

# NORTHEAST OHIO AGRI-CULTURE NEWSLETTER

Your Weekly Agriculture Update for  
Ashtabula, Portage and Trumbull Counties

March 7, 2023



*Thank You Portage County Extension!*



*Lilacs budding*

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## ***Hello Northeast Ohio Counties!***

I personally want to thank all of you for your support to our NE Ohio Extension Offices. I also want to thank the Portage County Ag Community for the support in my role as the ANR Educator.

I wish you all the best and a wonderful planting season.

Have a great week!

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Trumbull County  
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Portage County  
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Educator

# ***U.S. Agricultural Projections to 2032***

By: Chris Zoller, Extension Educator, ANR in Tuscarawas County

Source: <https://u.osu.edu/ohioagmanager/2023/03/03/u-s-agricultural-projections-to-2032/>

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its Agricultural Projections to 2032 report in mid-February. This article will highlight the crop portion of the report.

The full report is available

here: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/outlooks/105853/oce-2023-01.pdf?v=1029>.

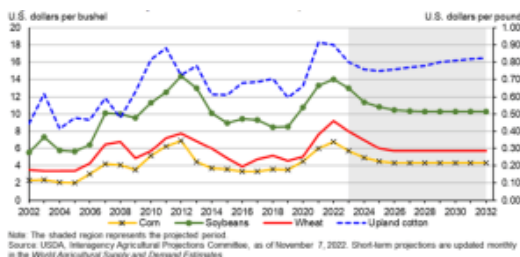
This report is based on data available as of October 2022 and is made using several assumptions. These include, but are not limited to, macroeconomic factors, a continuation of the 2018 Farm Bill, normal weather, and several others. It is not to be considered a forecast. Rather, the report is to be used as a baseline.

## **U.S. Crops**

The figure below shows prices of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton for the period 2002 – 2032. Corn prices are expected to fall from the present levels to \$5.70 per bushel in 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 to \$4.30 per bushel in 2032/2033. Any growth in corn demand is expected to come from feed and residual use, primarily from demand to feed beef, pork, and poultry.

Baseline projections for soybeans are like corn. Soybean prices will drop from their current highs to settle at \$13.00 per bushel in 2023/2024. This downward trend is expected to continue until settling at \$10.30 per bushel in the 2032/2033 marketing year. Expect modest increases in soybean crush to keep pace with soybean oil and meal demands.

Wheat, like corn and soybeans, is expected to decline in price over the projection period. Wheat is projected to fall from a high of \$9.20 in 2022/2023 to \$5.70 per bushel by the end of the projection period.

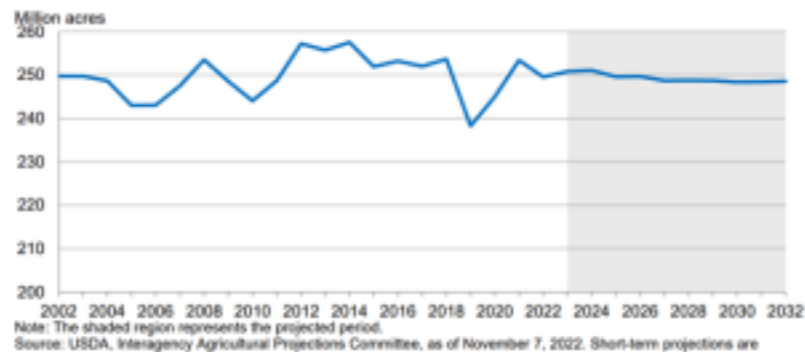


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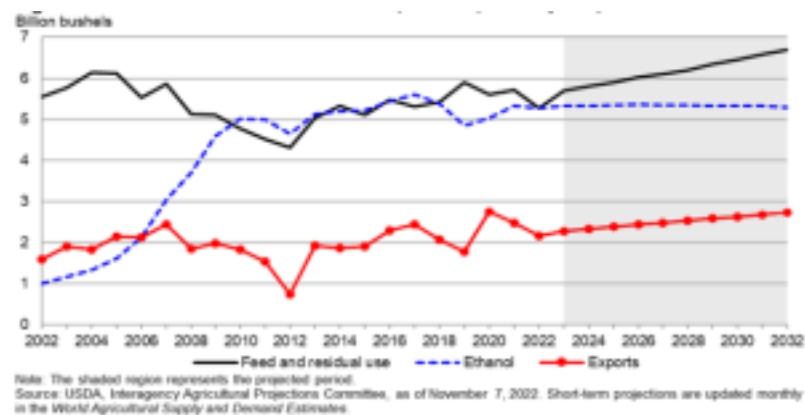
## Planted Acres

The Baseline projection from USDA shows relatively no change in planted area of the eight major crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, barley, cotton, oats, rice, and sorghum). The figure below demonstrates planted area from 2002 – 2032. Rising yields of corn, soybeans, and wheat will compensate for steady or declining acres planted.



## Feed and Residual, Ethanol, & Exports

The figure below projections for grains used for feed and residuals, ethanol, and the export market. Feed and residual and exports are expected to see the greatest increases, with ethanol use projected to remain level.



## Planning

As the report outlines, these projections are based on several factors that likely will change. Some are within your control, while many are not. Let's assume the price projections, for instance, are correct. Can you remain or become successful at these prices? What implications do these projections have for your farm business? What can you do to prepare?

Consider the following suggestions:

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- Complete a financial analysis of your farm and enterprises: <https://farmprofitability.osu.edu/>
- Refer to enterprise budgets from OSU Extension: <https://farmoffice.osu.edu/farm-management/enterprise-budgets>
- Set goals for your business: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-45>
- Identify the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-42>
- Conduct family business meetings: <https://farmoffice.osu.edu/sites/aglaw/files/site-library/Webinars/Business-Meetings-zhp368.pdf>
- Speak with your lender, input suppliers, Extension Educator, and other trusted advisors

Managing a successful farm business is no easy task. However, there are many people, resources, and tools to help you chart a course for long-term success.

## ***New Research Lends an Ear to How Drought Impacts Corn Yields***

By: Eric Hamilton

Source: <https://www.agronomy.org/news/science-news/new-research-lends-ear-how-drought-impacts-corn-yields>

Corn is a classic American crop. First cultivated in North America thousands of years ago, it now blankets American farmland from coast to coast. The U.S. grows more corn than any other country. And the grain is used for everything from tortilla chips to cow feed, to biofuel.

But like most crops, corn is facing a new risk – climate change. Climate change isn't just making the world warmer. It's also changing when and how much rain falls. This leaves more corn farmers at risk of facing drought during part of the growing season.



*Figure 1 A corn cob that was shucked early to show the silks early in the flowering. Corn flowers are unique, with each kernel producing one long silk that must be pollinated. Credit: Dr. Raju Bheemanahalli*





**Figure 2** Corn cob size decreased with increased drought stress, a sign of severe stress and lower yield. Credit: Dr. Raju Bheemanahalli

Unfortunately, not all droughts are created equal. If it strikes at the wrong time, an entire field can be lost.

“A severe drought during the corn reproductive stage can cause a complete crop failure. Thus, understanding corn responses to drought and managing accordingly is critical for successful corn production,” says Ranadheer Vennam, graduate student in the Plant and Soil Sciences department at Mississippi State University.

Vennam studies how corn responds to drought. In his latest research, Vennam

and his lab group looked at how sensitive corn flowering is to drought and the impacts it has for farmers.

Vennam [presented](#) his work at the 2022 ASA-CSSA-SSSA annual meeting, held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Corn flowering is rather complex. Each individual ovule sends out a very long silk, which must capture pollen from the tassels above the plant in order to produce a kernel. This requires careful coordination. “Successful reproduction in corn is all about timing,” says Dr. Raju Bheemanahalli (Vennam’s supervisor). “It takes less than two weeks for corn to pollinate, which is extremely sensitive to stressors, including drought.”



**Figure 3** When exposed to severe drought, ears of corn produce much less silk biomass than healthy ears of corn. The silks must emerge from corn ear at just the right time. Drought affects this critical timing, which can negatively impact the yield. Credit: Dr. Raju Bheemanahalli

To determine the impact drought has on this process, Vennam’s team exposed corn plants to various levels of drought during flowering. They ran their trial at the R. R. Foil Plant Science Research Center, Mississippi State University. During the two-week flowering period, the researchers reduced the amount of water

each plant received. In the most extreme test, the plants received just 20% of the amount of water they needed.

To track how drought affects the plants, the researchers measured how much the silks grew every day. They also measured the final yield and key quality traits of the kernels, like the amount of starch and protein they had. Vennam's study also tracked key aspects of plant growth, like the leaf chlorophyll content.

When exposed to severe drought, the ears of corn produced much less silk biomass than healthy ears did. The number of silks was also about one-third lower. Without enough healthy silks, corn ears can't grow many kernels. Vennam saw that yield decreased by 90% in the severe drought treatment. This drop in yield came from a severe reduction in both the number of kernels and how much each kernel weighed.



*Figure 4 As part of the study during the two-week flowering period, the researchers reduced the amount of water each plant received. In the most extreme test, the plants received just 20% of the amount of water they needed. Under severe drought stress (on the right), corn cob quality is poor. Both the number and weight of kernels is greatly reduced. Credit: Mr. Ranadheer Vennam*

As a comparison, the researchers also tested a month-long drought stress after flowering was over. Even though this drought lasted more than twice as long at this stage, yield wasn't affected that much. "This illustrates the sensitivity of a reproductive stage to drought stress and its timing of it and how stress affects corn production," says Bheemanahalli.

With the information gained from this study, the researchers are now trying to make corn more resilient to drought stress. The next step is finding genetics of corn that are naturally able to handle drought better during flowering. If they can succeed in finding these hardier plants, breeders can work to cross

these traits into the varieties of corn that farmers want to grow. The result could be better varieties/ hybrids that can adapt to our changing climate.

This research was supported in part by the [Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station](#), Special Research Initiative (MAFES-SRI), Mississippi State University.

# ***New Ohio Law Allows Postnuptial Agreements***

By: Robert Moore

Source: <https://u.osu.edu/ohioagmanager/2023/02/27/ohio-land-values-and-cash-rents-analysis/>

On March 23, 2023, Ohio Senate Bill 210 will become law. Prior to this new legislation, Ohio was one of only two states (Iowa) that did not allow for postnuptial agreements. This new law will allow married couples to modify or terminate their existing prenuptial agreement or enter into a new postnuptial agreement. This needed change to Ohio law will allow married couples to adapt to changes with their assets, families and goals.

Ohio prenuptial agreements have long been available to Ohio married couples. A prenuptial agreement, in basic terms, identifies what assets are to be considered marital assets and which assets are non-marital assets. In the event of divorce or death, the other spouse is not entitled to the non-marital assets. Prenuptial agreements are entered into prior to marriage.

Prenuptial agreements can become outdated, especially when marriages last many years. A married couple who enters into a prenuptial agreement when they are 25 may have very different assets and goals when they are 65. Until now, married couples were stuck with their prenuptial agreement regardless of how unfair or obsolete the agreement had become.

A postnuptial agreement is similar to a prenuptial agreement in that it identifies which assets are to remain outside of the marriage and what assets are considered joint, marital assets. A postnuptial agreement is signed sometime after marriage begins. There are no term requirements for a postnuptial agreement – it can be entered into shortly after marriage or many years after marriage.

For a prenuptial agreement to be terminated or amended or for a postnuptial agreement to be valid, the new law requires the following:

1. The agreement be in writing and signed by both spouses,
2. The agreement is entered into freely without fraud, duress, coercion or overreaching,
3. There was full disclosure, or full knowledge, and understanding of the nature, value and extent of the property of both spouses,
4. The terms do not promote or encourage divorce or profiteering from divorce.

Special notice should be given to the third requirement. It is important for each spouse to fully declare the assets that they own and the value of those assets. Failure to inform the other spouse of their assets and the extent of those assets is another way to invalidate a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement. If one

spouse is unaware of the extent of the other spouse's assets and/or wealth, they may unknowingly enter into a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement that is unfair. It is best to include an inventory of both spouses' assets with values in the prenuptial or postnuptial agreement and clearly identify which assets are to be considered marital assets and which are to be non-marital assets.

This new legislation has ramifications for farm planning. Before now, if a prenuptial was not already in place, there were risks to bringing in family members to the farming operation. After someone comes into the farming operation, their ownership in the farming operation may become a marital asset subject to a divorce. This concern sometimes causes parents or grandparents to be hesitant to bring a child/grandchild into the farming operation.

Now, the parents/grandparents can require a postnuptial agreement before admitting a family member into the farming operation. While this requirement can cause friction with family relationships and may be an awkward issue to raise, it is something to consider.

Consider the following example:

*Father would like to bring Daughter into Farming LLC. Daughter is recently married but does not have a prenuptial agreement. Father is considering gifting a 25% ownership interest in Farming LLC to Daughter valued at \$500,000. Father is concerned that if Daughter's marriage fails, he may have to buy back some of the 25% ownership from Daughter's ex-husband.*

The first thing to consider in the example is the nature of gifted assets. Under Ohio law, gifted assets are not marital assets. However, appreciation in the value of the gifted asset can become a marital asset. So, Father's concern is justified. On the day that Daughter receives the 25% ownership gift, her husband has no marital rights in the ownership. However, after the ownership has appreciated in value, particularly if the appreciation can be attributed to Daughter's labor or management, Daughter's husband may have marital rights in some of the ownership.

With the new legislation, Father can require Daughter to enter into a postnuptial agreement making her ownership in Farming LLC, including future appreciation, a non-marital asset. If Daughter and her husband divorce, Daughter's ownership in the LLC will be protected. Father is now more likely to bring Daughter into the farming operation due to the postnuptial agreement.

Like many farm transition legal issues, family dynamics are involved. It may be difficult for Father to ask Daughter to enter into a postnuptial agreement or the request may upset Daughter. Perhaps Daughter's husband refuses to enter into a



postnuptial agreement. While a postnuptial agreement can help protect the financial viability of a farming operation, the toll it may take on family relationships must also be considered.

Senate Bill 210 is a positive change to Ohio law. While postnuptial agreements are not a solution in all situations, it is another tool in the farm transition toolbox. Like most legal agreements, an attorney should be consulted before entering into a postnuptial agreement and each spouse should have their own, independent legal counsel.

## ***Extension Talk – Farewell***

By: Angie Arnold, ANR Educator – Portage County

Hello Northeast Ohio! What a wonderful couple of years it has been serving as the Portage County Educator. I'm so thankful for the relationships I have built with many of you. I want to especially thank the Portage County ag community for all of your support during my time as the ANR Educator. I will be leaving my position as Portage County ANR educator in just over a week. I hope you continue to support this role as OSU move to hire a new Educator. Finally, I wish you all the best and hope you have an easy planting season and a bountiful harvest this fall.

## ***Northeast Ohio Agronomy School Returns March 28th, 2023***

Source: [www.go.osu.edu/neoas23](http://www.go.osu.edu/neoas23)

OSU Extension will be hosting the Northeast Ohio Agronomy School again in 2023 on March 28<sup>th</sup>!

Join us from 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. at the Colebrook Community Center in Colebrook, OH for a full day of agronomic programming. Cost for the program is \$15/person and includes snacks, lunch, and handouts. We will also have Agronomy Guides, Field Guides, and Weed Control Guides available for purchase. Pesticide and CCA credits will be available for those in attendance. To register for this event, please visit the website: [www.go.osu.edu/neoas23](http://www.go.osu.edu/neoas23) Online registration is preferred, but checks can be mailed to 39 Wall Street Jefferson, OH 44047 with name and phone numbers of attendees. For more information about the event please call 440-576-9008. The registration deadline for this event is March 23.

A wide variety of topics will be discussed throughout the day including Soybeans Disease Update, Weather/Climate Update, Farm & Roadway Safety, Precision Ag, and

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Energy Outlook. Speakers for this year's event include Dr. Dee Jepsen, Dr. Horacio Lopez-Nicora, Brent Sohngen, Dr. Aaron Wilson, and Alan Leininger.

This workshop is brought to you by the OSU Extension offices in Ashtabula, Trumbull & Geauga Counties with support from W.I. Miller & Sons, Centerra Co-op, Schwartz Farms, and Ohio Corn & Wheat! Thank you to all our sponsors for making this event possible!

## ***Upcoming Extension Events***

### Pesticide and Fertilizer Applicator Trainings

March 21 – 1PM to 5PM – Ashtabula County Extension Office

March 30 – 5PM to 9PM – Online ZOOM

### Small Farm Conference

March 11 – 9AM to 3PM – OSU Mansfield Campus

### **\*2023 Northeast Ohio Agronomy School\***


March 28 – 9AM to 3PM – Colebrook Community Center, Ashtabula County

### Cow-Calf School

April 14 – 3PM to 7PM – Novak Townline Farm, Trumbull County

### Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance

April 22 – 9AM to 12PM – Trumbull County Extension Office

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**CFAES**

**Thursday  
March**

**23**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Ashtabula County Fair  
Grounds - Expo Building

# **NORTHEAST OHIO WINTER BEEF CLINIC**

Join us for an informative night of beef education. The Ashtabula County Cattlemen's Association and Ashtabula County OSU Extension Office are partnering once again to offer another great Winter Beef Clinic.



The first hour will feature Tim Timmons , ABS Beef InFocus Manager, with his presentation, "A better Calf through genetics". Tim will discuss Beef on Dairy and the services offered by ABS. Born and raised in Geauga County, Tim then went on to attend Ohio State University and has been with ABS for over 25 years.

The second hour will feature Andrew Holden and Julie Wayman, both Educators at the Ashtabula Co. Extension Office. Andrew and Julie will be speaking on knowing your input costs, marketing beef, and the Ashtabula County Local Food Guide. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the budget tool Andrew will be covering, make sure to sign up with the link provided below.

**This event is free to attend, but we ask that you please register by March 20<sup>th</sup>**



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[www.go.osu.edu/WBC23](http://www.go.osu.edu/WBC23)  
or by calling OSU Extension at  
**440-576-9008****



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# NORTHEAST OHIO AGRONOMY SCHOOL

The Northeast Ohio Agronomy School is back for 2023! A wide variety of topics will be discussed throughout the day Soybeans Disease Update, Weather/Climate Update, Farm & Roadway Safety, Precision Ag, and Energy Outlook.  
Please see the back for speakers and the agenda.

The Agronomy School will be held at the Colebrook Community Center in Colebrook, OH. The community center is in the old Colebrook School at the intersection of OH-322 and OH-46. Cost for the program is \$15/person and includes snacks, lunch, and handouts. We will also have Agronomy Guides, Field Guides, and Weed Control Guides for purchase. Pesticide and CCA credits will be available. For more information, please call 440-576-9008. Registration deadline is March 23.

**March 28th, 2023 • 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.**

**\$15/person includes lunch!**

***Colebrook Community Center  
682 US-322, Orwell, OH 44076***

**To register: [www.go.osu.edu/neoas23](http://www.go.osu.edu/neoas23)**

\*Online registration preferred, checks can be mailed to 39 Wall Street Jefferson, OH 44047 with name and phone numbers of attendees \*

Check out the back page for the agenda and this year's sponsors!



# 2023 NORTHEAST OHIO AGRONOMY SCHOOL AGENDA

- 9:00 A.M.**      **Farm & Roadway Safety**  
• Dr. Dee Jepsen
- 9:55 A.M.**      **Soybeans Disease Update**  
• Dr. Horacio Lopez-Nicora
- 10:50 A.M.**      **Break – Visit with Sponsors**
- 11:00 A.M.**      **Energy Outlook**  
• Brent Sohngen
- 11:55 P.M.**      **Lunch – Sponsored by W.I. Miller and Sons**
- 12:50 P.M.**      **Weather & Climate Update**  
• Dr. Aaron Wilson
- 1:40 P.M.**      **Precision Ag & Drones**  
• Alan Leininger
- 2:30P.M.**      **Adjourn**

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To register:  
[www.go.osu.edu/neoas23](http://www.go.osu.edu/neoas23)



# Best Management Practices (BMP) Field Day



**Wednesday, March, 29th, 2023**

Sign in: 8:00 am; Program 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Secrest Welcome Center 2122 Williams Rd, Wooster, OH 44691

Registration is free! Please register by **March 20th**

**<https://bmpfieldday.carrrd.co/>**

## Come join us for BMP Field Day!

BMP Field Day is an event focused on issues pertaining to Phosphorus usage and impacts on the environment. The major goal of BMP Field Day is to engage stakeholders about BMPs to enhance Phosphorus-use efficiency and decrease fertilizer runoff.

**This event is sponsored & hosted by:**



Topics include Phosphorus management, nutrient runoff, reducing fertilizer input costs, Phosphorus remediation, and many more!

**Field to water sessions:  
8:30–11:30 am**

**Lunchtime Session  
11:40–1:00 pm**

Lunch is included in registration

**Poster & Demo Symposium:  
1:45–3:45 pm**

This includes transportation to Apple Creek for large-scale field demonstrations

For more information, visit our website (**[bmpfieldday.carrrd.co](https://bmpfieldday.carrrd.co/)**) or contact:  
**Dr. Catherine Freed** (freedc@vt.edu) or **Brian Gwin** (gwin.35@osu.edu)

# OHIO COMPOST OPERATOR EDUCATION COURSE

April 4 & 5, 2023

Secrest Arboretum Welcome Center

OSU Wooster Campus

1680 Madison Ave.. Wooster. Ohio



*Learn composting from the experts! Researchers, facility operators, and other compost professionals share what they know and why it's important.*

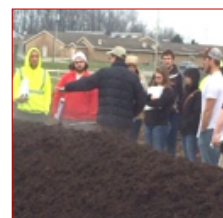
## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Tuesday, April 4 from 9:00 am to 4:15 pm

- The whys of composting
- Mini case studies from Ohio composters
- Compost science
- Compost testing
- Field and laboratory activities
  - Pile sampling and measurements
  - Windrow turning
  - Compost properties

Wednesday, April 5 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

- Feedstock mixing, compost quality
- Troubleshooting
- Site design and management
- Managing the operation
- Composting regulations
- Growing a compost business



## CREDITS

**Continuing education credits** will be available for:

Ohio Registered Sanitarians (request pending)

Ohio Professional Engineers (self report)

## REGISTRATION

**Registration fee** includes all materials, continental breakfast, and lunch):

**\$250** for members of the Ohio Organics Council (OHOC) chapter of the USCC\*

**\$300** for non-members

Complete the registration form on page 2 and mail with payment.

Registration deadline: **March 24, 2023**

Note: Course is limited to the first 30 participants.

*\*Your membership in the OHOC is automatic when you join the US Composting Council To join, [click here](#). Be sure to choose 'Chapter' from the 'Who referred you?' menu.*

### Questions?

Contact:

Mary Wicks,  
OCAMM Coordinator

wicks.14@osu.edu  
330.202.3533

## OHIO COMPOST OPERATOR EDUCATION COURSE

**REGISTRATION FORM** Complete the form and send it with your check (no credit cards).  
*Registration includes materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **OHOC\* Member:** \$250 each | \_\_\_\_\_ **Non-member:** \$300 each

\* *Ohio Organics Council. Join OHOC by becoming a member of the USCC, [click here](#).  
Be sure to choose 'Chapter' from the 'Who referred you?' dropdown menu.*

Send form and  
payment to:

Mary Wicks  
OARDC/OSU  
1680 Madison Ave.  
Wooster, OH 44691

Make checks  
payable to:

**Ohio State University**

### LODGING INFORMATION

Lodging, dinner, and travel expenses are the responsibility of each participant. The following accommodations are in Wooster near the OSU Wooster Campus:

Best Western Wooster	330.264.7750
Black Squirrel Inn B &B	330.317.6627
Comfort Suites	330.439.0190
Days Inn	330.439.5749
Econo Lodge	330.264.8883
Hampton Inn	330.345.4424
Hilton Garden Inn	330.202.7701
Market Street Inn	330.262.4085
Mirabelle B&B	330.264.6006
St. Paul Hotel	330.601.1900



### DIRECTIONS

#### COURSE LOCATION:

##### Secrest Welcome Center\*

OSU Wooster Campus  
1680 Madison Avenue  
Wooster, Ohio 44691

\*Building #29 on [campus map](#)

#### DIRECTIONS TO CENTER:

##### From the east or west:

Follow US 30 to Wooster. Exit at Madison Ave. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. Go halfway up the hill (~0.5 mi) and turn left onto Secrest Road. Drive 0.6 mi and turn right onto Mill Road. The parking lot will be on your left. The brick building is the Welcome Center.

##### From the south or southwest:

Take State Route 3 or I-71 north to US 30 east. Follow directions for east or west.

##### From the southeast:

Follow US 250 West. After you pass Guerne, do not turn right at the 250/83 bypass but continue past the Agricultural Technical Institute and Wooster Campus main entrance to Secrest Road. Follow direction for east or west.

##### From the north:

Take Route 83 South to US 30. Go west on US 30 to Madison Avenue. Exit. Follow the directions from east or west.



# CRP EQUALS BIG BENEFITS FOR FARMERS AND WILDLIFE

**March 14**

**7:00 pm**

**CRP General Signup  
Free Virtual Webinar**

Come learn about the 2023 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup. Presenters will review vegetation types available for offer this year and cover tips and tricks for making your applications competitive. They will also discuss new and re-enrollment opportunities, cost share, incentives, rental payments, conservation plans, management, other Farm Bill programs, and more! After the presentation, Farm Bill Biologists will be available to answer your questions.

This event is FREE, but please RSVP at <https://GeneralCRP23.eventbrite.com> or scan the QR Code below. Registration closes on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Please contact Ashley Dawson ([adawson@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:adawson@pheasantsforever.org), (937) 217-7275) with questions or accommodation requests.



# Pond Management Clinic

Thursday, March 30, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Centerville Mills Park Dining Hall

Bainbridge Township

8558 Crackel Road, Chagrin Falls, 44023

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to gain information and ask questions about managing your pond. Our special guest, Eugene Braig, Aquatic Ecosystem Program Director with Ohio State University will present an enlightening overview of the, 'TOP 5 POND MANAGEMENT CONCERNS'.

## TOP 5 POND MANAGEMENT CONCERNS!

*Free and open to the public.*

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

by March 27<sup>th</sup> to reserve your seat.

Register at <https://pondclinic2023.eventbrite.com>

or call Portage SWCD at 330-235-6811.



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# Ohio CAN

**Community + Agriculture + Nutrition**  
**Connecting Farmers and Communities**

## Ohio CAN: What it's all about

Ohio CAN is connecting producers with communities! The mission is to provide food to those in need from historically underrepresented regional producers.

## How it works

Through this program, producers will be able to sell food to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, which will then be distributed to Ohioans living in food insecure areas. The purchase of these foods will strengthen the local economies while reducing food insecurity.

## Who is eligible

Farmers and producers whose products are grown and produced within 400 miles of the city of Columbus are eligible to apply. Ohio CAN will prioritize applicants who identify as historically underrepresented, such as women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, veterans, and small, beginner and disabled farmers, as well as those whose income is derived from a public assistance program.

## Accepted products

Products must meet the definition for domestic and locally produced foods, and must be raised, grown, produced, sourced, and processed all within a 400-mile radius of the city of Columbus.

## For more info or to apply



## Ohio CAN Partners



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## Ohio Department of Agriculture - Pesticide Exams

To get a new pesticide license, or to add a category to an existing license, producers need to pass one or more exams. Exams are offered at no cost, but registration is encouraged. Call your local office for more information.

### ◆ Northeast Ohio Test Dates ◆

#### Ashtabula County

*Exams start at 9 AM*

- February 2, 2023
- March 8, 2023
- April 4, 2023
- June 1, 2023

#### Geauga County

*Exams start at 10 AM*

- February 15, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 24, 2023
- June 28, 2023

#### Trumbull County

*Exams start at 10 AM*

- February 13, 2023
- March 13, 2023
- April 10, 2023
- May 8, 2023
- June 12, 2023
- July 10, 2023
- August 14, 2023
- Sept. 11, 2023
- Nov. 13, 2023

#### Portage County

*Exams start at 10 AM*

- February 21, 2023
- March 21, 2023
- April 18, 2023
- July 18, 2023
- August 28, 2023
- Sept. 19, 2023
- October 24, 2023
- Nov. 28, 2023

To register for an upcoming exam  
call 614-728-6987 or visit <https://go.osu.edu/neoexams>



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