



Farm Energy News

Spring 2025



Join us at the WPS Farm Show

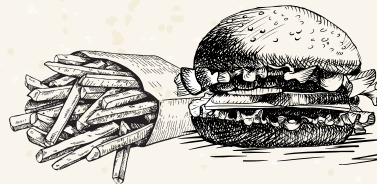


One of the biggest events in Wisconsin agriculture is almost here. The WPS Farm Show will be held April 1 to 3 at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) grounds in Oshkosh.

The show attracts about 20,000 farmers from around Wisconsin who come to see the latest technology in agriculture. Around 400 exhibitors will bring innovative ideas and machinery, filling 212,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space and another 200,000 square feet outdoors.

New and exciting for this year's show:

- A new 80-by-150-foot, hard-surface exhibitor tent will be added, called the South Tent. It will be on the south side of the main walkway as you enter the grounds. Large exhibitors, such as Krone America, Supreme International, Miller, Bradford & Risberg and Horst Welding, will be on display, along with 28 smaller exhibitors.
- The North Tent, which was located between hangars A and C, will be relocated to the northeast end of the grounds and will be situated on a hard surface.
- The food tent will move to the front of Hangar D, rather than Hangar B, and will be an upgraded structure. The food tent will host items from the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association, Wisconsin Pork Association, Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association, Wisconsin Bison Producers Association, Curds of Wisconsin and the Winnebago County Holstein Association.



When:

April 1 and 2
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 3
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where:

EAA Grounds
Oshkosh

Cost:

Admission is free,
parking is \$5 per
vehicle.

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In addition to a variety of exhibits, the WPS Farm Show offers many activities for all ages, including:

- Blood pressure testing and information on health topics such as blood sugar and cholesterol, courtesy of UW-Oshkosh College of Nursing and the ThedaCare Rural Health Initiative
- Kiddie Tractor Pull
- FFA silent auction



Go to wisconsinpublicservice.com/farmshow for a full listing of exhibitors and other information.



RECIPE CORNER

ARTICHOKE CHICKEN *in creamy wine sauce*

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 cup pearl couscous | 2 garlic cloves, minced |
| 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (6 ounces each) | 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour |
| Salt and pepper | ¾ cup milk |
| 6 tablespoons butter, cubed and divided | ½ cup dry white wine |
| 2 medium leeks (white and light green portions only), thinly sliced (about 2 cups) | 4 ounces American Alpine-style cheese such as Gruyere, shredded (1 cup) |
| 1 medium sweet red bell pepper, thinly sliced | 1 can (14 ounces) water-packed quartered artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained and coarsely chopped |
| | ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley |

COOKING DIRECTIONS

Cook couscous according to package directions. Keep warm.

Flatten chicken to ½-inch thickness. Season with salt and pepper. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a 4-quart Dutch oven or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook for 5-6 minutes on each side or until a thermometer inserted into meat reads 165°F. Transfer chicken to a plate. Keep warm.

Melt remaining butter in the same pan over medium heat. Add the leeks, red bell pepper and garlic; cook and stir for 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low. Stir in flour until light brown. Gradually stir in milk and wine. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 2-3 minutes or until thickened.

Reduce heat to low. Gradually stir in cheese until melted. Stir in artichoke hearts and parsley. Return chicken to the pan. Cover and cook for 2-3 minutes longer or until chicken is heated through. Remove from the heat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with couscous.

Farming safety

Did you know that agriculture ranks among the most dangerous professions in the United States? Each farm counts on their team and family at work daily. We want to help you ensure that every individual stays safe while on the farm. Here are 15 items to think about and take action on to prevent injuries.



- 1.** Inspect all equipment before using. Conduct daily inspections on tractors and skid loaders.
- 2.** Do not allow others to ride in a tractor or skid loader's bucket or on the hitch, or sit on someone's lap.
- 3.** Check that all trailing farm equipment display a triangular, orange Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem.
- 4.** Be cautious around livestock, especially bulls or animals that have just given birth.
- 5.** Be aware of potentially deadly gases around manure storage locations and when entering confined areas, such as chopping and filling silos.
- 6.** Be alert for potential hazards around grain bin and storage facilities.
- 7.** Be cautious when cleaning fence lines and falling trees. Check conditions of saw blades and look for potential tree branches that may drop from a falling tree.
- 8.** Inspect all equipment shields and guards to ensure they are in place, especially around moving parts.
- 9.** Do not trust hydraulic-raised equipment. Do not walk under attachments or dump trailers. Likewise, properly block and secure equipment that is jacked up before crawling under it.
- 10.** Be aware of uneven terrain in fields. This may include hills, washouts and creek banks.
- 11.** When working on equipment that has power take-off (PTO), make certain the PTO has been shut off. Remember that if something becomes plugged or jammed, the equipment may move upon cleaning it out.
- 12.** Do not run tractors or skid loaders in an enclosed building. Carbon monoxide may cause injury or death. Make sure the area is ventilated.
- 13.** When operating equipment, use a spotter or watch behind you. Watch for children, animals and pets. Do not allow children to play on or around moving farm equipment.
- 14.** Watch for contact with overhead and underground utility lines. Always call Diggers Hotline at 811 before digging. It's the law. Scout areas where you will be operating choppers with tall spouts and moving grain elevators.
- 15.** Make sure all breakers are shut off before working on electrical equipment. Hire a certified electrician to fix issues. Replace frayed or cracked power cords and wires to electrical equipment.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 1-3, 2025
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**Wisconsin FFA
 Convention & Expo**

June 10 to 13, 2025
 Madison, WI

Career day is June 11

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