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FUTURE SHOWS:
2016 Walworth County  July 19-21
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Show Hours
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Wednesday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Your 2015 hosts

The Family

Richard and Veronica Statz, and Donnie and Shirley Statz, purchased the first 80 acres of their farm in 1966. The Statz Bros. Inc. farm was incorporated in 1971 and has grown continuously over the years. The farm is currently operated by three generations of Statz family members: Richard and Veronica Statz, and their sons Troy and Wes, with their wives Renee and Andrea; Shirley Statz and her son Joe, with his wife Lisa, and their children Zach, Austin, and Tia.

The Statz Family’s mission is to produce quality milk in a safe environment using innovation to produce renewable energy and high quality crops while giving back to the local community. They consider the dairy industry a good place to be and are optimistic about its future.

Statz Bros. Inc. is honored to host Wisconsin Farm Technology Days and looks forward to showcasing their progressive dairy and cropping operation.

Front row: Lydia, Renee, Veronica, Richard (back), Owen (front), Andrea and Levi
Back row: Henry, Troy, Joe, Lisa, Tia, Shirley, Zach, Austin, Hudson and Wes

The Farm

Statz Bros. Inc. is located in the town of Sun Prairie (northeast of Madison). This modern, growing farm is an outstanding example of not only Wisconsin’s agricultural heritage but also of how exciting the future of Dane County’s agriculture is.

The Statz family farms about 6,000 acres and milks 2,750 cows. They are currently milking cows at three farms but they are in the process of consolidating their operation by building a double-50 parallel parlor and three new freestall barns that they will be using by the end of 2014. The farm will likely be milking 4,000 cows by the time of the show.

Statz Bros. Inc. installed their first manure digester in 2009 and are adding a second one with the current farm expansion. They practice sustainability through anaerobic digestion and solids separation along with producing electricity. The digester produces about two times as much electricity as the farm uses – the remainder goes back to the Alliant Energy grid.

The farm has a 750,000-gallon manure pit and distributes the slurry within a three-mile radius of their buildings via hoses. They use the separated manure solids for bedding.

Cows on the Statz farm are producing an average of 80 pounds of milk per day. Their milk is marketed through Dairy Farmers of America and bottled by Dean Foods. Crops grown include corn, alfalfa, wheat and soybeans. They also raise all their own heifers and have a custom combining business and a trucking operation.

The farm employs about 75 full-time employees. Some employees are local and some are from across the world as the farm participates in the International Farmers Aid Association, a training program for young farmers. Employees have come from Brazil, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Africa, Argentina and Mexico.
EXHIBITORS:
More than 600 exhibitors will participate in the Dane county show allowing producers to comparison shop in one convenient location.

FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS:
• Corn silage chopping
• A tilling demonstration
• Forage cutting, merging and harvesting

HERITAGE EQUIPMENT DISPLAY will let attendees travel back in time and view farm tractors, implements, steam engines and much more.

COMMEMORATIVE TRACTOR:
The Dane County show will offer an Allis Chalmers D-15 tractor with a 2-row mounted Ellis Transplanter as the official commemorative tractor of the show.

FARM TOURS:
Attendees will have the opportunity to see the inner workings of the Statz Bros. Inc. Farm, including a brand new double-50 parallel parlor, freestall barns and the farm’s second manure digester.

UW-EXTENSION FACULTY AND STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO DISCUSS THE LATEST RESEARCH ON:
• Cover Crops - Find ways to profitably implement cover crops into your farming rotation.
• Specialty Crops – Hops, barley and other specialty crops can be used to improve your farm’s profitability
• Precision Ag – Learn how tools such as unmanned aerial vehicles can reduce costs and improve efficiency.
• Animal Care – Learn how the Ideal Calving Pen can improve calving and make life easier.
• Field crops – UW Agronomy Specialists will be on hand to help you determine what works best for your farm.
• Vegetables – Equipment, High tunnels and other tips and techniques for fresh market growers
• Horticulture – UW-Extension Horticultural specialists and Master Gardener Volunteers will answer plant questions for home gardeners
Dane County is Wisconsin’s most productive agricultural county.

- It ranks first in both corn grain and corn silage production, second in soybean production and third in wheat production.
- Ag-related sales are $3.45 billion
- Ag-related employment accounts for 16,767 jobs
- The top agricultural commodities are milk, $206.2 million; grain $109.4 million; and cattle and calves, $46.4 million
- Farms in Dane County number 3,331 and cover 535,756 acres.
- Direct market sales are also an important element of Dane county agriculture with 246 farms that generate $2,684,000 in economic activity

Dane County is also home to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the prestigious College of Agricultural & Life Sciences.

The Dane County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Show Organizers

The Dane County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days show is a collaborative effort between Wisconsin Farm Tech Days Inc. and local Dane County organizers. The goal is to provide agricultural clientele with the latest in agricultural technology and research while showcasing the best of Dane County agriculture. Listed below is the Wisconsin Farm Tech Days Inc. Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for the Dane County Show.

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**Dane County WI Farm Tech Days Executive Committee**

**FRONT ROW (left to right):** Jack Kaltenberg, John Doerfer, Bob Wipperlurth (Chair), Kyle Myhre (Treasurer)

**BACK ROW (left to right):** Rick Daluge, Dave Fahey (Vice-chair), Neal Stecheschulte, Mark Clarke, Joe Statz, Heidi Johnson (Secretary), Candi Sarbacker

**NOT PICTURED** John Blaska, Casey Becker