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Column: Celebrating June Dairy Month

June in Wisconsin is synonymous with Dairy Month. Around 95% of Wisconsin's dairy farms are family owned, and this month-long celebration gives us an opportunity to thank dairy farm families who have dedicated their lives to caring for their land and water, animals and the communities who depend on them.

One of my favorite June Dairy Month traditions is attending area dairy breakfasts. Farms open their doors to the community to share a meal and show them how a modern day dairy farm operates. This is a great opportunity to see how farmers care for their animals, learn more about their processes and explore their facilities.

A list of area farm breakfasts can be found here:

June 4	June 4
Portage County	Wisconsin Dells FFA Alumni Breakfast
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	7:00AM – 12:00 PM
Edgewood Dairy Farm	Bowman Park
7589 Cty Rd I	730 Capital St
Custer, WI	Wisconsin Dells, WI
June 5	June 11
Dodge County	Sauk County
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	7:00 – 11:00 AM
Kuhlman Farms	Schyvinck's Hillside Haven
W3826 W Neda Rd	E6458 Pine Rock Rd
Horicon, WI	Reedsburg, WI
June 11	June 11
Markesan	Dane County
7:30 – 10:30 AM	7:00 – 11:30 AM
City Garage	Haag Dairy
150 S Bridge St	6868 Buethin Rd
Markesan, WI	Dane, WI
June 12	June 12
Outagamie County	Marquette County
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Van Rossum Dairy	Marquette County Fairgrounds
W134 Cty Rd UU	757 S Main St
Kaukauna, WI	Westfield, WI
June 18	June 19
Columbia Moo-Day Brunch	Ripon FFA Alumni Breakfast
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Manthe – Paulson Farms	Schram Farms
4083 Manthe Rd	8050 Forest Ridge Rd
DeForest, WI	Ripon, WI

June 19	
Weyauwega – Fremont FFA	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Waupaca County Fairgrounds	
602 South St	
Weyauwega, WI	

June 25 Dairy Agstravaganza 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Whitetail Valley Dairy E1596 Hasse Rd Waupaca, WI

This legislative session, I was honored to be recognized as a Cheese Champion by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association. I appreciated their partnership in passing the Wisconsin Agricultural Export Initiative and their support of investments into dairy promotion and processing during the budget process. I look forward to continuing to support this important industry.

I encourage you and your families to see firsthand the hard work, dedication and quality products that define America's Dairyland and to participate in the events June Dairy Month has to offer. For a full list of events, visit <u>wisconsindairy.org</u>.

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