

Contributions of *any amount* are welcome and may be given to a rider or mailed directly to The UW Foundation. Do not mail cash; checks should be made out to: **UW Foundation–WSBDF Fund**

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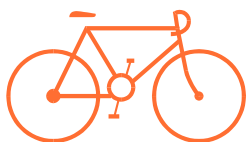
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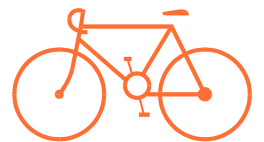
ROUTE & EVENT STOPS: The 2008 Ride to Farm will start on Friday June 13th with an 8:00 AM media event on the farm of Aaron Barclay (WSBDF '04), N8849 Grandy Rd., Nichols. Riders will depart ~8:30 AM, heading south to Culvers of Appleton for lunch with Rollie and Sue Stephenson of Town & Country Electric. The Ride will veer southeast around Lake Winnebago to Cleveland, for a gathering and picnic supper at the Saxon Homestead Farm, 15621 S. Union Rd. Invited guests include WSBDF graduates, area youth in agriculture and the Glacial Lakes Conservancy. Starting Saturday morning from Sheboygan, riders will pedal west and south to join the Kewaskum FFA for lunch and tour an organic dairy farm. Continuing southwest, the Ride will head to Hartford, then end the day with Ike and Shelly Mayer, PDPW, hosting a picnic supper at their family farm near Slinger. Sunday morning riders will journey southwest, stop for an early lunch at Culvers of Oconomowoc, and continue south toward Elkhorn for a BBQ at the farm of Altfrid and Sue Krusenbaum, W3194 Cty Rd D, with School graduates, local graziers and ag youth. Please join us where you can!

We want to graciously thank our sponsors: American Transmission Company, Culvers Restaurants, Farm Credit-Wisconsin, FCS-Financial Services, Organic Valley Family of Farms, Town & Country Electric, We Energies, and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. Says the School's Director, Dick Cates, "Our graduates are successful business people and productive, contributing members of their communities. The Ride is an opportunity to communicate how necessary and important it is to support a next generation of bright, innovative farmers on our working lands."

For more information, see the Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers (WSBDF) website:
<http://www.cias.wisc.edu/dairysch.html>



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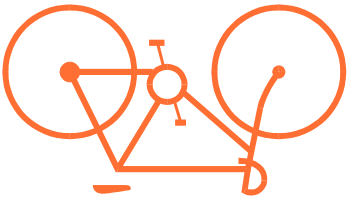


The **5th Annual** Bicycle Ride for the Next Generation of Wisconsin Farmers



Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy & Livestock Farmers

Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and Farm and Industry Short Course
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UW-Madison



RIDE TO FARM—June 13-15, 2008

What is it? A 200-mile bicycle ride to raise awareness and funds for the Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers. Retiring farmers are leaving farming at a much faster rate than new farmers are starting. The School meets the critical need to train, mentor and support Wisconsin's next generation of dairy and livestock farmers.

Who's doing it? Principal cyclists are high school/FFA instructors Merle Richter, Bloomer, and Brad Strianni, Independence; WSBDP Director, Dick Cates, and Assoc. Director, Jennifer Taylor. About two dozen riders will join them. **Where?** The Ride starts this year at the farm of a WSBDP graduate NW of Green Bay, WI and will travel throughout three days to finish at Krusen Grass Farms, Elkhorn. Tune in to your local radio station and watch the newspapers for more information! Event stops include five farms and two Culvers restaurants, --details are on the other side. **How can YOU be involved?** *Collect pledges* for the riders, all of which go to support the School, or *make a direct contribution*. Plus: **Come to any of the ride stops** along the way! At our events you will have the opportunity to ask about the WSBDP and the UW Farm and Industry Short Course programs, visit with cyclists and program graduates, and see what successful farm managers do as they put their practical education to work on their own operations.

WI School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers (WSBDF)

The WSBDP has completed its 13th year of helping new farmers get the information and experience they need to succeed. The program provides classroom instruction, on-farm internships, mentoring, and business plan development. About 270 students have attended the School and more than 75 % of graduates are farming. "The most amazing thing has been the enthusiasm and willingness to share information that comes from the [farming] community," *Patty Laskowski '02*. "If it weren't for the School, we never would have been able to get a start at dairy farming," *Jim and Julie Schweers '98*.



Class of 2007 (partial) visits the Winkel farm, Waupun

Your support is needed and greatly appreciated! Plan on attending one or more of the Ride events, as well as collecting contributions for Wisconsin's own School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers!

Pledge form

Sponsor's Name	Mailing Address	Telephone #	Pledge Amount

Riders and supporters are encouraged to collect a total of at least \$1/mile in pledge donations. Funds and pledge forms may be given directly to a ride participant or mailed as a check or money order to the UW Foundation by **July 31, 2008**.