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Dear Readers,

Autumn is upon us in Southeast Ohio. The leaves are already changing across the landscape. For the first time since Fall 2017 the soil profile is actually dry in our area. While these dry, warm conditions are helpful for impending corn and soybean harvest and have allowed more time for hay making, our pasture systems could certainly use some rain to help with stockpiling standing forage for late fall and winter grazing. It seems odd to wish for rain after having far too much for so long.

On the ANR side of Extension, we are welcoming a moderate slowdown of programs as we head into fall, but still have plenty to offer locally and statewide. In the pages to follow you will find information about beef, sheep, goats, forages, forestry, the farm bill, farmers markets, Farm Talk Breakfast, and more. As always, your suggestions for future programs are welcome. OSU Extension is here to serve you to the best of our ability.

It was a pleasure to interact with so many of you at the East Central Grazing Alliance pasture walks, the Ohio Beef Study Group bus tour, field days, the fair, the office, and Farm Science Review this summer. I look forward to many more opportunities to see you this season.

Sincerely,

Christine Gelley

Noble County OSU Extension ANR Educator



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Beef and Forage School

Oct 1, 8, 15, 2019 — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Eastern Ag Research Station

Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

Date & Location	Topic	Presenter
October 1 Ag Research Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beef Cattle Handling	- Dr. Steve Boyles, OSU Beef Specialist
October 8 Ag Research Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Winter Supplementation	- Dr. Steve Boyles, OSU Beef Specialist
October 15 Ag Research Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vet NightCows with No CrownsBeef Production Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Justin Kieffer, OSU Veterinarian- Christine Gelley, Dan Lima, Catelyn Turner, OSU Extension Educators- Bev & Bruce Riddle, Cattle Producers



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Beef School— one price to come to one or all programs. No Refunds.

Return this section with fee
required by Sept 27

Make checks payable

& send to:

OSU Extension
PO Box 300
Old Washington, OH 43768

attending _____

@ "\$25 for one or all days"=

TOTAL \$ enclosed _____

I/We will be attending:
(check all that apply)

_____ Oct. 1

_____ Oct. 8

_____ Oct. 15

Name _____

Address _____

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SMALL RUMINANT PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

ADDRESSING NEEDS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION SEASON

FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 2019, 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Topics:

- Herd Management
- Facilities and Handling
- Nutrition and Health
- Forages and Marketing
- Carcass Quality and Fabrication

Location:

Wilmington College Academic Farm, 1590 Fife Ave., Wilmington

Cost: \$15.

Agenda: Registration 8:30 a.m.
Program 9:00 a.m.

Please RSVP and send registration fee with form below.

Contact information: Tony Nye, nye.1@osu.edu, 937-382-0901

Name: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Register _____ people @ \$15.00 per person = \$_____ Enclosed (make check payable to OSU)

Mail to: OSU Extension Clinton County, 111 S. Nelson Ave., Suite 2, Wilmington, OH 45177

Registration deadline: September 27, 2019



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Farmers' Market Season is in Full Swing!

Caldwell Community Farmer's Market: This Friday!

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

@ The Caldwell Courthouse Square



FRIDAYS
8 A.M.- 1 P.M.

Noble County
Farmer's Market

FAMILY DOLLAR PARKING LOT

Farm Talk Breakfast- October 18, November 15, & December 20

Save the date for these upcoming Farm Talk Breakfast Programs! All are free to attend and begin at 8:30 a.m.:

- **Friday, October 18, 2019- "Fall Leaf Facts" at the Noble County Extension Office (46049 Marietta Rd. Caldwell, OH):** Have you ever wondered why autumn leaf color is more vibrant in some years or others or why some trees turn yellow while others turn red in the fall? Come to Farm Talk Breakfast to find the answers and to learn more about the value of leaf litter as a soil amendment for lawns and gardens. Email gelley.2@osu.edu or call 740-732-5681 to RSVP by October 16th.
- **Friday, November 15, 2019-** Topic & Location to be announced soon...
- **Friday, December 20, 2019-** At the OSU Extension Operations Building (16714 Wolf Run Rd. Caldwell, OH 43724). Topic to be announced soon...

Pasture for Profit School Coming to Noble County this November

Pasture for Profit School *Hosted by Noble County SWCD at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station*

Three Dates to Remember...

Tuesday, November 5: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12: 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, November 16: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join Noble SWCD and OSU Extension for an exciting opportunity to learn better grazing techniques to fit your operation. Registration information will be available soon.

For more details contact Noble SWCD at
740-732-4318 or jessie@nobleswcd.org

Sudden Oak Death Concerns in Our Area

On July 16, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), in coordination with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) issued a press release indicating that sudden oak death caused by *Phytophthora ramorum* was detected on rhododendron and lilac plants shipped to Wal-Mart and Rural King stores throughout the state. We have since learned that potentially infected plants were shipped to Wal-Mart and Rural King stores in the following southeastern Ohio cities: **Athens, Chillicothe, Gallipolis, Jackson, Logan, Marietta, New Boston, Saint Clairsville, South Point, Waverly, West Union, and Zanesville.**

Ohio State University Extension, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts are working with the ODA and USDA APHIS to provide support to customers who purchased rhododendron plants from Wal-Mart or Rural King stores with the potential to spread sudden oak death to native woodlands in the region. *Phytophthora ramorum*, the pathogen that causes sudden oak death, has resulted in widespread mortality of oaks and other species in coastal areas of California and Oregon.

Even though there are no known instances of sudden oak death establishment in eastern forests, it is important to reduce the possibility of this potentially deadly disease from becoming established in our oak-dominated forests in southeastern Ohio. Oak trees contribute greatly to Ohio's \$26 billion forest products industry, provide vital habitat for many wildlife species, and are important for tourism in southeastern Ohio.

The ODA and partners are encouraging homeowners who purchased rhododendron or lilac plants from Wal-Mart or Rural King (March 1 to June 1) to monitor the plant for signs of disease, including leaf spots and shoot dieback and to properly dispose of the plants. The recommended method of disposal is double-bagging, including the root ball, in heavy duty trash bags for disposal into a sanitary landfill. Do not compost or dispose of the plant material in municipal yard waste. Garden tools used on any affected plants should be sanitized with 10% bleach solution (one-part bleach to nine-parts water) for 30 minutes.

If you think you purchased any of these potentially infected plants, contact Christine Gelley of Noble County OSU Extension at 740-732-5681 or gelley.2@osu.edu for assistance with reporting, monitoring, and proper disposal of potentially infected plants. You can also visit the following site to learn more about sudden oak death and submit a report: <http://go.osu.edu/SuddenOakDeath>.

Surrounding Area Events to Consider:

- **Ohio Hemp- Getting Started: Monday, September 30 at 7 p.m. in Athens**
 - Industrial hemp has been legalized to grow in Ohio, but what does that mean for producers? Join us as we discuss the production possibilities and current regulations. This will be an informational session for those wanting to learn more about the industry and its future in Ohio.
 - **Location:** Athens County Extension Office, 280 W. Union St., Athens, OH 45701
 - **Cost:** FREE
 - **Details:** Join in-person or ONLINE with Zoom at <https://go.osu.edu/OhioHemp>
 - **Contact information:** Ed Brown (740) 593-8555 or brown.6000@osu.edu
- **Guernsey-Noble Beekeepers Honey Judging Contest: Tuesday, October 8**
 - Bring your honey for the 2019 Guernsey-Noble Beekeepers contest to the MidEast Career and Technology Center at 6:30 p.m. on October 8. For a complete list of rules contact Don Crock at 740-581-1883 or doncrock@yahoo.com.
- **A Day in the Woods: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vinton Furnace State Forest**

Handouts and Lunch included with \$12 pre-registration. Contact Dave Apsley to register at 740-710-3009 or Apsley.1@osu.edu.

 - **Woodland and Wildlife Research October 11** – Learn about the latest wildlife research, including rattlesnakes and blue jays, taking place at the Experimental Forest. Get an update on the latest research on our oak –hickory ecosystems and techniques to sustain them. Enjoy the fall woods.
 - **Winter Tree Identification November 8** – Learn to use buds and twig characteristics to identify trees. Recognize bark of common trees. Identify trees using nuts, acorns and other clues that you can find on the forest floor.
- **Farm Bill Updates: Informational Programs coming soon!**
 - The 2019 enrollment period for ARC (Agricultural Risk Coverage) & PLC (Price Loss Coverage) for eligible crops (listed below) is open now through the Farm Service Agency until March 15, 2020. OSU Extension is working with FSA to provide informational meetings this winter on selecting coverage for your farm. Meetings are being scheduled presently across the state and will be announced soon. Your local OSU Farm Bill Representatives are Christine Gelley of Noble County and Dan Lima of Belmont County. You can contact them directly with questions by email at gelley.2@osu.edu or lima.19@osu.edu.
 - 2018 Farm Bill Definition of Eligible Crops:

Barley	Canola	Corn	Chickpeas (large)
Chickpeas (small)	Crambe	Flax	Grain Sorghum
Lentils	Mustard	Oats	Peanuts
Peas (dry)	Rapeseed	Rice- (long grain)	Rice (medium)
Safflower	Seed Cotton	Sesame Seed	Soybeans
Sunflower	Wheat		