

SYMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY 16-18

Chula Vista Resort
1000 Chula Vista Parkway
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

2026

Register online (midwestforage.org/dellsmeeing.php) or mail completed form with check.



Hosted by: *Midwest Forage Association and Wisconsin Custom Operators*



AGENDA

- Subject to change -

Monday, February 16

Available with a Tuesday/Wednesday registration only:

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

Tuesday, February 17

- 8:00 **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS**
- 8:40 **Building a Future in Farming: How One Family Is Diversifying & Welcoming the Next Generation**
Avery & Emily Elsing, New Age Custom Farming - Sauk City, WI
- 9:40 **•Corn Silage After BMR**
Luiz Ferraretto, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Madison, WI
- Short Corn & Changing Dynamics of Corn Production**
Harkirat Kaur, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Madison, WI
- Feeding the Crew: Level Up Meal Planning on the Go**
Christy Paplow, Paplow Harvesting & Trucking - Worthington, MN
- Balancing Soil Health & Nutrient Management: NRCS Criteria for Low Disturbance Manure Injection**
Jamie Patton, USDA NRCS - Appleton, WI
Barry Bubolz, USDA NRCS - Appleton, WI
- 10:40 **BREAK/EXHIBIT HALLS**
- 11:00 **•Opportunities in Feed Hygiene & Forage Risk Factors**
John Goeser, Progressive Dairy Solutions - La Farge, WI
- Greater Than Face Value: Forage Conservation as an Investment**
Kevin Panke-Buisse, USDA-ARS - Madison, WI
- Making Social Media Work: Tips for Farm & Custom Business Platforms**
Emily Elsing, New Age Custom Farming - Sauk City, WI
- What I'll Never Do Again: Hard-Learned Lessons from Manure Hauling^B**
Kevin Erb, UW-Madison Division of Extension (*moderator*)
Jake Zutz, R Braun Inc. - St. Nazianz, WI
Dan Goodwin, Goody's Pit Pumping - Glenwood City, WI
Taylor Straschinske, Straschinske Ag Services - Boyd, WI
Darrin Stanton, Chief's Pumping Services - Rewey, WI
- 12:00 **LUNCH/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 1:30 **•Alfalfa's Potential for Human Nutrition**
Jo Heuschele, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN
- Alfalfa Feed Value: Its Overlooked Boosters & Breakers**
Kyle Taysom, Dairyland Laboratories - La Crosse, WI
- The Unseen Load: Stress, Support & Mental Wellness in the Field^B**
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^B**
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 **BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 3:00 **•Forage Mixtures with Alfalfa**
Josh Gamble, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN
- Alfalfa: Beneficial Feed Ingredient & Whole System Component**
Alfredo DiCostanzo, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE
- Custom Farming Around the World: Similarities & Differences**
Matthias Siegrist, Siegrist Harvesting Inc. - Ottawa, ON
- Insurance Insights: Why Premiums Are Rising & How to Manage Costs Without Losing Coverage^B**
Mike Endres, Endres Insurance Agency - Cross Plains, WI

Tuesday, continued

- 4:00 **•Agricultural Drones in Forage Management**
John Luhmann, Luhmann Drone Applications - Rushford, MN
- Implementing the Short-Term Perennial Option in NRCS 328**
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 Mfg.)**
- 6:00 **"Trivia Night" Dinner, Live & "Funny Money" Auctions**

Wednesday, February 18

- 8:00 **Midwest Forage Association Annual Meeting & Local Council Roundtable**
Complimentary breakfast for paid MFA members - ticket required
- WCO Annual Meeting**
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- 9:30 **Custom Farming Around the World: A Look Inside a Canadian Custom Business with Swiss Roots**
Matthias Siegrist, Siegrist Harvesting Inc. - Ottawa, ON
- 10:30 **BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 11:00 **•Smart Fertility for Forage Success**
Liz Gartman, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Sheboygan, WI
- Making Cents of Fertility Dollars: Economics & N Credits**
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^B**
Kevin Erb, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Green Bay, WI
Jerry Clark, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Chippewa Falls, WI
- 12:00 **LUNCH/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 1:30 **•Efficient Farms, Profitable Futures**
Amber Keller, Compeer Financial - Dodgeville, WI
- Cutting, Icing, & Tools for Evaluating Persistence**
Matthew Siebers, US Dairy Forage Research Center - Madison, WI
- Planting for Success: Tips to Optimize Your Planter**
Joseph Fugate, Insight FS - Southwest WI
- Manure Toolbar & Application Technology**
Kevin Erb, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Green Bay, WI
Manure Industry representatives
- 2:30 **What's New in Equipment**
Seth Thomforde, Oxbo Forage - Marshfield, WI
Lyndon Luckasson, Scherer Inc. - Sioux Falls, 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

^ACertified Crop Advisors (CCA) Credit Sessions TBD

^BWCO Safety Certification Sessions

^CManure Applicator Training Certificate of Completion Awarded

Symposium Hosted By:



TO RESERVE A ROOM, CALL 855.530.1706

When making a reservation, refer to booking ID: K96197
Chula Vista Resort, 1000 Chula Vista Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Rates if booked by 2/6/26 (\$105 single; \$110 double)

Wisconsin Custom Operators and Midwest Forage Association



2026 Preregistration Form • February 16-18

Registration includes proceedings, educational sessions, and meals.

Online registration available: midwestforage.org/dellsmeeting.php

Front of registration form for first registrant only, to register additional participants complete form on the reverse side.

NAME: _____

FARM/BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

2026 Association Memberships (for first registrant only)

Midwest Forage Association 2026 Membership 60.00 \$

Wisconsin Custom Operators 2026 Membership* 50.00 \$

*Wisconsin Custom Operators (WCO) and Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin (PNAAW) announced a formal agreement to join forces under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Anyone formerly a PNAAW member can purchase their manure membership through WCO.

Association membership subtotal: \$

Carry association membership subtotal below

Optional Monday Training (for first registrant only; additional registrants on reverse side)

UW-Extension Manure Applicator Training 101 5.00 \$

Training subtotal: \$

Carry training subtotal below

Manure Training Registration (FREE with Tues./Wed. registration; Monday only not available)

Total attending Puck Pump School

Symposium Registration (for first registrant only; additional registrants on reverse side)

	'26 Member Preregistration	Non-Member Preregistration	
Tues./Wed. Registration (Feb. 17-18) <small>onsite: \$160 member; \$200 non-member</small>	\$145.00	\$185.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Tuesday Registration Only (Feb. 17) <small>onsite: \$125 member; \$145 non-member</small>	115.00	135.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Wednesday Registration Only (Feb. 18) <small>onsite: \$105 member; \$125 non-member</small>	95.00	115.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Symposium registration subtotal (for 1st registrant): \$

Association Membership subtotal (from 1st registrant above): \$

Training subtotal (from 1st registrant above): \$

Subtotal from reverse (add'l participant membership/registration/training): \$

Total: \$

Registration Deadline - February 2, 2026 - No Refunds

Online registration available at: midwestforage.org/dellsmeeting.php

Or mail completed form and check to: Midwest Forage Association • 4630 Churchill Street #1 • St. Paul, MN 55126 • 651.484.3888

Save Today!
2026 members save
on preregistration fees.
Join today!

Detach Here

Registration Shortcut
Use your smart phone to scan
and be directed to the
online registration form.



2026 Symposium & Annual Meetings Additional Registrant Preregistration Form

Multiple registrants from the same farm/business can register below - copy this form for more than ten registrants.
If registering only one person, please do not complete this side of form.

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Key: (MFA) Midwest Forage Association; (WCO) Wisconsin Custom Operators.

Only one attendee per association membership is eligible for discounted member registration fees. All others register at non-member registration fees.

	2026 Membership Fees (Circle fee for each association you are joining)		2026 Training Fees (Circle fee for each training you are taking)		2026 Symposium & Annual Meeting Registration (Circle the appropriate fees)				Total per Registrant		
	MFA	WCO	Manure Applicator Training		Non-Association Member Registration Fees						
	Tues./Wed.	Tues./Wed.	Tues. Only	Wed. Only	Tues./Wed.	Tues. Only	Wed. Only	Wed. Only			
Example:	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	\$245
2 nd Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
3 rd Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
4 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
5 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
6 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
7 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
8 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
9 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	
10 th Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$130	\$105	\$85	\$170	\$105	\$105	

Additional Registrants after February 2:
 Member: Tues/Wed - \$145; Tues Only - \$115; Wed Only - \$95
 Non-Member: Tues/Wed - \$185; Tues Only - \$135; Wed Only - \$115

Subtotal for additional memberships/registrations: \$

Carry add'l participant membership/registration subtotal to reverse side