



WISCONSIN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP TRAINING GRANT

AGRICULTURE & AGRI-BUSINESS TRAINING

Final Summary

August 18, 2011

Grant Summary:

- Awarded to the Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin
- Purpose: The Grant will focus on the training that is required to prepare new and incumbent workers in both on farm and off farm career pathways.
- Amount of Grant: \$284,855.00 Amount of Grant Funds Used: \$226,917.99
- Additional Local Leveraged Resources Provided: \$224,787.67
- Effective 8/1/10 through 7/31/11
- Partner Organizations: WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, WI Agricultural Education & Workforce Development Council as the Agriculture Industry Convener. Contracted with WAEF, Inc. to administer Grant.
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Summary of Educational Goals/Training: (Total Grant Funds Available = \$189,900 Revised 6/15/11 to \$169,900 with an original goal to train 258 participants); Funds Used \$111,959.25 with 232 participants involved in the training.

- **Future Fields:** Collaborator-DATCP with a goal to train 38 farm owners and a budget of \$38,000 (Revised 6/15/11 to \$18,000.00). \$20,155.02 funds used.
 - *27 farmers have been assisted in seeking off-farm employment. Assistance includes help with writing resumes, applying for positions on-line, tips for interviewing, and advice on finding job opportunities.*
- **WI Agribusiness Academy:** Collaborator-UW Extension with a goal to train 20 people and a budget of \$41,826. \$32,407.23 funds used.
 - *16 (16 completed Sessions 1-3 & 13 completed Session 4) agribusiness people enrolled in the WI Agribusiness Academy. Four scheduled workshops have been completed. See the attached for more information on the agendas completed.*
 - Agenda one: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/theacademy/files/2011/01/Session-one-agenda.doc>
 - Agenda two: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/theacademy/files/2011/01/Session-Two-agenda.doc>
 - Agenda three: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/theacademy/files/2011/01/Session-3-agenda1.doc>
 - Agenda four: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/theacademy/files/2011/01/Session-4-Agenda.doc>

- **Meat Processing Boot Camp:** Collaborator-Specialty Meat Development Center with a goal to train 60 people and a budget of \$16,000. \$4,408.67 funds used.
 - *Two workshops were held in June by Dr. Jeff Sindelar, Assistant Professor of Meat Science at UW-Madison. Sessions were held in Eau Claire & Green Bay. There were 22 participants.*
- **Introduction to Dairy Processing:** Collaborator-Dairy Business Innovation Center with a goal to train 80 people with a budget of \$16,653.00. \$4,659.19 funds used.
 - *One workshop was held and there were 16 participants.*
- **Farmstead Dairy Processing HACCP Training:** Collaborator- Dairy Business Innovation Center with a goal to train 20 people and a budget of \$18,388. \$18,051.04 was used.
 - *22 farmstead dairy processors completed HACCP training. Training sessions were held in Appleton, Siren and @ UW-Madison. There were 13 one-on-one follow up sessions completed in June & July.*
- **Orientation to Agriculture Careers:** Collaborator-WI Technical College System with a goal to orient 80 people and a budget of \$25,600. \$5,007.00 funds used.
 - *There were 2 sessions (MATC & FVTC) conducted with a total of 17 participants.*
- **Landscape Technician Training:** Collaborator-Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association with a goal to train 75 people and a budget of \$21,250. \$20,071.11 was used.
 - *There were 2 sessions held @ 2 sites: MATC-Mequon & FVTC-Appleton on 7/16/11 with 76 participants.*
- **Food Processing HACCP Training:** Collaborator-Midwest Food Processors Association with a goal to provide tuition assistance for 30 workers to complete HACCP training and a budget of \$6,000. \$7,200.00 was used based upon the \$200/participant tuition assistance.
 - *The training occurred 5/2-5/3/11 @ UW River Falls with 36 participants.*

Activities that Support Agriculture Sector Development

- **Staff Support Funding for WI Agriculture Education & Workforce Development Council Executive Director.** Grant funds approved \$51,155.00 (revised 5/15/11 to \$63,155.00). \$63,155 was used.
- **Develop & Expand Agriculture Career Pathways statewide.**
- **Launch Why Ag Campaign including Website Development & Materials to raise the understanding of the Agriculture industry and career opportunities.** Grant funds approved \$26,200 (Revised 6/15/11 to \$46,200). \$46,200.00 was used.
- **Link Partner websites to promote career opportunities in the Agriculture Industry.**
- **Develop a Sustainable Strategy and Plan for Agriculture Industry Partnerships**