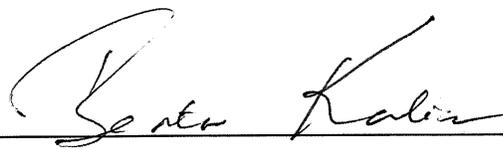
Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 3/29/01 Thurs Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING & EXEC
Location: 417 NORTH-GAR HALL

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 1/25/2001 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING
Location: 328 NW

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 1/25/2001 Meeting Type: EXEC

Location: 328 NW

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March 15, 2001

Eric Drachenberg
Wisconsin Pork Producers Association (WPPA) President

Chairman Ott and Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning about the status of the pork industry in the state. After these brief prepared comments I would be happy to attempt to address any questions which you may have.

Checkoff Status

The controversy over the continuation of the checkoff was one of the biggest issues in the industry over the past year. On February 28th it was announced that USDA was reversing a Clinton administration decision to end the checkoff. Producers have had many questions as to why this settlement was reached as well as why the vote was not binding. Although the settlement contained an agreement that neither party admitted fault I feel the following quote from Judge Richard Alan Enslin in granting the temporary restraining order is illuminating. "Allowing the Secretary to violate the Pork Act by usurping more authority than he was given by Congress does not serve the public. Likewise, allowing the Secretary to terminate a program relied on by many, when the process used to arrive at termination is allegedly flawed, is not in the public interest. The entire process leading to the termination of the Pork Checkoff Program was arguably flawed. It is in the public's interest that a court examine the proceedings and their result." It is also interesting to note that when Barry Carpenter of USDA was asked at the National Pork Industry Forum last week who initiated the settlement discussion he replied that it was his understanding that it was USDA. This is not to minimize the fact that there were a very significant number of no votes both in our state as well as on a national level. In hopes of better understanding producer opinions with the goal of meeting producer needs at the state level, we are in the process of holding seven forums to solicit input from producers to chart a course for the industry here in Wisconsin.

Infrastructure

"The pork industry of Wisconsin represents a major value-added activity in the agricultural economy and is a major contributor to the overall Wisconsin economy. The \$96.5 million of gross receipts from hog marketings in 1999 represent only a small portion of the economic activity supported by the industry. Although farm-level hog production activities in Wisconsin have been undergoing rapid structural changes in recent years, the processing and prepared meat components are still very strong. About 23,300 Wisconsin residents are involved in various aspects of the industry ranging from input suppliers to producers, to processors and handlers as well as mainstreet businesses that benefit from purchases by people in these industries. Overall an estimated \$710.1 million of personal income and \$1.02 billion of gross state product are supported by the hog industry based on 1999 levels of production." From a white paper entitled "The Wisconsin Pork Industry 1999: Patterns and Economic Importance" by Daniel Otto and John Lawrence. Although hog prices are currently at a profitable level for producers there is a great deal of concern

about where prices will be during the fourth quarter of this year as well as next year. A number of producers that I have talked with have stated that when price begin to head down again they will be exiting the industry. The extremely low prices of 1998 are still very much on the minds of producers remaining in the industry. A significant amount of the production infrastructure in the state is at a point where it needs to be replaced. The average age of producers also continues to increase. An additional concern is that as producers exit the business we also lose the infrastructure of support industries necessary to hog production. There is, however, still a significant base of excellent producers remaining in the state that are committed to pork production.

Marketing Opportunities

Marketing opportunities for state producers continue to change. Because of continued consolidation in the packing and processing industries, the number of marketing options available continues to decrease. There are a number of producer in the state that have entered into contracts with various packers. There continue to be a significant number of hogs moved through buying stations in the state as well as being shipped directly to the plant. There are currently a number of producers interested in value added marketing. Several producers around the state are doing direct marketing from their operation. Most that I have talked with who are doing this struggle to build adequate volume to make it worthwhile for them to continue. WPPA has been working intensively in this area with the help of an ADD grant. Our work shows that there is significant interest from the consumer in purchasing Wisconsin branded pork products. WPPA has been investigating the availability of packing and processing capacity in the state. We believed that we had a plant identified this winter that could have handled 10-15% of the entire states production. Unfortunately this plant had zoning difficulties which could not be overcome. WPPA has also been active in a group called Pork America which is a national producer group dedicated to developing value added marketing opportunities. Efforts in this area will continue to be a focal point during this year.

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Wisconsin Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer

January 2001

Dear legislator:

The goals of the Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) program are:

- To foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of farmers' challenges, as well as the appreciation of their contributions and achievements;
- To bring about a greater interest in farmers/ranchers;
- To help build an urban awareness of the farmers' importance and impact on America's economy.

Enclosed is the booklet from our recent Wisconsin Jaycees OYF Awards Weekend. There are many sizes and types of operations represented and we hope you will call upon these producers to find out more about their farm and what makes them successful. They are excellent resources should you need input on ag issues during 2001.

If you have any questions about OYF, please call one of us.

Sincerely,



Russ Sternweiss
OYF state Program Manager
715.387.4003



Daphne Holterman
OYF state Treasurer
920.262.0797

Chairman:
Agriculture Committee



Member:
Conservation & Land Use
Consumer Affairs
Natural Resources
Utilities

Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

TO: Members of the Assembly Agriculture Committee

FROM: Al Ott, Chair

DATE: 2/1/01

RE: Outstanding Young Farmer Information

Enclosed please find information about the Outstanding Young Farmer Program through the Wisconsin Jaycees.
The booklets were sent to my office after the fact, as the Awards Weekend happened January 19-20th. But you may find them useful nonetheless.

Wisconsin Jaycees
Outstanding Young Farmer

February 2002

Dear legislator,

Ever need to talk to a farmer about an agricultural issue? The Wisconsin Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) program has been honoring the best young agricultural producers going on 50 years. The enclosed booklet highlights the 8 couples who were named local winners during 2001. These people are caring for animals and crops every day and they know what it takes to run a successful agricultural operation.

The state winners were: Jay and Pam Binversie, Kiel
First runners-up: Kevin and Chris Griswold, Ixonia
Second runners-up: Brad and Lorie Brunner, Cecil

The award is based on progress in ag career, soil and water conservation practices and contributions to community, state and nation.

All eight couples are some of the best and brightest young ag producers across Wisconsin and I encourage you to rely on them if you need information or background about today's business of farming. The couples have been farming anywhere from 5 to 20 years, so they know what it takes to get a business off the ground and build it. I predict these people will be the leaders that help Wisconsin's agriculture industry move into the future.

In addition to the 8 couples, past state winners and state runners-up are listed in the book. These folks are also good resources.

The Wisconsin Jaycees are always looking for potential OYF candidates. If you know of someone worthy of this award, please call me at 920-262-0797 or Russ Sternweis at 715-387-4003.

Sincerely,



Russ Sternweis
OYF program manager



Daphne Holterman
OYF treasurer

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We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning
and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends
the sovereignty of nations;

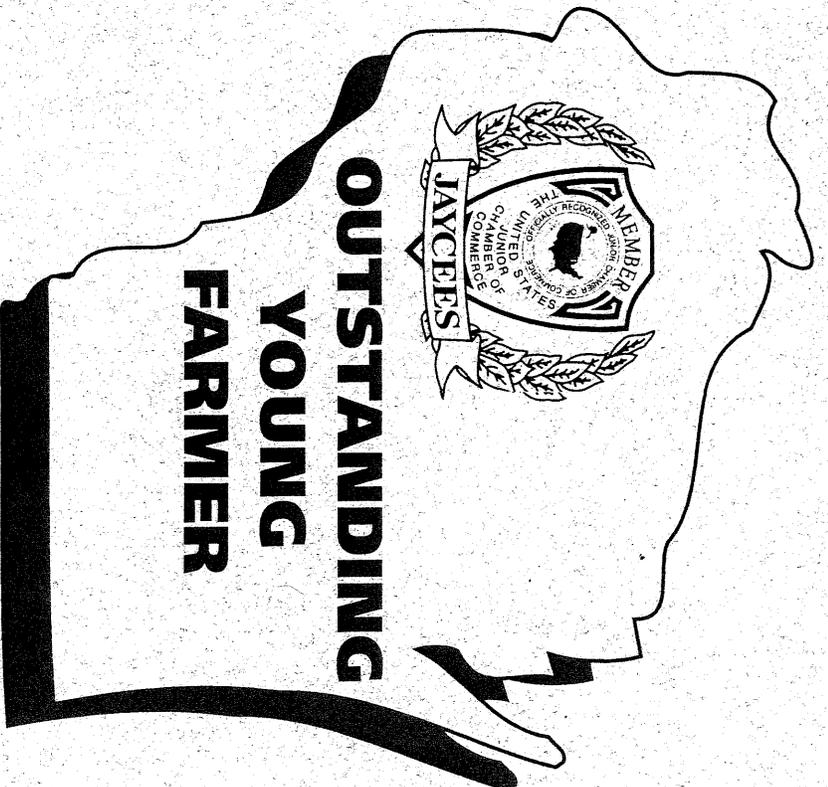
That economic justice can best be won
by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of laws
rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies
in human personality;

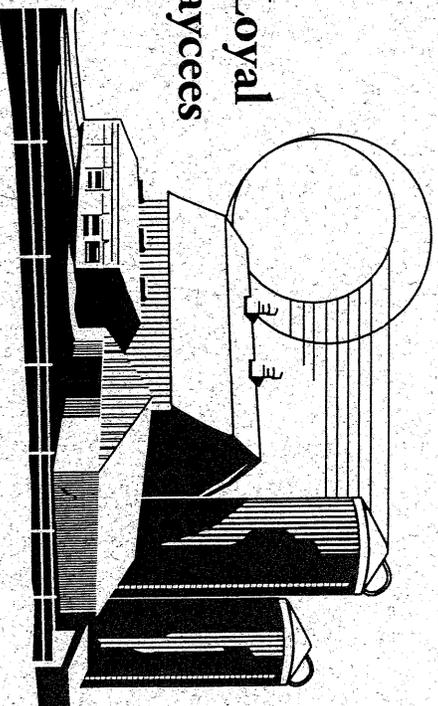
And, that service to humanity is the
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**Awards Weekend
January 11-12, 2002**

**Loyal
Jaycees**



Welcome

Welcome to the 2002 Wisconsin Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Weekend! Congratulations to the candidates for being selected for recognition by their local chapter.

We would like to extend a sincere thank-you to the sponsors for their donations of cash and prizes. Without their generosity this weekend would not be possible. Your commitment to this program helps to recognize the important role of young farmers and farm families.

A special thank you to Wenzel Farm Sausage and the Van der Geest family for the Saturday tours. Thank you also to the Marshfield Innkeeper for their assistance in the weekend activities.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend here in Marshfield, and that you have an opportunity to meet candidates, past participants, Jaycees, and sponsors. We wish the best of luck to this year's candidates.

Loyal Jaycees OYF Committee

Carmen Englebretson
Charlene Fulwiler
Rhonda Fulwiler
Jeanne Ward
Tom Odeen
Mike Timmler
Julie Abel

From the Program Manager...

Greetings,

I would like to welcome the candidates, past candidates State & National Winners, sponsors, Wisconsin Jaycees, and guests to the 50th annual OYF Awards Weekend. The Loyal Jaycees are your host for the weekend. The Outstanding Young Farmer Program is about the candidate's success in their business and personal lives. Many of the past State Winners have gone on to be well known in Wisconsin Agriculture.

I would like to say thanks to the Loyal OYF Committee for the work they have done in organizing this weekend. Also I would like to say thanks to the sponsors who support the program.

Good Luck to all!

Russ Sternweis- OYF PM 2001-2002

Wisconsin Outstanding Young Farmer: Bridging from the Past, Building Toward the Future

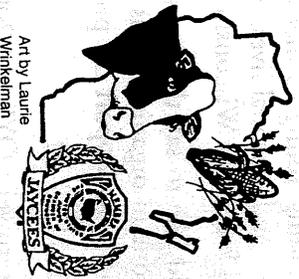
The Wisconsin Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) is a program of the Wisconsin Jaycees, and has been held for 48 years, since 1954. The Wisconsin Jaycees, United States Jaycees, and JC International comprise the greatest young person's leadership development organization in the world, using public service projects to train leaders for tomorrow. The Jaycees, and their OYF honorees, have networked, shared ideas, and gained public recognition for farmers and ranchers from all facets of agriculture.

The Goals of the Program include:

- Fostering better urban-rural relations through the understanding of farmers challenges, as well as their contributions and achievements.
- Building interest in farmers and their business.
- Advancing awareness of the farmers' importance and impact on America's economy.

Thank you to these major sponsors for their support of Wisconsin OYF as we work year round to promote the program to Jaycee chapters and others around the state:

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Art by Laurie Winkelman

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wisconsin Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Program

January 11-12, 2002
Best Western Marshfield Innkeeper - Marshfield, WI

Friday, January 11, 2002

- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration and candidate interviews
Hospitality suite open
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. "Speak Up for Agriculture"
Mark Wehling, Pioneer
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Steve Zimmerman
Farm Credit Services
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Social
- 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Banquet
"Farmers on Parade" slide show
- 9:30 p.m. - ? Get Acquainted Social
featuring music by Soundwave

Saturday, January 12, 2002

- 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Continental breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Bus departs for Wenzel's Farm Sausage tour
Lunch provided after tour
- 11:30 a.m. Leave Wenzel for Van der Geest parlor tour
- 3:00 p.m. Arrive back at Marshfield Innkeeper
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Social
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet
Guest Speaker: Cris Peterson
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Music by: Soundwave

Guest Speaker - Cris Peterson



Welcome OYF Candidates and Jaycees! Howdy all! It is truly an honor to be the 76th State President of the Great Wisconsin Jaycees. It is a much greater honor to join you and celebrate the Wisconsin Farmer of today. I am very proud to say that I have family involved in farming operations in Nebraska, and I know first hand the hard work that comes with the daily "chores" 365 days a year! There is nothing as important to the world today as is the American Farmer, just witness Afghanistan. Today's Agricultural society provides the American people with many nutritious, affordable, and safe food sources that no other country in the world enjoys as we do here in America. By golly, there just isn't anything better than a big fat pork chop, a buttered-up ear of corn, and a big glass of cold milk! God Bless the American Farmers and Ranchers, and I wish you all the best of luck in this weekend's competition. In The Jaycees Community, every farmer is a winner and we are very pleased to have all the competitors here this weekend. Welcome all and warmest wishes on behalf of the Great Wisconsin Jaycee organization.

I would like to give you all a brief history on the Wisconsin OYF Program. The program is a function of the Wisconsin Jaycees, organized and ran by them since 1954. The Jaycees and the OYF honorees have networked, shared many new ideas, and gained the public recognition they richly deserve. The National Outstanding Young Farmers (NOYF) program originated from the naming of an outstanding Man of the Year by the Shenandoah (IOWA) Jaycees during the 1940's. In 1951, the Iowa Jaycees selected their first OYF winner. In 1954, the program was approved for the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. The first 4 National winners were recognized in 1955. The major goal of the program today is to foster better urban-rural relations by creating a greater interest in, and understanding of, today's farmers and their problems by honoring your achievements! I would personally like to thank the Great Loyal Jaycees for hosting this terrific State Program. I would also like to say thank you to our national sponsor; the John Deere Company. The Program is supported by the Outstanding Farmers of America (OFA) Fraternity and the National Association of County Agriculture Agents (NACAA), and is administered by the United States Junior Chamber.

Again, Thank you to all in attendance, enjoy the program, and GOOD LUCK!

Rob Reed

2002 Wisconsin Jaycees State President

Cris and her husband Gary are the owner/operators of Four Cubs Farm since 1973. Currently milking 450 cows and operating 800 acres, the farm has been in her husband's family since 1877 and they are on the cutting edge when it comes to the dairy industry. They utilize a nutrient management plan, have a routine herd health program, utilize Dairy Comp 305 herd software and Quick Books Pro 99 for financial records. The cows are milked in a double 10 parabone swing parlor. A nutritionist and agronomist round out the farm's advisors. They have five full-time and two part-time employees.

In 1993 she began writing children's books such as *Extra Cheese, Please!*, *Harvest Year*, *Horsepower*, *Century Farm*, and *Amazing Grace* due out in 2002.

For eight years, Cris wrote a weekly syndicated newspaper column "Huckleberry Bookshelf" which ran in newspapers nationwide including *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Knoxville News Sentinel* and *Sacramento Bee*.

Her features have appeared in *The Chicago Tribune*, *Atlanta Constitution*, *Milwaukee Journal* and *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. Her articles and stories have appeared in *Highlights for Children*, *Cricket*, *Cooperative Partners*, *Hoards Dairyman* and others.

Through the years, Cris has been a speaker and presented at various meetings/workshops including:

- University of Wisconsin Writer's Institute
- University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture Summer Institute
- American Agri-Women Convention
- Wisconsin State Reading Association
- Metro Twin Cities Young Author Conference
- and many more

Cris' passion is to realistically, and respectively portray agriculture and the dedication of the farm community. She is currently working on a public relations program with the Dairy 2020 Council to help farmers to do a better job of community and neighbor relations - critical to the success of growing dairy operations.

Cris enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, racquetball, volleyball, swimming, quilting, knitting, sewing, antiques, and reading.

Past Wisconsin Jaycees OYF Winners

1952	(Lawrence) Orabelle Fisher	4136 Fisher Rd.	Valders	WI	54245
1955	Norral & Jean Dvorak	1116 N. 6th St.	Manitowoc	WI	54420
1956	(Gerhard) & Jo Runge	W2246 Evergreen Ln.	Eden	WI	53019
1957	Leonard & Jean Peck	Route 9 Box 184	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729
1958	Harold & Alma Gebing	N2717 29th St.	Sheboygan	WI	53081
1959	Richard Smitlwick		DePere	WI	54415
1960	Ed & Donna McFarland	N284 County K	Watertown	WI	53098
1962	Bert Warnecke		Stevens Point	WI	54481
1963	Orlo & Faith Koerth	24204 County K	Brillion	WI	54110
1964	Donn "Holey" & Carolyn West	2485 County SS	Rice Lake	WI	54868
1965	(Galen) Vera Mae Engel	W674 State Rd 35	Fountain City	WI	54629
1966	(Kanyon & Marilyn) Giese		Sauk City	WI	53583
1967	Jerome & Audrey Sickinger*	5014 Hwy G	Reedsville	WI	54230
1968	Lloyd A. & Rose Holterman	N7925 Cty X	Watertown	WI	53094
1969	(Fredrick) Siemandel		Hillpoint	WI	53937
1970	Ronald & Irene Heeg	11521 Hwy 10 West	Marshfield	WI	54449
1971	Robert & Florence Natzke	8212 Hwy W	Greenleaf	WI	54126
1972	Thomas & Betsy Brunner	W3218 Lodge Rd	Cecil	WI	54111
1973	Kenneth & Ann Schroeder	N1 50 County C	DeForest	WI	53532
1974	Jack & Jackie Weier	RR1	Dodgeville	WI	53533
1975	James & Kare Battist	W9334 Cty B	Waterloo	WI	53594
1976	John Mallkuck			FL	
1976	Bobette (Mallkuck) Helms	W578 Malcove Ln	Broadhead	WI	53520
1977	Richard & Mary Jane Hermann	3476 Hermann Dr.	Greenleaf	WI	54126
1978	Don & Doris Riemer	W1967 Orlepp	Chilton	WI	53014
1979	Alan & Kris Tracy	162011 I St NW#801	Washington	DC	20006
1980	David Johnson	RR4, Box 255	Menomone	WI	54751
1981	Ronald & Nanjan Hoff	RR1	Coon Valley	WI	54623
1982	John & Nancy Mommson*	1720 20-1/2 St.	Rice Lake	WI	54868
1983	Danny & Diane Meyer	U3793 Island Ln.	Loyal	WI	54446
1984	Dennis & Debbie Rosen	RR1	Emerald	WI	54012
1985	Allan & Pat Kohn	W1453 Nichols Dr.	Krakow	WI	54137
1986	Robert & Kayrn Schauf*	1659 10-1/2 St.	Barron	WI	54812
1987	Daniel & Barb Natzke*	8196 Hwy W	Greenleaf	WI	54126
1988	Gordon & Barb Finkelson	W7211 Oak Rd.	Whitee	WI	54498
1989	Bill & Clarice Brey	2139 Cty A	Sturgeon Bay	WI	54235
1989	Jeff & Jill Pinter	N15136 Romadka Ave.	Curtiss	WI	54422
1990	Jeff & Carol Mulemans*	451 Van Dyke Rd.	Wrightstown	WI	54180
1991	Dennis & Sue McGraw	RR 3 Hwy 191	Dodgeville	WI	53533
1992	James & Penny Wautier	1580 Cty. C	Brussels	WI	54204
1993	Lloyd w. & Daphne Holterman*	W3855 Ebenezer Dr.	Watertown	WI	53094
1994	Peter & Cindy McFarland*	N302 Cty. K	Watertown	WI	53098
1995	Dennis & Susan West*	2022 Smith Rd.	Rice Lake	WI	54868
1996	James & Lyn Ren	N2385 Strunk Rd.	Fort Atkinson	WI	53538
1997	John & Cathy Brunnquell*	3420 Hwy. W	Port Washington	WI	53074
1998	Peter & Shellie Kappelman	3300 Berringer Rd.	Two Rivers	WI	54241
1999	Tim & Lisa Evert	E870A Zech Rd.	North Freedom	WI	53951
2000	David & Patricia Erdres*	W9402 Hwy K	Lodi	WI	53555
2001	Steve & Jody Louis	31113 Apple Ridge Rd.	Richland Center	WI	53581

*National Winner

2001 Wisconsin Jaycees OYF Winners

Steve and Jody Louis

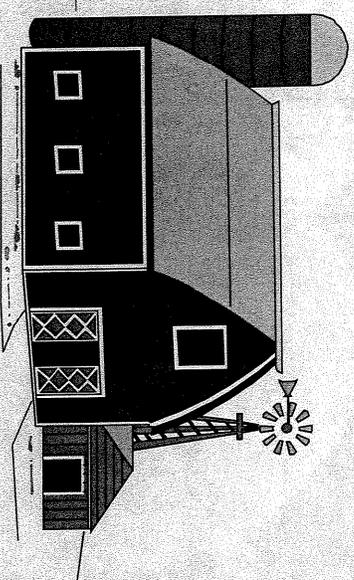
31113 Apple Ridge Road
Richland Center, WI 53581
(608) 585-2414

The Loyal Jaycees would like to congratulate Steve and Jody Louis and wish them well when they travel to Michigan in February.

Steve and Jody were nominated by the Richland Area Jaycees. They represent the fourth generation of Louis' to milk cows and raise apples on Apple Ridge. They have a total of 1100 acres with 670 tillable and 150 acres for the apple orchard. They have a herd of 120 registered cows with a rolling herd average of 25,900 lbs. per animal. Presently the operation markets embryos and sires to countries such as Japan, England, Ireland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republics. They market 80% of their apples through direct wholesale contracts to warehouses and grocery chains.

Steve's goals upon entering the family operation were to continue the family tradition, expand the dairy operation, and to explore the dairy genetics as an international market. Realizing these goals, Steve will continue to provide a great environment for his family. He will also continue to search out more new markets for dairy genetics, sires and/or apple varieties.

Congratulations and Best of Luck!



Pete and Lori Badtke

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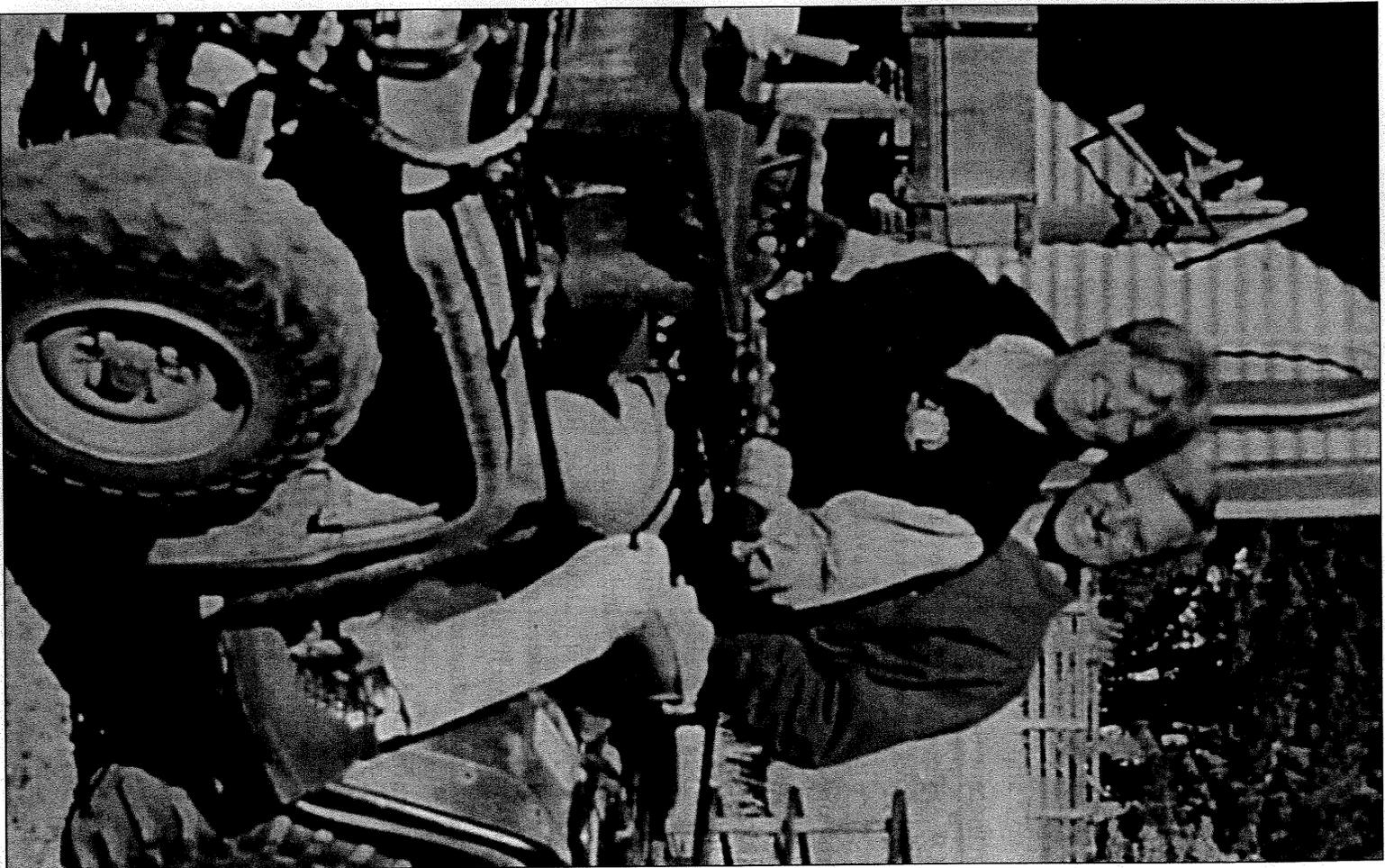
Pete got started in farming a year after graduating from school. He was working for his father when a neighbor approached him with a 50-50 partnership. In 1995 he bought the house and barn buildings, one half of the cattle and feed, and 100 acres of land renting an additional 75 acres. Pete and Lori are newly married and currently own 100 acres and rent an additional 175 acres with 50 cows.

Pete's biggest challenge was doing the majority of the work himself with some help from family. Equipment is shared with father and brother in trade for help with planting and harvesting. Another challenge was a rocky barnyard which was tough to clean and hard on the cows and heifers. In 1999 the barnyard was cemented out to improve conditions.

In 2000, Delaval Milkmasters were installed giving consistent milkouts and telling how much milk each cow gives. A year later Pete started using a Palm Pilot to enter cow and heifer data. He has also purchased a global positioning accessory for the Palm Pilot. He plans on using the GPS in 2002 for cropping. They are also in the process of installing long day lighting in the barn to increase production.

Soil testing is done once every 4 years and this year they plan on keeping track of different information on individual fields. Moldboard plowing is done only for the peas. In the fall, most fields are chisel plowed except for the soybean fields.

Pete and Lori have been married 9 months. Lori works at the Berlin Memorial Hospital as a physical therapist. She helps often on the farm with the heifers, testing cows, and other jobs as needed. Pete has been a member of the Farm Bureau and Alto Co-op for 14 years and they are active members of Calvary Lutheran Church.





Jay and Pam Binversie

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Jay's interest in farming began when he was in high school. His father took him to see a 5000 cow dairy in California. He saw the opportunity to run a business that could be very rewarding. He started by raising his own equine crops, registered cows and steers. Buy the time he was a senior his crop acres were up to 80 acres and cattle was up in the mid 20's. After graduating from U.W. Madison, Jay and Pam got married that summer and the 1st of the year purchased all the cows from his father and rented the equipment, buildings, and land. At that time they were milking 200 cows with 5 employees and 1000 acres. They are currently at 686 cows with 1400 acres of land.

There have been many challenges to overcome for the Binversies. At 24 years old, their first expansion was in 1995. They increased their cattle to 450 and were learning to manage more cows, employees and debt than they ever had. A lot of mistakes were made and a lot of experience gained from all of this. Their first year with a new flush system was a real bear. They were not sure how often to run the system, what to watch out for and what some of the problems might be. After eight years, problems are minimal and the system runs extremely efficient.

In 1995 they added a 256x119 free stall addition and expanded from 200 cows to 450 cows. They also installed a manure flush system that has allowed them to apply manure with minimum scrap and cut over 15 man hours of scraping off a day. They built their 12 million gallon lagoons high to keep smells away from homes and gives them enough storage for 1200 cows for 1 year if needed. Two 120x30 greenhouses were added for calf management and to help with calf mortality. In 1999 they installed new Germania milking units and replaced old parlor units. In 2000 they added a 256x119 addition and expanded from 450 cows to 690 cows and increased pounds per man hour from 330 to 450 lbs. per man hour. In 2001 they added a sprinkler system over all the cows to help in cow cooling and developed a face grinder.

The Binversies farm follows a Nutrient Management Plan that has to be submitted to the state every year and completed by a crop consultant and Jay. Soil samples are collected every two years from a five acre grid. In the spring of 2000 they applied for a Large Animal Permit which allowed them the opportunity to expand up to 3500 animal units. The permit regulates how much manure they can apply. In the 1980's several irrigation ponds were built for irrigating sandy soils. Low spots that were hard to manage were picked for the ponds.

Jay and Pam have three daughters, Taylor and Gretta (4) and Josie (1). Pam got her degree and worked for seven years at Koehler Engines. Those skills helped Pam run a well managed professional office. Pam now does all the financial record keeping, payroll, handbooks, entering for Dairy Comp 305, human resource work, while raising 3 daughters. They are members of many organizations including the Professional Dairy Producers, WALSAA, hosted picnic and Farm Progress Days in '98, Foremost Farms Co-op and Jay also coaches youth basketball and baseball. They have been the focus of a 1994 issue of Midwest Business Magazine on transfer of farms and the new set up. They have hosted many meetings at their farm including a Twilight Meeting for The Forage Council.

Brad and Lorie Brunner

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Brad graduated from UW Madison with a B.S. in Dairy Science. After working as a grain merchandiser with Cargill for 4 years and with a farmer owned company in Minnesota for 2 years, Brad and Lorie returned to the home farm in 1991. Over a three year period they bought and paid for Brad's uncles' half of the farm. Facing the rapid depreciation of the farm, they decided rather than reinvest they would custom hire corn planting, harvesting, and some field tillage. They also sold a majority of their equipment to direct limited finances in a more productive area.

There have been several challenges to overcome. With a financially struggling farm before 1991 they returned to buy out Brad's uncle. After expanding to 200 cows they were in financial "no-man's land". In the second year of expansion to 400 cows, labor turnover was high, transitioning to 100% Mexican workforce cut the turnover rate to 10%.

Early in the expansion a state of the art earthen mound and windbreak heater facility to house 175 head was built. By reducing time spent on liabilities they were able to focus on growing the herd from 100 to 200 cows in 1993, 400 in 1996, and 500 in 1999. They converted the upstairs of the old tie stall barn into a commodity storage area. They can separately store eight semi loads of commodities in a 40 X 100 area. They were the first in the area to lay asphalt pavement for the bunker at 1/4 the cost of concrete.

Their nutrient management plan has been approved by the FSA for three years. In addition to these practices they began custom hiring deep tilling over the entire farm allowing them to farm more acres and achieve higher production because of improved drainage. Erosion control is extremely important because of the proximity to the lake. Selling the mold board plow and moving to minimum till has allowed them to maintain a large amount of surface debris over the winter. In the 70's with the help of the SCS an earthen dam was built for the cows to walk over the creek to their pasture creating a 3 acre pond. The pasture has been converted to additional tillable ground the pond still remains with five pound bass and foot long perch.

Brad and Lorie have 5 children, Brandon (13), Zach (12), Jordan (9), Taylor (7), and Rachel (5 mo.). Lorie has chosen to home school the 4 boys and also takes care of the books and completes payroll as well as filing all state and federal forms. They are members of several organizations including the Shawano County Forage Council, Professional Dairy Producers, and National Dairy Shine.



Kevin and Christine Griswold

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Kevin grew up on the family farm near Ixonia. After graduating from UW-Madison with degrees in Dairy Science and Agriculture Economics in 1989, he worked for three years as a Sales Representative for Accelerated Genetics. He returned to the 80 cow dairy farm in 1992.

One of the biggest challenges faced was knowing the farm would not support two families with only 80 cows and the debt it already incurred. The best way to increase income was to increase herd size. They were able to do this by using multiple financial avenues. Herd size has increased to 400 cows. Another challenge was replacing a machine shed and equipment after it was destroyed by fire in 1997. Although the shed and machinery were insured they invested more money than was provided.

Farmstead improvements include two 3-row 182 stall freestall barns. A 750,000 gallon clay lined, cement floored manure storage was also built. A new double-eight parallel milking parlor was put in the existing dairy barn. A 60x130 machine shed, with heated shop was built to replace the one destroyed by fire in 1997. A hospital barn with 31 free stalls was also built. The have remodeled an existing machine shed, converting it to young stock housing with 78 freestalls.

They strictly followed 590 Manure Management guidelines. Their Manure Management plan is updated yearly and approved by the soil conservation service. They inject with no tillage on highly erodible land. A soil sample is taken for each 4 acres of tillable land. Grass waterways and strip cropping on all owned and rented lands are maintained. Rain gutters are being installed on all eaves that are near outside cow yards. This will keep rain water from flowing through cow yards and prevent manure run off. They have left 15 acres of marsh land untouched. This is home to numerous pheasants, ducks, cranes, deer and other wildlife.

Kevin and Christine have 4 children, Stacey (10), Brad (7), Briana (4), and Ryan (2). Christine recently resigned from ISE/Paper-Les where she was employed in the office for over 12 years. She currently does employee scheduling and assists with the financial records of the farm. She plans on assisting with calf care in the future and taking over the finances. They are members of the Professional Dairy Producers of WI, Jefferson County Animal Ag Alliance, Dodge County Holstein Association, WI Holstein Association and many other organizations. They are actively involved as leaders of the Maple Street Hustlers 4-H. Kevin also helped to initiate the Professional Dairy Producers of WI mentoring program.



Troy and Sandra Madland

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Troy has always had a dream to farm. At age 16 he purchased 4 angus heifers, rented a small farm and started buying Holstein bull calves. At 19 he sold the cattle to pay his way through college. While attending UW-Platteville, he worked on a dairy farm and also had two summer internships, one with Soil and Water Conservation Service and the other with Sauk Co. Land Conservation. He enjoyed the work, but still wanted to farm. After graduating with a B.S. in Technical Agriculture and a minor in Crop and Soil Science he and his wife rented a dairy barn with cow yard, bunk and silo and purchased 34 Holstein milk cows. They raised heifer youngstock and purchased corn and forages from the landlord.

Troy and Sandra faced many challenges as young farmers. Troy was not raised on a farm and Sandra was a "city girl". During the first four years, they moved their herd of cows 4 times to different facilities. They needed to find facilities that were available and they could afford the rent. They rented the farm they currently own for two years before deciding to purchase. Their biggest challenges on their farm were cow comfort and machinery needs. They are steadily improving their animals environment to a healthier and comfortable state. They started off with a skid steer, tractor and manure spreader. They have built up their line of machinery and been able to go from custom hiring of field work to self-sufficiency. They currently have 125 cows and have 458 acres of land.

In the five years they have owned the farm they have made many improvements using much of their own time and labor. In 1996 they built a five pen open front heifer shed from a heap to on the machine shed and poured a 40x100 cement pad for bunker silage next to existing 30x100 bunker silo. The following year they poured 40x30 and 30x100 cement pads to extend bunker space. In 1998 they tore out the stationary TMR mixer and mechanical feed bunk and converted bunk area to drive-thru feeding 16x14 ft. with neck rails and curbs. They also converted an open-front shed to a two row 40 stall freestall barn. A year later they tore down a cement stave silo and a damaged Harvestore silo and removed the footings. This year they installed all new freestalls with bedding savers for sand and added fans in the freestalls and feed alley.

Soil testing is done every two years. They base fertilizer and lime application rates from these results. With Troy's soils background, he is able to calculate their fertilizer and lime needs himself. They are currently enrolled in the Dell Creek Watershed Program. Their biggest project in the planning stages is a manure storage facility also incorporating parlor and milk house waste. They hope to have this completed in 2002.

Troy and Sandra have 3 children, Garrett (9), Theresa (7) and Johanna (5). Sandra worked as a clerk in Baraboo for several years before working full time on the farm. She currently handles all the financial record keeping, accounts payable and employee payroll for the farm. She also fills in for employee days off. They are involved in many organizations including Foremost Farms as a delegate, Co-op Cntry. Partners & Wfs. River Co-op, Sauk Co. Farm Bureau and are new members in the Lyndon Pioneers 4-H Club. They have hosted many farm tours and Troy is a Vo-Tech Mentor for Mauson High School.

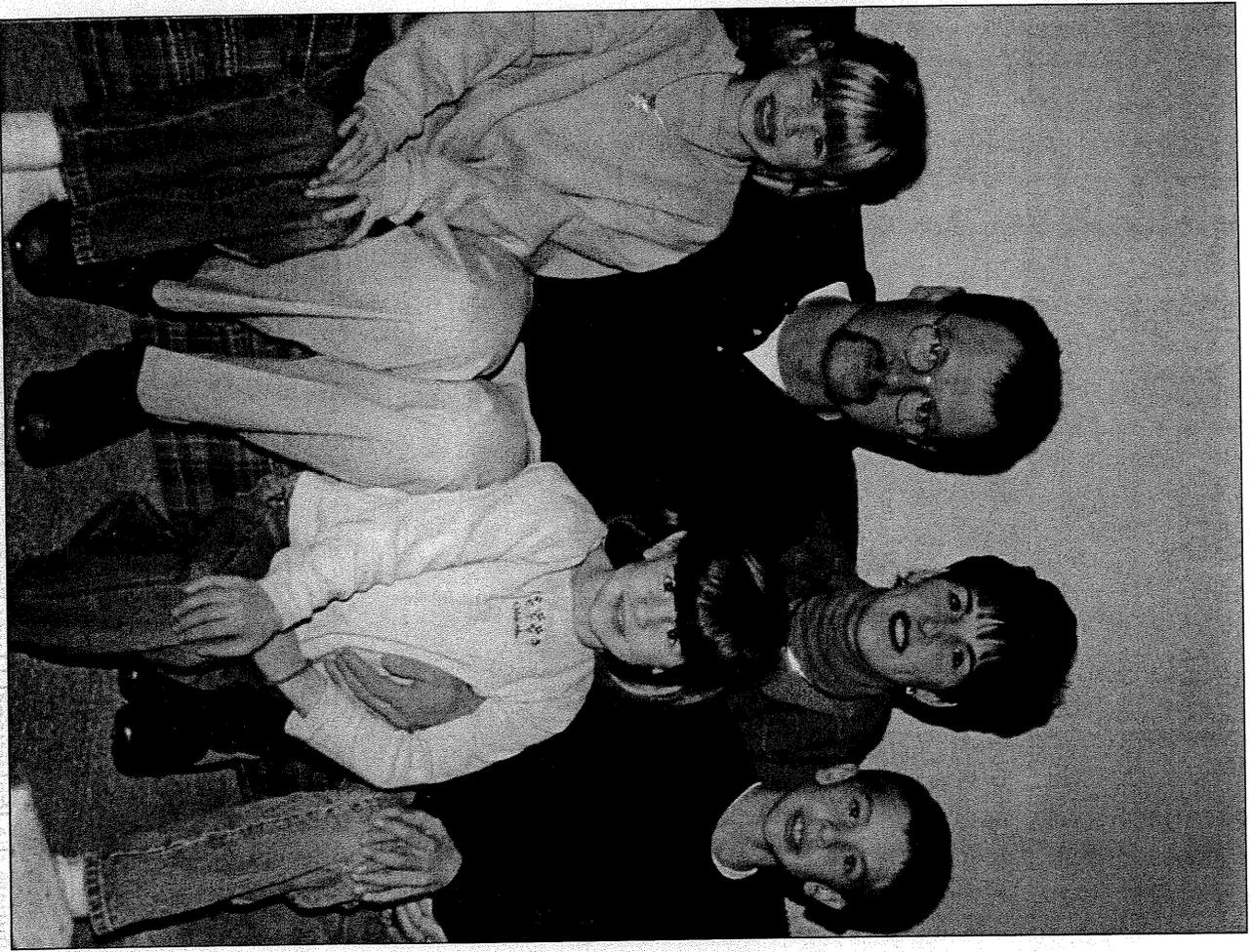


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Mike and Tracy Meyer

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Loyal, WI 54446
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Mike and Tracy Meyer are members of Meyer Family Dairy, LLC, a 400 cow dairy operation near Loyal, WI. Mike grew up on the family farm and took responsibility at a young age. He purchased his first heifer calf when he was in 3rd grade and raised offspring from this animal. While in 7th grade he received the American Farmer Degree. Upon graduation from UW-River Falls in 1993 with a broad area agriculture degree, he returned to the 120 cow dairy operation. The farm consists of 799 acres (420 tillable). They raise alfalfa and corn silage. They forward contract corn and grain sources.

They have overcome several challenges. In the early 1990's they experienced a severe case of energy shortage. Due to lower production and higher culling it forced them to evaluate and improve energy management practice. In 1996 they had poor quality forage which depressed milk production. In 2000 during the expansion of the dairy, the cost of dairy replacements increased dramatically. They reduced the cull rate of <20% so less heifers were purchased. Milk production has improved to 22,500 lbs/cow on 3x milking.

In 1994 they built a 80' x 136' indoor riding arena with living quarters that serves as their home. In 1996 they constructed an enclosed commodity storage building. They built 4 bunker silos for silage storage and began utilizing a portable TMR mixer. In 2000 they expanded the facilities by building a 312 cow freestall barn and converting the existing stall barn into a 150 cow holding area, double 10 parallel milking parlor, palpation area, and hospital area. They also added a 3.5 million gallon plastic lined manure storage lagoon. With more employees, Mike schedules and manages the workforce. He also keeps the health, production, and breeding records on Dairy Comp 305 and utilizes a palm type hand held computer. Each quarter they meet with a business consultant to track financial performance. They utilize breakeven/cwt information to contract milk.

Soil and water management are a part of their nutrient management plan. Soil testing is done on 5 acre grids. Manure is injected where needed with a drag hose and irrigation pump. They have worked with a nutritionist to reduce phosphorus levels in the ration. Mike has a private pesticide applicator's license but relies on the recommendations of a crop consultant for application rates and types of herbicides to use. They switched from fall to spring chisel plowing to reduce erosion and reduce the number of trips across each field. They have an extensive system of grass waterways which are maintained with a soil scraper. There is 50 acres of wooded and wet land including a small stream.

Mike and Tracy have 4 sons, Tyler (8), Levi (6), Lane (4) and Dain (3). Tracy takes care of the boys but also milks cows each week for 25-35 hours, and runs errands for the dairy. They are members of the Loyal Jaycees, Farm Bureau, Swiss Valley Farms Co., and the American Quarter Horse Association. They have offered beginning riding lessons, team penning practices, and horsemanship lessons in their arena. The farm has also hosted the FFA Food for America Program for area children.





Tony and Julie Paskert

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In 1989, Tony got his start in farming with a FFA chain calf. In 1991 he bought 3 more cows. After graduating from Thorp High School, Tony went into construction for a couple of months. After that experience, he knew he wanted to be a farmer. In 1994 he purchased his current farm from his father on a land contract. He custom hired the crops for the first few years and has slowly purchased his own equipment.

Facing a new challenge when he started in farming, his father had beef bulls and he converted over to traditional heifer raising. His father told them he couldn't do it because of the cost and he has proven that it can be done for less and they have good quality replacements.

Many improvements were made to the farm yard. They removed a lot of old fences and fence lines. All of the out buildings were repainted and resided. Small trees were planted for wind control. They have built two corn cribs and 1 18x60 silo and silo room. Most of the windows and doors in the barn were replaced.

They test soil on the farm every 5-6 years. Lime is spread according to soil requirements and 0-0-60 is spread about 200 pounds per acre after 1st and 3rd crop. Manure is spread every day in the winter months and in the summer as required.

Tony and Julie have two children, Akstin (4), Aeysha (3). Julie's main jobs include bookkeeping and taking care of the children. Tony is on the town board as a 2nd supervisor. He is also a dealer for Myrogen Seeds. They are also active volunteers for the Thorp Head Start Program.



Kirk and Shelly Sibbe

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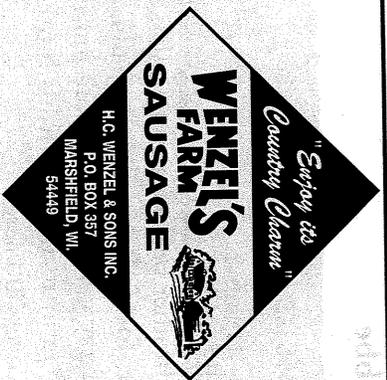
Kirk has been farming all his life. After a severe accident which left his father paralyzed, Kirk and his brother became the main laborers on the farm. Kirk attended UW-Platteville for four years and graduated with a degree in Agronomy. After a short stay with Terra Corporation as an Agronomist, Kirk went back to the family farm to work with his brothers and parents. They presently milk 160 cows over 700 acres.

Their first challenge on the farm was the decision for the family to continue farming after the accident. With Kirk and his brother Brent, this was overcome. The second big challenge was passing ownership and management of the farm over to Kirk and his brother. In 1996, they formed a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). This allowed for the expansion of management and ownership of the operation. They each received one third ownership which allowed them to be more efficient and make more profitable management decisions.

In 1992 a 20x70 concrete stave silo was built. In 1999 an earthen bunk with a concrete floor was constructed and in 2001 they built a commodity shed. They also had the calf and heifer barn re-roofed.

The Sibbe's soil test the fields every four years and use a nutrient management plan to meet the needs of the soil test results. The farm's soil is all silt loam but the terrain varies from steep side slopes to rolling ridges to flat river/stream bottoms. Nearly all the crops are no-till. The farm has added nearly 1000 feet of waterways in the last two years. This is added to the 1500 feet already in place. In 2000, over 400' of rock rip rap and six lunger structures were added to the trout stream that runs through the property. A machinery crossing was also constructed to reduce erosion and stabilize stream bottoms. They also plant wildlife food plots each year for the abundant deer and turkeys on the farm.

Kirk and Shelly have one daughter, Alexys (3). Shelly is a Personal Banking Officer for Community First Bank in Richland Center. She assists Kirk with all the computerized records on the farm. They are members of many organizations including Richland County DHIC as a board member, East Central Select Sires, Accelerated Genetics and Richland County Holstein Association.



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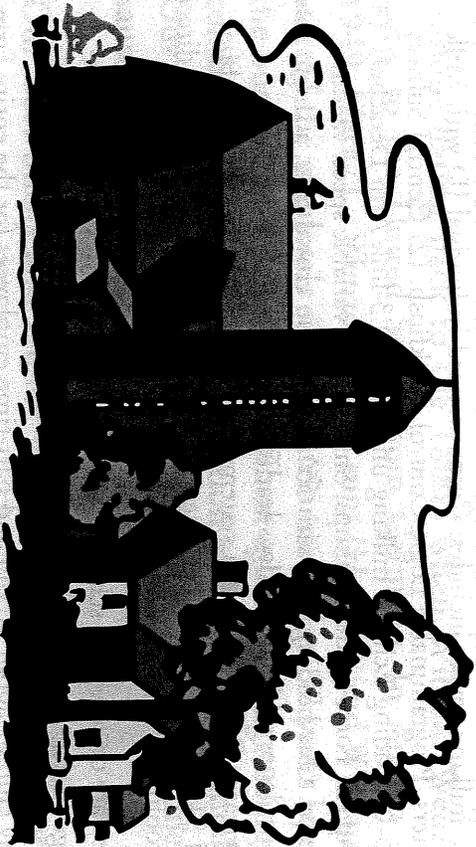
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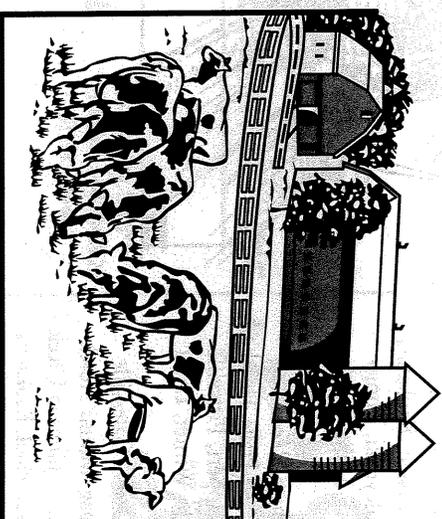
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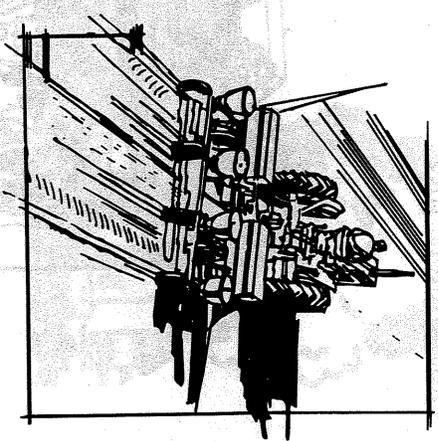
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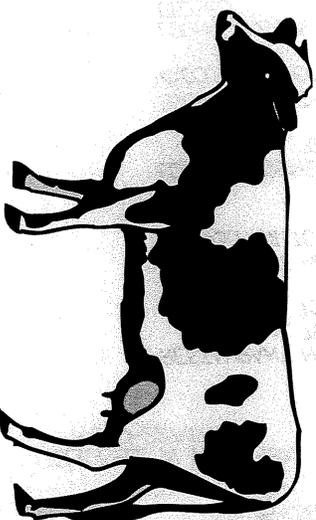
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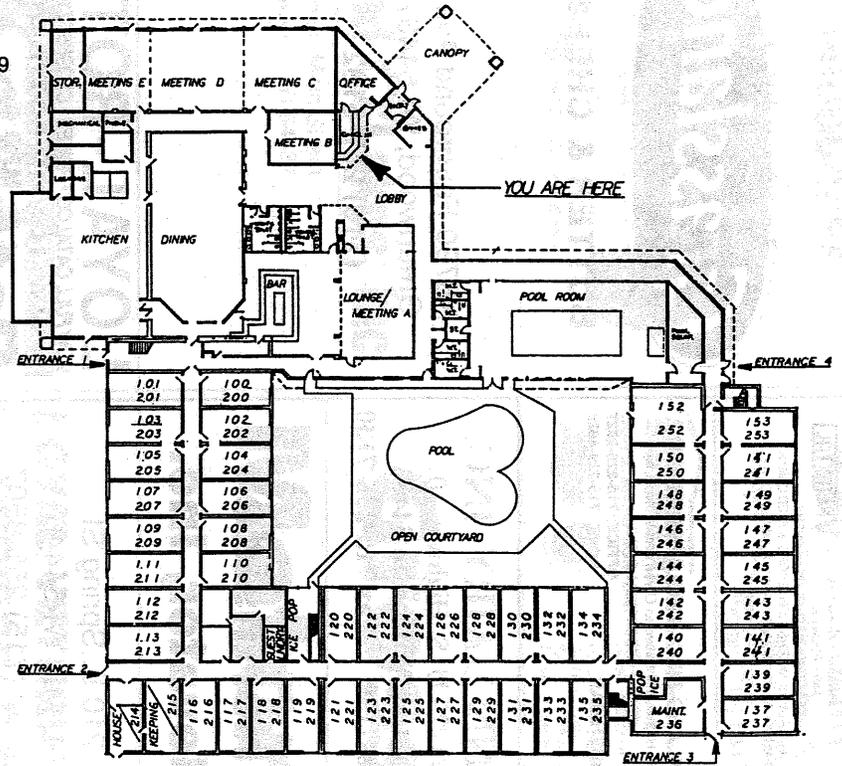
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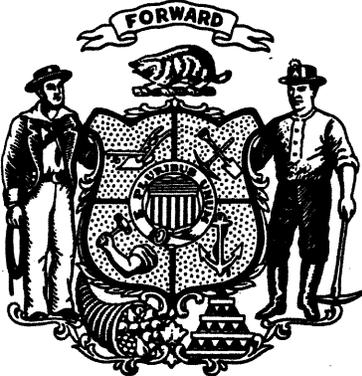
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Al Ott

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DATE: January 22, 2001
TO: Agriculture Committee Members
FROM: Chairman Ott

Late last year you should have received an invitation and brochure to attend the 3rd Annual Value Added Conference in Eau Claire this Friday and Saturday, January 26th and 27th. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, UW Extension, Department of Commerce, River Country RC&D and others as an informational vehicle for farmers in the state to examine some emerging value added industries, while offering skill building and networking opportunities.

Wisconsin Rural Partners is sponsoring a session on Friday afternoon (4:30 – 5:45 p.m.) regarding initiatives that are needed to support emerging agriculture including an overview of what some surrounding states are doing.

The conference is a great opportunity to observe what's going on in a growing part of Wisconsin agriculture. If your schedule allows you to do so, I urge you to attend any part of the conference, especially the Friday afternoon session. I am told that there is no registration cost for at least the first 10 legislators who sign up. Call Pam Herdrich at River Country RC&D to register (715) 834-9672.

I have enclosed a copy of the conference brochure for your information. If you have any questions, please feel free to give my office a call.

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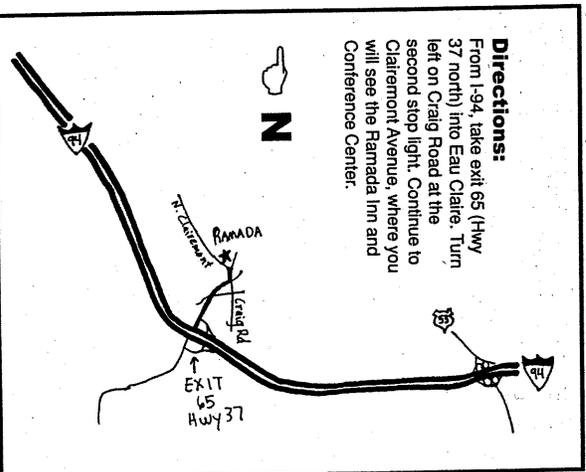
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10:45-12:00 Session A	1. Cooperation Landowner Gigi Labuddo, Bison Belly Futures, and a representative from Sustainable Forestry Cooperative	3. What's Hot in Horticulture? Chris Beytes, <i>Grower Talks</i> Magazine	4. Branding Your Products Rami Reddy, <i>UW Platteville</i>	6. Ethnic Marketing Eugene Dowdy, <i>Dowdy Poultry Processing</i>
12:00-1:30	Lunch and presentation: The WI Department of Commerce and Agriculture Economic Development—How it Works. Todd Keamey, <i>WI Department of Commerce</i>			
1:30-2:45 Session B	7. Emerging Crop Oil Developments - Industrial and Nutraceuical Mark Mueller, <i>Badger Oil LLC</i>	8. Farmstead Dairy: Cow Operations Mark McDonald, <i>Cow Caviar Cheese Products</i> , and Karen Buman, <i>SweetGrass Farm</i>	9. Building Your Product Image Rami Reddy, <i>UW Platteville</i>	10. Working With Your Banker Gary Spiorski, <i>Citizens State Bank of Loyal</i>
2:45-3:00	Break			
3:00-4:15 Session C	13. Challenges and Opportunities in the Organic Industry Faye Jones, <i>Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Services</i>	14. New Approaches to Meat Marketing and Processing Mike Lorenz, <i>Lorenz Meats and Deli</i> , and Kim Gates, <i>Cates Family Farm</i>	15. Nourishing Relationships on the Farm Larry Swain, <i>UW Extension Community Development Specialist</i>	16. Resources for New Ag Enterprises Karia Miller, <i>WESTCAP</i> , and Jim Jonathan Anderson, <i>IMPACT 7</i>
4:15-4:30	Break			
4:30-5:45	Supporting Emerging Agriculture Development in Wisconsin <i>Wisconsin Rural Partners</i>			
6:30-8:30	Dinner and speaker: Redefining Your Agriculture Dick and Kim Cates, <i>Cates Family Farm</i>			
8:30	Beer Reception			
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Welcome and general session: Agriculture and Community: Building and Growing Together Willi Allen, <i>Growing Power, Inc.</i>			
9:45-11:00 Session D	19. Insurance and Liability Issues for Diversified Operations William Oemichen, <i>DATCP Division of Trade and Con- sumer Protection</i>	20. Farmstead and Dairy: Sheep and Goat Operations Mark Kastel, <i>MA Kastel and Associates</i>	21. Effective Web Marketing Approaches Ron Johnson, <i>Lake Superior Explorer.com</i> , and Nodji Van Wychem, <i>Weltheby Cranberry Company</i>	22. Building Your Product Image Rami Reddy, <i>UW Platteville</i>
11:15-12:30 Session E	25. Intro to Organic Production Prescott Bergh, <i>Minnesota Sustainable Ag Program</i> and <i>Four Winds Farm</i>	26. Marketing to Institutions John Hendrickson, <i>UW- Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems</i>	27. Resources for Small Farms Kevin Jones, <i>Eau Claire Small Business Development Center</i>	28. Branding Your Products Rami Reddy, <i>UW Platteville</i>
12:30-1:30	Simple lunch and closing			

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Dear Client: Washington, Sept. 22, 2000

Animal welfare: A thorny issue for farmers next few years.
Activist groups in the U.S. and Europe will call attention to the topic to promote humane treatment of farm animals in all phases of production.
European Union will insist that the issue be part of trade talks... included in the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations next year.
Activists here will intensify attacks against industry practices... pressure retail stores to force their suppliers to follow strict guidelines on raising and processing farm animals. Their campaign will be spearheaded by most active group...People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

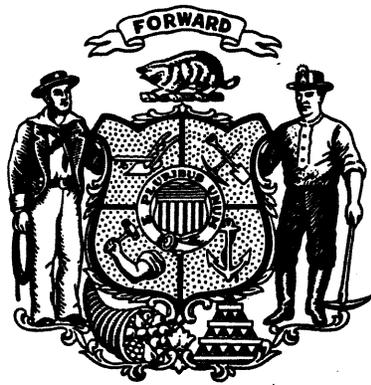
WTO talks will be the int'l battleground for animal welfare issues.
EU wants to seek int'l standards for treatment of farm animals.
In a preliminary statement of position, the EU says developing countries and their highly intensive and industrialized methods of animal production are key concerns, especially their methods of processing poultry and hogs.
There will be vigorous opposition to this from U.S. farm groups.
They'll say EU is trying to impose another unfair and costly trade barrier.

Some ideas the EU will bring to the table at the WTO negotiations:
Developing multilateral agreements on protecting animal welfare.
EU will specifically seek more legal clarity on a link between trade rules and an int'l animal welfare pact that sets standards for treating animals.
Mandatory or voluntary labels describing production conditions so that consumers will know whether producers followed int'l standards.
Compensation for producers whose production costs will increase, provided they show that higher costs stem from higher welfare standards.

Expect an intense battle on the home front over animal rights to be fought by PETA with fast-food outlets and food stores nationwide.
PETA's successful campaign against McDonald's will boost the cause.
Bowling to PETA's demands, the fast-food chain will require its suppliers to follow certain production guidelines before it buys products from them.
The animal rights group will soon be targeting other retailers.
Those on the hit list: Burger King, Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Plus the three big supermarket chains...Kroger, Albertson's and Safeway.
These retailers will likely follow McDonald's lead...placate PETA and other animal rights activists and head off attacks from Europeans.

U.S. industry groups are getting ready for the battle ahead.
They have already identified potential hot-button animal welfare issues.
Some groups are working with Europeans to revise practices.
National Pork Producers Council is collaborating with European scientists to identify issues...housing for sows, transportation, husbandry skills.
American Humane Assn. (AHA) is launching a certification program.
Certified producers will get "Free Farmed" labels...will tell consumers that farm animals were treated according to standards developed by AHA.

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COMMITTEE TRAVEL REQUEST

Assembly Rule 11(11)(b), states "Beginning on July 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on the date of the general election of that year, a committee may not meet in this state outside the city of Madison without the prior joint authorization by the speaker and the minority leader."

Subcommittees on
① STATE OF AGRICULTURE
② AGRICULTURAL ISSUES
③ AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY
④ AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

NAME OF COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON: REPRESENTATIVE AL OTT

DATE OF HEARING: AUG. 24, 28, 29, 31st 2000

CITY AND LOCATION: RICHLAND CENTER, DURAND, JOHNSON CREEK, REEDSVILLE

PURPOSE OF HEARING: LISTENING SESSIONS IN RESPONSE

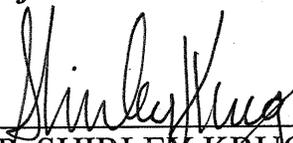
TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT IS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT
WISCONSIN'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY.

Is a page requested to attend? YES NO
Is an overnight stay required? YES NO
Will a state car be needed? YES NO (If yes, contact Mary Ellis at 6-1108)

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 11(11)(b), we hereby authorize approval for the above committee to meet outside the city of Madison.**



REP. SCOTT JENSEN
ASSEMBLY SPEAKER



REP. SHIRLEY KRUG
ASSEMBLY MINORITY LEADER

DATE: 8/17/00

**A copy of this completed committee travel request form shall be submitted to the Assembly Chief Clerk.

To: Shirley Krug
From: Al Ott - Agriculture Committee Chair
Date: 8-10-00

It is the intention of the Assembly Agriculture Committee to hold Agricultural Issue Forums and Listening Sessions throughout the state during the end of August. The purpose of the forums is to address the crisis that is occurring throughout the agricultural community by offering those with a stake in Wisconsin agriculture a chance to make their voices heard.

As Ag Committee members, we are deeply concerned with the problems Wisconsin farmers are facing in light of low prices. These problems essentially snowball into bigger problems. Not only do farmers suffer under these conditions. In turn suppliers, equipment dealers, processors, bankers, etc. feel the impact of poor agricultural prices as a result of their client's, the farmers, hardships.

We understand that at the state level, our hands are tied to what we can officially do to alleviate the situation. However, as a committee we can show that we do care and are concerned about what is happening within Wisconsin's agricultural community. The goal of the forums and listening sessions is to bring attention to the issues at hand and to allow the agriculture industry to express their concerns. Hopefully this effort will also generate ideas and suggestions on how to deal with the current issues.

The attempt is being made to target and draw individuals from all spectrums of agriculture – from farmers to bankers. We expect to have some agriculture experts to attend each session to serve as informational resources. Additionally, the Committee plans to extend invitations to the federal delegation to attend the sessions while they are recessed from their duties in Washington DC.

Forums will be held at the Equity Livestock Sales Barns in the following locations:

- August 24th – Richland Center (Southwest)
- August 28th – Altoona (Northwest)
- August 29th – Johnson Creek (Southeast)
- August 30th – Stratford (Central)
- August 31st – Reedsville (Northeast)

All sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The fact that these locations are hubs of the agricultural markets and other ag activity in Wisconsin are the only criteria used in the location selection.

Cc: Speaker Jensen

Chairman:
Agriculture Committee



Member:
Consumer Affairs
Government Operations
Natural Resources

Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

August 17, 2000

Dear Assembly Agriculture Committee Member:

This informational packet regarding the upcoming Agriculture Hearings is being provided to all members of the Agriculture Committee. Despite my best effort to make these meetings non-political and all-inclusive, they have dwindled down to a few select locations for a few sub-committee members. Some of this is due to scheduling conflicts, some to disagreements over places and the like.

The members of the Agriculture Committee that have agreed to participate will be provided with more detailed information, as it becomes available. Anyone, who wishes to car pool or needs directions, please call my office today.

If you are interested in attending but have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. All members are invited to attend at any point that is convenient to their own needs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Al Ott, Chair
Assembly Agriculture Committee
State Representative 3rd District