

**NOBLE COUNTY ANR NEWSLETTER****DECEMBER | 2018***Dear Readers,*

It seems hard to believe that 2018 is nearly at end and 2019 is just around the bend. Thank you again for supporting our county OSU Extension office through your levy dollars. We are happy to continue serving the Noble County community with the best of our abilities!

There are still Beef Quality Assurance Trainings being offered in 2018 and 2019, along with a variety of other classes and programs included in this month's newsletter. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors.

If you missed our November workshop about business succession planning, there is another chance to attend an interactive workshop for farm families in January in Morgan County. The workshop will be offered twice at the Morgan High School Vo-Ag Room in McConnelsville on January 28 and 31 from 6-9 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20. For more information, call Morgan County OSU Extension at 740-962-4854. Registration is due by January 21.

In order for OSU Extension to continue providing helpful programs and resources to you, we need your feedback for 2019. Please take the time to fill out the survey on the last page of the newsletter and return it to Noble County office at your convenience or contact us by phone or email.

Best wishes to you for a happy end to 2018 and a joyous New Year!

*Sincerely,*  
*Christine Gelley*

Noble County OSU Extension ANR Educator

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## **Beef Quality Assurance Updates**

Beef and dairy farmers who sell cattle through United Producers, Inc. have been formally advised to complete Beef Quality Assurance Training before January 2019. Muskingum Livestock in Zanesville has shared the same advice.

Throughout 2018, many agricultural organizations and businesses have been sharing the message that some of America's largest meat distributors will only buy beef that is backed by BQA after the turn of the New Year.

**This certification is not mandated by law.** However, it is being required by some of the links that make up the beef supply chain, including auction barns, feed lots, packers, retailers, and consumers. Essentially, marketing beef without BQA certification will become increasingly difficult and those who do so successfully may find their compensation inadequate.

There are many opportunities for beef and dairy producers to get certified. **You can take the training class at anytime, online, for free, through the National Cattlemen's Beef Association at [www.bqa.org](http://www.bqa.org).** Local training courses have been and will continue to be offered.



## **Upcoming Beef Quality Assurance Trainings**

- **December 8 at 9:30 AM** at M&M Feed and Supply, 53485 Marietta Rd. Pleasant City, OH.
- **December 13 at 6 PM** at the OSU Extension Regional Office, 16714 Wolf Run Rd. Caldwell, OH.
- **December 18 at 7 PM** at the Muskingum Livestock Auction Barn, 944 Malinda St. Zanesville, OH.
- **January 28 at 6 PM** at the Barnesville Library Annex, 611 North Chestnut St. Barnesville, OH.
- **January 31 at 7 PM** at the Jefferson County JVS, 1509 County Highway 22A Bloomingdale, OH.
- **February 5 at 6 PM** at the OSU Extension Regional Office, 16714 Wolf Run Rd. Caldwell, OH.

Learn more about Beef Quality Assurance at: <http://u.osu.edu/beefteam/bqa/>.

Take the online training at [www.bqa.org](http://www.bqa.org).





Noble SWCD will be holding a Black Walnut Pruning Workshop at the Ball-Caldwell House (Hospitality House) on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The workshop will run from 9am until 11:00 am. Lite morning refreshments will be served.

Topics covered in this workshop will include:

- Why do we need to prune?
- What other species do we prune?
- Timing of prunings
- Tools and techniques of "Target Pruning"
- Dealing with pruned limbs and cut trees
- Coppicing

Following the discussion there will be a hands-on demonstration on the trees belonging to the Noble County Historical Society; just below the Ball-Caldwell House.

# Noble SWCD Hardwood Pruning Workshop



Ball-Caldwell House Address: 16 East St, Caldwell, OH 43724



**Please call to RSVP:**  
**740-732-4318**

Noble SWCD  
46049 Marietta Rd.  
Suite 5  
Caldwell, OH. 43724

The featured event speaker will be Bob Ball, Ohio Chapter Walnut Council member. Bob is a Noble County native, with years of timber harvest and management skills, that he employs at his own woodlot, Spring Hill Woodlands LLC.



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# December Farm Talk Breakfast

## *Feeding Ohio Songbirds*

**FRIDAY, December 21, 2018 • 8:30-10:00 A.M.**

Join OSU Extension for December's Farm Talk Breakfast to learn more about how to attract Ohio's Songbirds to your feeders this winter. This free class will include homemade breakfast and a suet make and take craft.

To make sure there are enough materials for everyone, **please RSVP no later than December 18** by contacting the Noble County OSU Extension Office by phone or email.

**Noble County OSU**

**Extension Office**

**Multi-Agency Building**

**46049 Marietta Rd.**

**Caldwell, OH 43724**

**Phone: 740-732-5681**

**Email: [gelley.2@osu.edu](mailto:gelley.2@osu.edu)**



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## **Make doing your farm taxes less taxing!**

**Learn how the new tax law  
affects farm tax returns.**



**Farmer and Farmland Owner Income Tax Webinar  
Monday, January 7, 2019  
10:00 a.m.—noon  
\$35.00**

**Register at [go.osu.edu/FarmerTaxWebinar](http://go.osu.edu/FarmerTaxWebinar)  
or mail in the form with payment below**



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[go.osu.edu/TaxSchools](http://go.osu.edu/TaxSchools)

### **Farmer and Farmland Owner Income Tax Webinar Mail-in Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, St, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to OSU Extension and remit to:**

**Julie Strawser  
34 Ag Admin. Bldg.  
2120 Fyffe Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43210**

**For more information,  
contact Julie at  
[strawser.35@osu.edu](mailto:strawser.35@osu.edu)  
614-292-2433**

**\*Required—webinar link will be emailed prior to the event**

## Southeast Ohio Sheep & Goat School Finale

On Tuesday, November 6, Ohioans gathered at the polls to cast their votes for the November 2018 election. That same evening, a group of thirty Ohioans gathered at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station in Belle Valley for the sixth class of the 2018 Southeast Ohio Sheep and Goat School series.

While most people were watching television to see election results, these folks were watching Ohio State University Meat Science Professor, Dr. Lyda G. Garcia, share insights on carcass evaluation followed by the breakdown of both a lamb and goat carcass from primal, to sub-primal, and retail cuts.

Ohio State Extension educators from the Southeast Ohio Region worked together to coordinate the program with the goal of providing small ruminant producers with the tools they need for success in the industry. With few resources available for goat production in Ohio, special emphasis was given to include relevant information for both sheep and goats in each program.

As a whole, the program covered topics including anatomy, nutrition, animal behavior, breeding, birth, growth, predator and disease control, pasture management, marketing and more. The final class was tailored to address appropriate feeding methods that create a favorable meat product for the American market, with an understanding of how proper feeding translates to carcass quality.

Following a homemade lamb dinner, Brady Campbell presented a review of alternative finishing systems for feeding out sheep and goats. Mr. Campbell is currently a PhD student at Ohio State and serves as the OSU Sheep Team Program Coordinator. His current research pertains to parasite pressures in Ohio flocks and the effects of delayed weaning on pasture. He administers the Ohio State Sheep Team webpage, providing readers with both timely and timeless advice about sheep production. Interested shepherds can follow the webpage by visiting [www.sheep.osu.edu](http://www.sheep.osu.edu).

Following Mr. Campbell's presentation, Dr. Garcia provided the class with an overview of the primal cuts of lamb and goat. With the help of Pernel Saling, of Saling's Custom Meat Processing in Caldwell, Dr. Garcia fabricated both carcasses into retail cuts as the audience watched, hanging on her every word with Garcia sharing a bit of humor.

Dr. Garcia works as an educator, team leader, extension professional, and researcher for The Ohio State University's Animal Science Department. With her vast experience in the meat industry and refreshing enthusiasm for her work, Dr. Garcia provided producers in the class with a better appreciation for the meat they produce and the people who love to eat it.

Demand for a 2019 program is strong, with inquiries drifting in from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia about future classes. In response, the OSU Sheep Team will work to address the needs and interests of our producers with the turn of the year and happily include those across the state line.

This program would not have been possible without the continued support of the Eastern Agricultural Research Station and their staff, our County Extension staff, and the local community. We sincerely thank each person that spent time on this program during 2018!

Special thanks for the final class are extended to Tara Voda and Scott Campbell of Noble County for providing the lamb for the demonstration, Kelley Hughes of Washington County for providing the goat, and Saling's Custom Meat Processing for dressing the animals and providing hands-on assistance during the demonstration!



## **Pesticide Applicator Training Classes**

### **Commercial Applicator Recertification 2019:**

Register for a training class by visiting <https://pested.osu.edu/>.

January 9, 2019 (Wednesday) - Dayton Convention Center

January 15, 2019 (Tuesday) - Akron, John S. Knight Center

February 22, 2019 (Friday) - Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

February 26, 2019 (Tuesday) - Columbus Convention Center

### **Private Applicator & Fertilizer Applicator Recertification 2019:**

**Host: Guernsey/Noble County OSU Extension**

**Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 5-9 pm**

Mid East Career and Technical Center 57090 Vocational Rd, Senecaville, OH 43780

Fertilizer Recertification 5-6 pm

Pesticide Recertification 6-9 pm (Core, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)

Email: [little.16@osu.edu](mailto:little.16@osu.edu)

Phone: 740-489-5300

### **Private Applicator Initial Training Class 2019:**

**Host: Guernsey/Noble County OSU Extension**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019 6-9 pm**

OSU Extension Regional Office, 16714 Wolf Run Rd. Caldwell, OH.

Email: [little.16@osu.edu](mailto:little.16@osu.edu)

Phone: 740-489-5300

### **Private Applicator Initial Training Test 2019:**

**Host: Guernsey County OSU Extension**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2019 at 10 am**

Guernsey County OSU Extension Office

335-B Old National Rd. Old Washington, Ohio 43768

Email: [little.16@osu.edu](mailto:little.16@osu.edu)

Phone: 740-489-5300



# Winter Readiness Checklist

Winter is coming... Are you ready?

- Stock up on sidewalk salt, kitty litter (for stuck tires), and windshield wash that tolerates freezing temperatures.
- Have your heating system checked, chimney swept, and fuel available.
- Check your vehicle's tires, brakes, lights, wipers, belts, and fluid levels.
- Install additional exterior lighting and hand railings in high traffic areas.
- Seal cracks and crevices on exterior walls.
- Make sure domestic animals always have access to thawed water.
- Insulate any water pipes that have potential to freeze.
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Have an emergency kit at home and in your car that contains:
  - Flashlight
  - Extra Batteries
  - Radio
  - First Aid Kit
  - Pocket Knife
  - Necessary Medications & Eyewear
  - Blanket
  - Matches
  - Extra Warm Clothes
  - Compact Shovel
  - Common Tool Kit
  - Non-Perishable High-Energy Food Items
  - Bottled Water
  - Jumper Cables
- Have a list of emergency numbers on your refrigerator and your phone.

## Reminders:

- Always do a perimeter check of your car and fully defrost your windshield before driving.
- Always leave your garage door open while the car is running for ventilation.
- Shovel snow wisely, take small scoops, use your whole body, and stay warm & hydrated.
- If you become stranded in a car during adverse weather, stay in the vehicle until help arrives. Conserve fuel and battery power by running the engine for 10 minutes each hour, using the car battery to charge devices and turn on the lights while the car is running.



# Beginner's Beekeeping Class

Learn the basics of beekeeping, pollination, & honey collection.

**Instructor: Don Crock- Former County Bee Inspector & Past Association President**

**Objective:** Learn about the basics of beekeeping, pollination, and honey collection. You will learn what equipment is needed, how to handle honeybees, problems for our bee population and resources from our local bee club to assist you in getting started.

**Sessions:** There will be two sessions in the beginner's beekeeping class; A 5-hour classroom session on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 and a 2-hour on-site session at Don Crock's apiary on a later date.

**Cost:** \$35 including a textbook, membership to the Guernsey Noble Beekeepers Association, and class materials. Additional attendees from the same household can be added to the class for \$10.

**Enrollment:** First come, first serve. Contact Don Crock at 740-581-1883 or [doncrock@yahoo.com](mailto:doncrock@yahoo.com) with your name and contact information no later than Jan. 25.

SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 2**  
9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

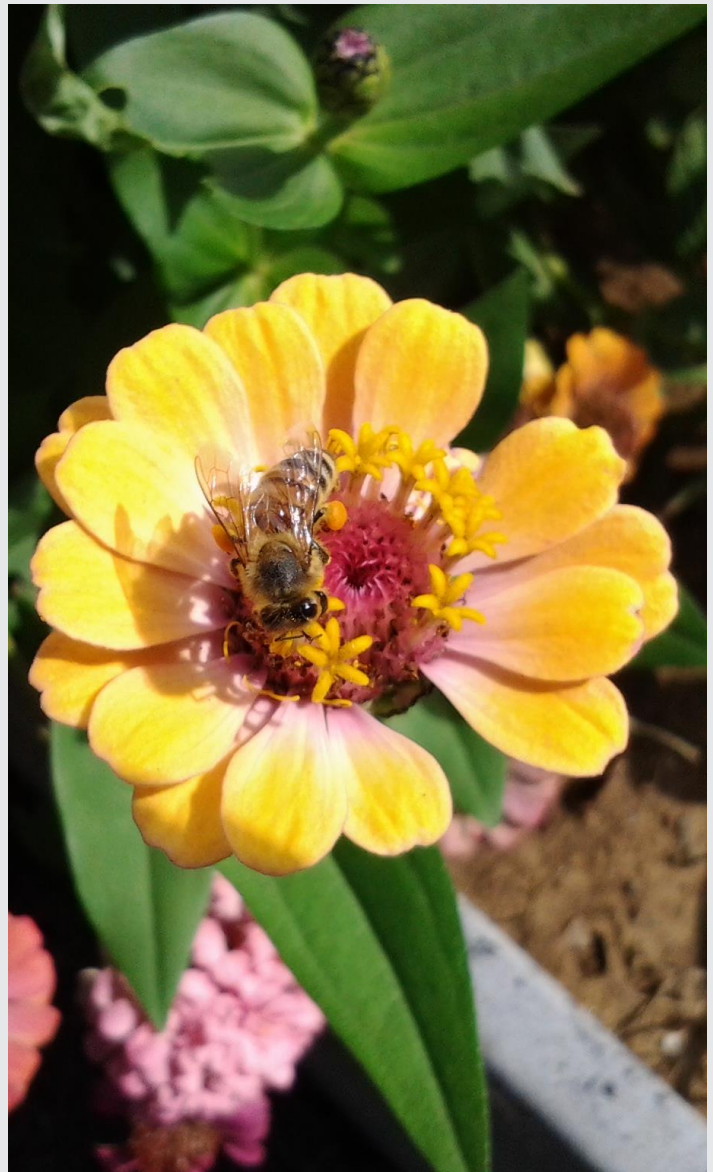
**Location:** OSU Extension SE Region Office  
16714 Wolf Run Road Caldwell, OH 43724

**Cost:** \$35

**Contact:** 740-581-1883 or 740-732-5681

[guernseynoblebeekeepers.com](http://guernseynoblebeekeepers.com)  
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## Noble County Agriculture & Natural Resources Clientele Interest Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. We will use the information we receive to provide programming and information that will be of value to your interests. Personal information is optional. *Thank you for helping us better serve our community!*

Please circle the areas below that you would be interested in receiving information/programming on in the future.

- Livestock Management
  - ☐ Beef
  - ☐ Sheep
  - ☐ Goats
  - ☐ Swine
  - ☐ Poultry
  - ☐ Bees
  - ☐ Other:
- Crop Production
  - ☐ Corn
  - ☐ Beans
  - ☐ Wheat
  - ☐ Vegetable
  - ☐ Fruit
  - ☐ Other
- Pasture Management
  - ☐ Forage
  - ☐ Fencing
  - ☐ Water Systems
  - ☐ Other:
- Master Gardener Volunteers
- Home Gardening
- Meat Processing
- Forestry
- Machinery
- Composting
- Mineral Rights
- Pond Management
- Wildlife Management
- Other:

Name	Address	Phone/Email



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