

Barron County is the Home of the Grand Champion Forage!

Breezy Hill Dairy of Dallas was awarded \$2500 from Kemin Industries for having the Grand Champion Forage in the 2017 Forage Analysis Superbowl at World Dairy Expo. Alex & Mary Olson entered a corn silage sample with a calculated 3746 pounds of milk per ton. On a dry-matter basis, the grand champion entry was 33.09 percent dry matter, 7.02 percent crude protein, 35.22 percent neutral detergent fiber and 60.88 percent neutral detergent fiber digestibility as a percent of NDF. Congratulations Alex & Mary!

October Dairy Outlook now Available

Prof. Bob Cropp's latest milk situation and dairy price outlook is now available at this link: [October Dairy Outlook newsletter](#). You can also connect to the report from the [Understanding Dairy Markets](#) website. Below are a thoughts from that newsletter:

- Higher cheese prices more than offsetting lower dry whey prices will result in an October Class III price near \$16.60, up about \$0.30 from \$16.36 in September. Unless cheese prices rally more like prices did last year the Class III price for November and December will stay in the \$16's and average about \$16.25 for the year compared to \$14.87 last year.
- Looking into 2018 Class III prices could stay in the high \$15's for the first half of the year and reaching the \$16's during the second half. Milk prices for the remainder of this year and into 2018 will depend upon the level of milk production.
- USDA is forecasting 2018 milk production to increase 1.9% from this year, the result of 0.5% more cows and 1.4% more milk per cow. This is a lot of milk that will put downward pressure on milk prices. It would take higher than expected domestic sales of milk and dairy products or higher dairy exports to push 2018 milk prices higher than what is now forecasted.

Swine Symposium at UW-River Falls

The UW- Extension Swine Team invites you to attend the Badger Swine Symposium that will be held at UW-River Falls, November 10, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The agenda will include: on-farm PRRS & upcoming regulatory changes, niche pasture pork opportunities, pork quality in the meat lab, swine euthanasia and student research presentations.

There is no cost for the program (including lunch) thanks to financial support by **Pork Check-Off funds**. If you need more details or other information please call the WI Pork Assn. at 1-800-822-7675. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged!** Register online at <http://www.wppa.org/badgerswine/> or call the Barron County UW-Extension Office to receive registration materials - 715-537-6250.

Silage Plastic Recycling

Revolution Plastics is continuing to collect used silage plastic in Wisconsin for recycling. They have a patent for shredding and washing process that enables them to utilize used plastic film into a resin they can use in their manufacturing business.

They do not distribute dumpsters in the fall and winter. However, they encourage farmers register for a dumpster and free pick-up service by calling their toll free number at (844) 490-7873 or register online at RevolutionPlastics.com. Dumpster distribution will begin again in the spring.

There are four pickup schedules, with farms being picked up either at 2-week, 4-week, 8-week, or 16-week intervals. If you already have a dumpster at your farm, please remember use the Revolution Plastics dumpster for only used silage plastic, no television sets, tires, etc.