

Ag Drainage 2026

Solar & conventional lift station considerations, regulatory update and drainage water quality

Monday, March 9, 2026, 9 am–4 pm, *Marshfield, WI*

UW-Stevens Point - *Marshfield* Campus, 2005 W 5th St, Marshfield



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Agenda highlights

- **Solar Lift Stations: Considerations for siting and locations**
- **Lift stations and tile outlets: Legal considerations**
- **Designing and maintaining drainage systems for peak efficiency**
- **Understanding regulations that may impact your decisions**
- **How to find old tile in your fields**
- **Water quality and conservation considerations**

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- 9 am **Drainage, Conservation and Water Quality Connections**
 Steven Hall and Mallika Nocco, UW Madison
- 9:15 **Drainage Law: What You Need to Know Before You Install (tile and lift stations)**
 Attorney Kelly T. Wilfert, J.D., UW Madison Farm Law Specialist
- 9:55 **Drainage 101: Does drainage pay? Basic design, spacing and depth, surveying basics.**
 Mallika Nocco, UW Madison BioSystems Engineering
- 10:35 Break
- 10:50 **Solar Lift Stations: Considerations for siting and locations**
 Lindsay Pease, University of Minnesota-Extension
- 11:50 **Working Lunch: Lift Station experiences: Panel discussion**
 Drainage contractors
- 12:50 **Working with Drainage Districts/lift station considerations**
 Bart Chapman, DATCP
- 1:10 **Regulations and USDA policy updates**
 Brenton Fetting, USDA-NRCS, Tom Nedland, Wisconsin DNR
- 2:00 **Water Quality and Conservation Drainage**
 Steven Hall, UW Madison Plant & Agroecosystem Sciences
- 2:30 Break
- 2:40 **On farm drainage research results from Discovery Farms**
 Ellen Albright, UW Madison-Extension Discovery Farms
- 3:10 **Finding old tile**
 Kevin Erb, UW Madison-Extension Conservation Professional Training Program
- 3:40 **Importance of soil support around pipe**
 Trey Allis, P.E., Prinsco
- 4 pm Open Q&A, Wrap up

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