

Farm Tech Days host farm applications due Nov. 15

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Jefferson County has been selected to serve as the host for the 2019 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days.

The formation of the executive committee is under way. One of their first tasks will be the selection of the site within the county for this large outdoor three-day show.

Farmers who are interested in being considered as a host site are encouraged to apply. Two or three neighbors may be interested in working together as hosts. This has been a good option in the past.

Crop farmers as well as those with a dairy or livestock enterprise are welcome to apply.

Applications are available at the Jefferson County University of Wisconsin-Extension office. A completed application should be returned by Nov. 15 to the Jefferson County UW-Extension office. The executive committee will tour the farms and visit with the families that have applied in early December.

There are several considerations that are important in a good site. The ability, willingness and cooperation of the host farm family to work with the Executive Committee in the three years of preparation for the show.

The amount of time and involvement can be determined by the hosts. In recent years host involvement has ranged from very little to a much higher level.

Land will be needed that is well-drained to be used for parking, tent city and field demonstrations. Tent city would use about 70 acres, parking would use 80 acres and the alfalfa field demonstrations need at least 250 acres with 400 acres offering more options. Financial support is available for seed and fertilizer in establishing the needed alfalfa acreage and for tillage following the show.

The number one question regarding Jefferson County hosting has been “Where will it be?” Here is a chance for you, a neighbor or both to be involved with promoting the awesome agriculture that is so important to Jefferson County.

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