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ACE Meetings Connect Leaders and Farmers for Important Dairy Discussions

Join farmers and local community leaders Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31 around Wisconsin to discuss issues relating to our communities, natural resources and farming practices.

DAIRY NEWS – Building and maintaining strong rural communities requires partnerships and open dialogue between everyone involved, including local elected officials, business leaders, citizens, and farmers. A series of [ACE \(Agricultural Community Engagement®\) On-the-Farm Twilight Meetings](#), August 28, 29, 30 and 31, will provide opportunities for discussions about issues important to Wisconsin's communities and a first-hand look at modern dairy farming.

The meetings are hosted by the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Towns Association and the Professional Dairy Producers (PDPW). All four meetings are free and open to the public.

“ACE On-the-Farm Twilight Meetings provide a platform for important agricultural discussions to address key issues facing rural and urban communities,” said Shelly Mayer, Executive Director of PDPW. “Working together, we can advance both agriculture and rural America.”

Each ACE On-the-Farm Twilight Meeting will include a 60-minute guided tour of the dairy farm, followed by open dialogue and ice cream. Meetings will start with tours at 6:00 p.m., ice cream with discussion and Q&A to follow and close at 8:30 p.m. All elected officials, neighbors, farmers, media and neighboring public are encouraged to attend this free event.

Meetings will be held at the following dairy farms throughout Wisconsin:

- **Mon., Aug. 28:** [Brooks Farms in Waupaca County](#), owned and operated by Ron Brooks and daughter Zoey, N1757 Cty. Rd. A, Waupaca, Wis.
- **Tue., Aug. 29:** [Mar-Bec Dairy in Buffalo County](#), owned and operated by Marty Hallock, his wife Becky, and their sons, Jonathon and Josh, W962 Cty. Rd. NN, Mondovi, Wis.
- **Wed., Aug. 30:** [Cozy Nook Farm in Waukesha County](#), owned and operated by Tom and Joan Oberhaus, S11W30780 Summit Ave./Hwy 18, Waukesha, Wis.
- **Thur., Aug. 31:** [Ripp's Dairy Valley, LLC, in Dane County](#), owned and operated by Chuck, Gary and Troy Ripp, 6626 Ripp Dr., Dane, Wis.

All ACE On-the-Farm Twilight Meetings are free and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome or, to help us prepare, please [RSVP to Professional Dairy Producers](#) at www.pdpw.org, 800-947-7379 or mail@pdpw.org.

Professional Dairy Producers (PDPW) is the nation's largest dairy producer-led, grassroots organization of its kind, focusing on education, networking and professional development to share ideas, solutions, resources and experiences that help dairy producers succeed.

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