



Day 1: 9am pick up at Southwest Technical College, 1800 Bronson Blvd, Fennimore, WI 53809

Day 2: 9am pick up at Wis DOT Park & Ride 18-01, 6547 Texaco Dr, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Buses will return by 4 pm both days.

All attendees will meet at the pick-up site listed above for travel to tour locations. Travel time will feature discussions with water-quality experts, researchers and other participants.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include bus travel, refreshments and lunch.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress according to local weather.

Register today at www.pdpw.org or call PDPW at 800-947-7379.

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Community members,
farmers, educators,
media, local elected
officials ...

this is for YOU

Join us for tours, dialogue
and answers to your water
quality questions.

June 25, 2019 Fennimore
June 26, 2019 Eau Claire

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



June 25 Fennimore

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Southwestern Wisconsin's driftless region poses difficulties to water quality. Learn a few of the techniques these Grant County dairy owners use to farm sustainably.

At **Banner Ridge Farms**, the conservation mindset comes naturally. Relying on tried-and-true methods such as strip cropping and grass waterways, the Shea and Roth families know the water they use will run down the hills - so they manage nutrients, use less water and keep it clean.

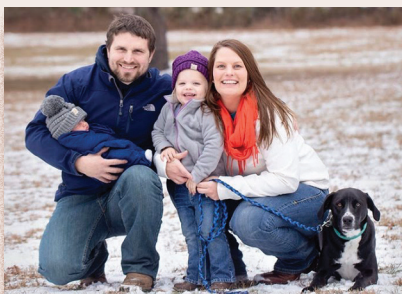


Kieler Farms has expanded a few times; from 50 cows to 100, then to 450. When the family expanded again recently they installed a 50-cow rotary parlor. Today, water used to manage animals is reclaimed and reused. In addition, water collected in the feed-storage area is sent to the sand reclamation building to wash the sand that will then be reused as bedding.

June 26 Eau Claire

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Situated on the banks of the Chippewa River and about 15 miles from the Mississippi River, the hilly terrain of Pepin and Dunn counties calls for careful water and land management.



Tom Brenner of **Farm On Dairy** near Durand - only a mile from the Chippewa River - plants cover crops or perennials on all forage acres for year-round growing. Tom's goal is to completely eliminate the use of synthetic fertilizer over time.



Brothers **Dale, David and Randy Styer** are the fourth generation at **Alfalawn Farm** in Menomonie. Over a few stages, the dairy expanded to the 2,000-cow dairy it is today. Cows are milked in a 60-stall rotary parlor and housed in a cross-ventilated freestall barn. Environmental responsibility is a top priority; they sustainably raise a majority of their own crops, reclaim sand for bedding, and use every gallon of water 3 to 6 times over.

See the issues more clearly and join the conversations

as we tour large and small dairy farms to learn about local farmer-led initiatives and dive deeper into the water-quality issues affecting rural and urban areas.

The 2019 **Water Matters Tours** are the result of a partnership between Professional Dairy Producers®, UW Discovery Farms®, Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Towns Association. Showcasing water-quality innovations and practices that affect people, animals and our environment, the tours give attendees an up-close look at what's being done to preserve our most precious resource - **WATER**.



TABLE TALK

Between the farm tours and over lunch, **Dr.**



Mark Borchardt, Research Microbiologist with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, will discuss the latest in groundwater discoveries in Wisconsin.

A leading researcher on the recent study of well water in Wisconsin, he'll add a microbiologist's perspective in a 60-minute facilitated dialogue with farm tour hosts.

Local resources will also be featured in the dialogue, including representatives from Pepin, Dunn and Grant County Land Conservation and Health Departments and Extension.