What a great victory by Ohio State against Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. Now it is Bucks versus Ducks next Monday night! We at OSU Extension will be rooting for Ohio State to bring home the national championship! We also will be working to keep our local farmers at a championship level by offering great educational programs this winter. Hope to see you at one of these many programs!

David Marrison, AG Educator

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Northeast Ohio Agronomy School to be held on February 2, 2015

OSU Extension in Ashtabula County is pleased to be offer the Northeast Ohio Agronomy School on Monday, February 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Williamsfield Community Center in Williamsfield, Ohio. This year’s workshop will focus on keeping crop producers on the front edge of farm policy, technology, weed control, disease management and fertility decisions. With profit margins decreasing it will be vital for crop producers to get the biggest bang from the dollars they invest in land rental, seed and fertilizer, technology, chemicals, and crop protection.

During the school, David Marrison, OSU Extension Educator will share information on the three major decisions which crop producers will need to make as a result of the 2014 Farm Bill. Learn about more about updating your base acre yields and whether or not you should re-allocate your base acres. Learn more about the 3 new crop programs: Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agricultural Risk Coverage County Option (ARC-CO), and Agricultural Risk Coverage Individual Coverage (ARC-IC). Decide which program fits your farm the best.

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Dr. Steve Culman will be on hand to discuss getting the most from your fertilizer dollar. Learn more about how phosphorus legislation is changing how farmers operate in Ohio and how the Tri-State Fertility Guide can help producers save money.

As always, a hearty farmer lunch prepared by Lahti Catering means you will not go away hungry! Registration fee is $12.00/per person. A special thank you is extended to WI Miller Sons for helping to sponsor the lunch. Registration includes morning refreshments, lunch, speaker travel expenses, and program handouts. Pre-registration is required by Monday, January 26, 2015. Make checks payable to OSU Extension, Ashtabula County and mail to 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. If you have any questions please call 440-576-9008. CCA and Private & Commercial Pesticide Credits have been applied for. A registration flyer can be found at: go.osu.edu/ne-events

Agricultural Fertilizer Certification Session to be held on February 23, 2015 in Williamsfield, Ohio
Agricultural fertilizer applicator certification is now required for farmers who apply fertilizer to more than 50 acres of agricultural production grown primarily for sale. This requirement was signed into law in June, 2014, and also requires certification for commercial agricultural applicators. Farmers who have their fertilizer applied by co-ops or custom applicators are not required to be certified.

Farmers and applicators need to attend a training course offered by Ohio State University Extension to become certified. Those who have a pesticide applicator license need to attend a two-hour fertilizer certification. If an applicator does not have a pesticide license, they will be required to attend a three-hour fertilizer certification.

A three-hour certification program for any applicator who does not have a pesticide license will be offered on Monday, February 23, 2015 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon at the Williamsfield Community Center located at 5920 US Route 322 in Williamsfield, Ohio. This free meeting will meet the certification requirements for those with and without a pesticide license. Pre-registration is required and online registration is available at http://nutrienteducation.osu.edu Registration can also be made by calling the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008.

Fertilizer is defined for the regulation as any substance containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other plant nutrient in a dry or liquid formulation. All application types such as broadcast, side dress, sub-surface, knifing and other are included in the certification requirement. Lime and limestone are not included as fertilizer for the certification and farmers who only use starter fertilizer in their planter boxes are exempted. Applicators who are a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) or Ohio Certified Livestock Manager are not required to attend the training. The agriculture fertilizer certification is not required for manure applications as these are currently regulated.

Applicators who meet the criteria for the certification must attend training by September 30, 2017. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is the agency issuing the certification for agriculture fertilizer applications and information about the new certification can be found at: http://agri.ohio.gov

For more information about this training session or general materials for the agriculture fertilizer certification, visit http://nutrienteducation.osu.edu or call the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008. A program flyer for the February 23 program can be found at: http://go.osu.edu/ne-events

Farm Bill Programs to be Held Northeast Ohio
OSU Extension in Northeast Ohio will be collaborating with local Farm Service Agency offices to offer meetings to discuss the crop side of the 2014 Farm Bill. The 2014 Farm Bill has instituted major changes to the federal farm
programs which require landowners and farmers to make a couple major decisions during the winter of 2015. Landowners will need to decide whether or not to update their property’s crop yields and determine whether or not to re-allocate the farm’s base acres by February 27, 2015.

The new farm bill also eliminated the Direct Payment, Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) programs that were included in the 2008 Farm Bill. These programs were replaced by a choice of three programs that farmers may elect to enroll in for the 2014 to 2018 crop years. These programs are Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agricultural Risk Coverage County Option (ARC-CO), and Agricultural Risk Coverage Individual Coverage (ARC-IC). Producers need to choose their program choice by March 31, 2015.

OSU Extension Educator, David Marrison and a local Farm Service Agency Representative will share specifics of the Farm Bill. Join us at one of these regional meetings. Please note that additional meetings will be scheduled as demand persists. There is no cost to attend but pre-registrations are requested so that adequate handouts can be made. The following dates have been established.

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**
Ashtabula County Extension Office
39 Wall Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
10:00 to 12:00 noon
To reserve call: (440) 437-6330

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**
Geauga County Extension Office
14269 Claridon-Troy Road
Burton, Ohio 44021
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
To reserve call: (440) 437-6330

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**
Lorain County Farm Service Agency
42110 Russia Road
Elyria, Ohio 44035
2:00 to 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Call 440-326-5830 to register

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**
Trumbull County AG Center
520 West Main Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
To reserve call: (330) 637-2046 ext 109

**Thursday, January 15, 2015**
Akron University- Medina
Medina County University Center (of Akron University)
6300 West Technology Lane
Medina, Ohio 44256
10:00 to 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Call 330-722-2628 to register

Thursday, January 15, 2015
Portage County Ag Center
6970 State Route 88
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
To reserve call: (330) 297-7633 ext 113

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Trumbull County AG Center
520 West Main Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410
Call for program time
To reserve call: (330) 637-2046 ext 109

Private Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification Session & Commercial Fertilizer Application Certification Sessions to be held across Northeast Ohio in 2015
Does your Private Pesticide Applicator’s License expire on March 31, 2015? If so, OSU Extension in Northeast Ohio has planned four pesticide re-certification sessions for producers. These sessions will be held on January 16 at the Williamsfield Community Center, January 30 at the Geauga County Extension office, February 9 at the Trumbull County Extension office and February 26 at the Perry Community Center.

Each of these sessions will offer 3 credits for pesticide re-certification for CORE and All Categories (1-7). Private Pesticide Applicators are encouraged to choose the session which best fits their schedule the best. Additionally, a special session will be held during the same day and location for private pesticide applicators who would like to complete their Commercial Fertilizer Application Certification. Due to Ohio’s new legislation, any producer who applies commercial fertilizer to 50 or more acres must be certified by no later than September 30, 2017. Attend this session to complete your certification. This session is open only to current licensed private pesticide applicators who wish to become certified.

The times and locations for each of the sessions are:
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Private Pesticide from 9:00 to 12:00 noon & Fertilizer Applicator Certification from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Private Pesticide from 9:00 to 12:00 noon & Fertilizer Applicator Certification from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Trumbull County Extension office in Cortland, Ohio.
Private Pesticide from 9:00 to 12:00 noon & Fertilizer Applicator Certification from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Perry Community Center in Perry, Ohio.
Fertilizer Applicator Certification from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. & Private Pesticide from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The registration fee is $35/person for the private pesticide applicator re-certification. There is no fee for the fertilizer certification session. A hearty farmer’s lunch and refreshments will be provided for attendees for a fee $15/person. Pre-registration is required eight days prior to the session date. An additional late registration fee of $25 per person will be added for any late registration. Make checks payable to OSU Extension and mail to OSU
Preparation Class for Private Pesticide Applicator License Test to be held on February 10 in Burton, Ohio
OSU Extension in Northeast Ohio will be providing a training session to help farmers prepare for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Private Pesticide Applicator’s Exam. This class is not required but is a great opportunity for applicators to learn what they will need to study for the test. This class will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. This session will be held in Burton, Ohio at the Geauga County Extension office. The registration fee for this program is $35/person. Call the Geauga County Extension office at 440-834-4656 to register or for more information.

Private & Commercial Pesticide Applicator Testing to be held by Ohio Department of Agriculture During Winter of 2015
Are you looking to take obtain your private or commercial pesticide license or wish to add an additional category to your existing license? The Ohio Department of Agriculture will be holding testing clinics during the winter of 2015 in Northeast Ohio. Pre-registration is required for each location and can be made by calling the ODA at 1-800-282-1955 (press 3 then 1). Study material can be found at: http://pested.osu.edu/privatestudy.html

Ashtabula County
Date: March 25 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
Location: OSU Extension Office
Basement Meeting Room
39 Wall Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
For Directions Call 440-576-9008

Geauga County
Dates: February 18, March 18, April 15, and May 20 (all beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
Location: Geauga County Extension Office
Patterson Center Basement
P.O. Box 387
14269 Claridon-Troy Road
Burton, OH 44021-0387
For Directions Call 440-834-4656

Trumbull County
Date: April 1 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
Location: Trumbull County Extension Office
520 West Main Street, Suite #1
Cortland, OH 44410
For Directions Call 330-638-6783

Applications Being Taken For Ashtabula County Dairy Princess
OSU Extension and the Ashtabula County Dairy Service Unit Board of Directors are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Ashtabula County’s Dairy Princess Program.

This year’s princess will be crowned at the Annual Ashtabula County Dairy Banquet on Saturday evening, March 21, 2015 at the Lenox Community Center in Lenox, Ohio. As part of the competition, each contestant will be interviewed
by a panel of judges and be required to present a two-minute speech relating to the dairy industry or her involvement in dairying. The new princess will be selected based on her interview score in combination with a vote of the dairy producers in attendance at the banquet.

Contestants must have a dairy background and reside or work on a milk producing dairy farm or have specific interests in dairy, dairy veal, or dairy feeder 4-H or FFA projects. They must be a 15-25 year old resident of Ashtabula County. Application forms are now available at the OSU Extension office in Jefferson and can be received by calling 440-576-9008. The application deadline for this contest is March 2, 2015.

**Ashtabula Local Food Policy Council**

Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake Counties Farmers Union and the Henderson Memorial Public Library are sponsoring a series of meetings on developing a Local Food Policy Council. Bryn Bird, co-founder of the Licking County Local Food Council and Licking County 30-Mile Meal Project, will be kicking the series off on Sunday, January 11, 2015, at 2pm, at the Henderson Memorial Public Library (54 East Jefferson St., Jefferson OH 44047). The next meeting dates are February 22 and March 22, at 2pm, in the Henderson Library.

Bryn is a farm girl hailing from a dirt road outside Granville, Ohio. Bryn is now committed to empowering the rural lifestyle while working to develop a strong local food economy in Licking County. Bryn’s passion for just food and farm policy stems not only from her own experiences as a family farmer, but her desire for all individuals to have the opportunity for an economically viable family operation. She and her brother, Lee, were named to the 2012 National Farmers Union – Beginning Farmers Institute. Their second-generation family vegetable farm continues to grow with 215 annual CSA subscriptions, wholesale markets, and Farm-to-School programs.

Many people have been involved in discussions around this idea for a couple of years; it’s time to get something going. There are many farmers in Ashtabula County producing for local markets, many consumers and restaurants wanting local food, and so many possibilities for being part of the vibrant local food scene of northeast Ohio! Meeting is free and open to the public. There will be children’s activities around the theme of food in the library. Light refreshments.

**Contact information**

Ed Worsø (head librarian, Henderson Library) 440-576-3761  
Mardy Townsend (AGL president) 440-272-5174  
Courtney Johnson (AGL secretary/treasurer) 440-261-5112

**2015 Ohio Grape and Wine Conference Update**

by Dave Scurlock, OSU/OARDC Viticulture Outreach Specialist

The link for the 2015 Ohio Grape and Wine Conference registration material can be found on the Ohio Grape Web at:  

There have been some confirmations of additional speakers that were not in the first couple of mailings. One of the additional highlights is Hugh Fraser. Hugh Fraser is an Extension Agricultural Engineer employed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in Vineland, Ontario, Canada about 20 minutes from Niagara Falls. Recently, he teamed with others on a 4-year research project on wind machines to help protect grapes against cold injury and co-authored a factsheet on best management practices for using wind machines. Hugh will present some interesting information on Ontario’s 15 years of experience with wind machines for cold injury protection of grapes in the Monday afternoon general session. Hugh Fraser has authored factsheets on best management practices for using bird bangers and other bird control options. Currently, he is involved in two projects evaluating new options to
help drive birds away from eating our precious horticultural crops. Hugh will present some of his work on wildlife control in the vineyard on Tuesday. Hugh is from a dairy farm, and has worked with horticultural growers across Ontario for over 25 years.

Matt Kleski, Key Program Specialist Production Adjustment, Compliance and Risk Management. Programs Section in Ohio at FSA’s State office is going to give an update in the general session on Monday afternoon on the TAP and NAP assistance programs. Deadlines for NAP are approaching fast so be sure to contact your local or state office for more information. Visit http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/grapeweb/images/OGEN20141219(38).pdf FSA has been very helpful to many growers in providing information and financial assistance in the aftermath of the 2014 Polar Vortex. Matt Kleski manages and directs the administration of disaster assistance programs, payment eligibility and limitations, compliance and risk management programs. Matt graduated from The Ohio State University in 2001 with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Agribusiness and Applied Economics. Upon graduation, he was employed as the Director of Communications and Promotions for the Ohio Cattlemen’s Association and the Ohio Beef Council. In 2004, he graduated from West Virginia University with a Master’s Degree in Agricultural and Environmental Education, where he also worked for WVU Extension, Risk Management.

James B. Belt, is the Agriculture Inspection Manager for Plant Health. James Belt will deliver what I think will be a very interesting presentation on Pesticide investigations, the new fertilizer certifications and the sensitive crop registry. If you grow grapes all of these topics are extremely important. This presentation will occur on Tuesday afternoon and Jim has indicated that he will leave time at the end of his presentation for questions.

A panel of your peers? During the Tuesday afternoon session we have a grower panel composed of three Ohio grape growers who will give their experiences with winter damage from the Polar Vortex. This is an excellent time to listen and join in on the discussion of what each of these growers experienced and what they are going to do to recover from last winter’s damage to the vineyards. The panel will be composed of Nick Ferrante of Ferrante Winery, Seth Merranda of Meranda-Nixon and Walter Borda of Caesar Vineyards and Lee Klingshirn of Klingshirn Winery. Come and listen, learn and ask questions. The winter of 2014 had a devastating impact on all of our vinifera vines and even some of our usually reliable French hybrid vines. Come and add some of your own experiences in your vineyard to the panel discussions. What worked, what didn’t and what next?

Dr. Jodi Creasap Gee, Program Director, V&E Program, Kent State University Ashtabula and crown gall specialist will deliver a presentation on “Crown gall: Biology of disease and how we attempt to manage it.” Dr. Gee first became interested in grapes from her granddaughter, Dr. Tom Quilter, grape grower, winemaker and owner of Shamrock Vineyards in Waldo, Ohio. Dr. Gee said she grew up working with the hybrid varieties which grew surprisingly well there; although admittedly in a location I would now likely discourage a grower from planting a vineyard. The crown gall that regularly affected the Chancellor vines always fascinated me, and as I learned more about the disease, I developed an interest in plant pathology. For my Ph.D, I studied crown gall on grape in Dr. Tom Burr’s lab at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva and learned that the more we discover about it, the less we really know!

For those looking to open a winery and those who have recently established one on Sunday, Donniella Winchell, Executive Director of the Ohio Wine Producers is offering the 2015 Wine Conference Preview Day: Sit, Sip and Learn. The goal is to provide information and resources to assist in developing a strong and viable winery business. Registration for this event is available on line at www.ohiowines.org or by calling 800-227-6972. Information can also be obtained at http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/grapeweb/images/OGEN20141218(37).pdf

Extra Notes: 2015 Ohio Grape and Wine Conference
Early bird prices are effective only on or before January 30
There are many options so be sure you have chosen what you really want
Rooms fill up fast, Book early and mention The Ohio Grape and Wine Conference to get special rates

2015 Winter Extension Program Dates
The following programs have been scheduled for Northeast Ohio farmers this upcoming winter. Complete registration flyers can be found at: http://ashtabula.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/upcoming-educational-programs-deadlines

Northeast Ohio Farm Bill Training Sessions
January 6, 2015 at the Ashtabula County Extension Office
January 8, 2015 at the Geauga County Extension Office
January 13, 2015 at the Lorain County FSA Office
January 14, 2015 at the Trumbull County Ag Center
January 15, 2015 in Medina County
January 15, 2015 at the Portage County Ag Center
January 20, 2015 at the Trumbull County Ag Center

Northeast Ohio Pesticide Recertification & Fertilizer Certification Sessions
January 16, 2015 at the Williamsfield Community Center
January 30, 2015 at the Geauga County Extension Office
February 9, 2015 at the Trumbull County Extension Office
February 26, 2015 at the Perry Community Center

Northeast Ohio Agronomy School
February 2, 2015 at Williamsfield Community Center

Fertilizer Certification Sessions
February 23, 2015 at Williamsfield Community Center
April 7, 2015 at Geauga County Extension Office

Northeast Ohio Winter Grape School
March 10, 2015 at the Geneva Lodge & Conference Center

2015 Ashtabula County Dairy Banquet
Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Lenox Community Center

2015 Joe Bodnar Memorial Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Show
Saturday, April 18 at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds

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PLEASE SHARE...this newsletter with farmers or others who are interested in agricultural topics in Ashtabula & Trumbull Counties. Past issues can be located at: https://go.osu.edu/ag-news. Please tell your friends and neighbors to sign up for the list. CONTACT: marrison.2@osu.edu

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Lunch & Industry Trade Talks - As always, a hearty farmer lunch prepared by Lahti Catering means you will not go away hungry! This lunch is sponsored by W.I. Miller & Sons of Farndale, Ohio. Lunch will be 12:00-12:45 p.m.

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Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________ City ___________________________ Zipcode ___________________________
Email _____________________________________________ # of Reservations _____________ $12 per RSVP

The Ohio State University
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

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Join OSU Extension to obtain your fertilizer certification

Fulfills the New Fertilizer Certification Requirements
This meeting will fulfill the three-hour requirement for applicators who need the agricultural fertilizer applicator certification and do NOT currently have a pesticide applicator license. Those applicators who have a pesticide license should attend the 2 hour training session in conjunction with their pesticide recertification session. Attendance at this three hour session will meet the fertilizer requirement but will not cover pesticide re-certification.

Who needs the agricultural fertilizer certification?
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What will be covered in the training?
Best management practices will be the basis of the agricultural fertilizer certification training with a focus on fertilizer applications that have the appropriate rate, timing, placement and source.

Monday
February 23
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Williamsfield Community Center
5920 State Route 322
Williamsfield, Ohio 44093

Pre-registration is required.
There is no charge for the program, but pre-registration is required

Registration available at:
or by calling the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008.

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Name________________________________  Pesticide Applicator Number______________
Email address__________________________  Phone Number_________________________
County______________________________  Categories Needed for Re-certification_____

Sessions I will be attending (check choice):

- [ ] January 16, 2015 at the Williamsfield Community Center.  
  Registration due by January 8
- [ ] January 30, 2015 at the Geauga County Extension office.  
  Registration due by January 22
- [ ] February 9, 2015 at the Trumbull County Extension office.  
  Registration due by January 30
- [ ] February 26, 2015 at the Perry Community Center.  
  Registration due by February 18

Fee Required (check all the apply):

- [ ] Private Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification ($35 pre-registration)______________
- [ ] Farmer’s Lunch/Dinner & Refreshments ($15 per person)______________
- [ ] Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certification ($0)______________
- [ ] Late Registration Fee ($25-if applicable)__________________

Total Fee Due $____________________

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Addresses & Maps to Locations

Ashtabula County - January 16, 2015
Williamsfield Community Center
5920 State Route 322, Williamsfield, Ohio 44093

Geauga County – January 30, 2015
Geauga County Extension Office
14269 Claridon-Troy Road, Burton, Ohio 44021

Trumbull County – February 9, 2015
Trumbull County Extension Office
520 West Main Street, Cortland, Ohio 44410

Lake County – February 26, 2015
Perry Community Center
2800 Perry Park Road, Perry, Ohio 44081

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2015 NORTHEAST OHIO PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION

Private & Commercial Pesticide Applicator Testing
Are you looking to take obtain your private or commercial pesticide license or wish to add an additional category to your existing license? The Ohio Department of Agriculture will be holding testing clinics during the winter of 2015 in Northeast Ohio. Pre-registration is required for each location and can be made by calling the ODA at 1-800-282-1955 (press 3 then 1). Study material can be found at: http://pested.osu.edu/privatestudy.html

Ashtabula County
Location: OSU Extension Office
Basement Meeting Room
39 Wall Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
For Directions Call 440-576-9008

Geauga County
Location: Geauga County Extension Office
Patterson Center Basement
P.O. Box 387
14269 Claridon-Troy Road
Burton, OH 44021-0387
For Directions Call 440-834-4656

Trumbull County
Location: Trumbull County Extension Office
520 West Main Street, Suite #1
Cortland, OH 44410
For Directions Call 330-638-6783

Date
March 25 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)

Dates
February 18 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
March 18 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
April 15 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
May 20 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)

Date
April 1 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)

New Applicator Training
OSU Extension in Northeast Ohio will be providing a training session to help farmers prepare for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Private Pesticide Applicator’s Exam. This class is not required but is a great opportunity for applicators to learn what they will need to study for the test. This class will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. This session will be held in Burton, Ohio at the Geauga County Extension office. The registration fee for this program is $35/person. Call the Geauga County Extension office at 440-834-4656 to register or for more information.

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