

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Thursday, Feb 28th

11:00 – 12:00PM	Past Presidents' Meeting
12:00PM	Registration
12:30 – 2:30PM	WAPAC Annual Meeting
2:30 – 3:00PM	Break/Registration
3:00 – 3:50PM	Session 1: <i>Brian Weigel – Deputy Bureau Director, DNR</i>
4:00 – 4:50PM	Session 2: Farm Management/Crop Budgeting <i>Trevor Athorp – Investors Community Bank</i>
5:00 – 6:15PM	Social (Check In, if necessary)
6:15 – 7:00PM	Dinner

Keynote Speaker – Mark Stephenson

The Changing Landscape of Our Dairy Industry

Thursday, February 28th – 7:00PM



Mark Stephenson is the Director of Dairy Policy Analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In this position, Dr. Stephenson conducts and coordinates research and outreach activities related to the dairy industry. He is involved in applied research at the farm-level, including milk assembly costs, processing costs, new processing technologies, farm costs and price risk management. He is also active in sector-level performance including dairy policy, spatial milk pricing, international trade and milk price forecasting.

Mark has a second title as Director of Wisconsin's Center for Dairy Profitability. In this capacity, he works with faculty and staff to coordinate a multi-disciplinary approach to dairy farm-level problem solving and planning. A native of Michigan, Dr. Stephenson received his Bachelor's and Master's degree from Michigan State University in Dairy Science and later, a second Master's and PhD in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University.

Friday, March 1st

7:00 – 8:30AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 – 9:30AM	Session 3: CRISPR <i>Shawn Kaeppler, Professor of Agronomy, UW-Madison and Director of Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center</i>
9:40 – 10:40AM	Session 4: Bayesian Optimization <i>Paul Mitchell, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW-Madison, Extension State Specialist in Cropping Systems and Environmental Management, Co-Director of UW Extension's Nutrient and Pest Management Program (NPM) Program, International Science and Technology Practice and Policy (InSTePP) Fellow</i>
10:50 – 11:50AM	Session 5: Economic Outlook <i>Ben Buckner, Grains Analyst - AgResource</i>
12:00PM	Conclusion of Conference