



## Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Dairy Production Systems

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Newsletter

### Research Program Manager Hired



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and Adaptation in Dairy  
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### Climate Change Project Officially Announced

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack visited the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the USDA's Dairy Forage Research Center on campus on May 7th to formally announce the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Dairy Production Systems Project.

If your institution or lab has been waiting to announce your involvement in the project, feel free to send out your own news release at this time.

The project - our project - will identify dairy production practices that minimize the emission of greenhouse gasses (GHG) and will be more resilient to the effects of a changing climate.

"We will be working across the entire dairy production system to improve production efficiency while decreasing negative impacts in an effort to support U.S. dairy producers' ongoing sustainability efforts," says Matt Ruark, project director.

To read the news release issued by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, [click here](#).

## Research Program Manager Hired



Carolyn Rumery Betz has been hired to serve as the Research Program Manager for the DairyCAP and will be working directly with Matt Ruark in the Department of Soil Science at UW-Madison. Betz comes to the program by way of the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) for which she also served as program manager.

While Betz has been academic staff at the University of Wisconsin - Madison for over five years, the bulk of her career was with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. There, she served for nearly 25 years in the Bureau of Watershed Management with expertise in citizen lake monitoring, watershed planning and nonpoint source control implementation.

Betz holds a M.S. in Land Resources from the University of Wisconsin's Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and a B.S. in Geology from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. She is also a graduate of UW-Extension's Rural Leadership Program.

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### Please Respond to Email from Jerry Hatfield

Jerry sent an email to all PIs on June 3rd asking you to fill out a questionnaire to help his team construct a database around the three elements of the project: measurements, modeling, and lifecycle analysis. If you haven't already done so, please review your email so that you can complete the questionnaire and return it to him by June 25th. Thanks!

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### Amending Soils in the Organic Dairy Pasture Webinar - June 27th

Dr. Cindy Daley, California State University, will describe a long-term soil remediation field trial designed at the University Farm to study the effects of a basic soil amendment program on forage quality and yield, with an emphasis on the economic return that would result from added milk production. [Register in advance.](#)

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