

**Dear Noble ANR Newsletter Subscribers,**

May is here and thank goodness for that. Just seeing lush green leaves on the ground and the trees refreshes my spirit, even more so when we are outside among them. Allergy sufferers may have a different opinion on that point. Many plants are in full bloom right now, including the one in the banner photos. Ten points to you if you know that plant! It is the dreaded autumn olive.

This week is National Invasive Species Awareness Week and in honor of that, let's talk a bit about autumn olive.

Now is NOT a good time to TREAT autumn olive, but it is a great time to IDENTIFY it. When you are out and about on your property scout for these plants and mark them with paint or ties to come back and treat later. Autumn olive has glossy green and dimpled topsides on the leaves and a silvery underside with cream colored flowers. Later in the season it will have bright red berries with silvery dimples, which are often consumed by birds which aids in the spread of this invasive weed. Pollinators are currently foraging on autumn olive, so remember the general rule- Do not spray plants with pesticides while they are in flower.

There are two reasons, 1. Pollinators may be foraging. 2. Herbicide kill rates are poor during flowering. This is due to the allocation of energy resources throughout the plant. When they are flowering, energy is sent to the flowers. Before flowering, energy is sent to the leaves. After flowering, energy is sent to the leaves and roots. This is why late summer is often more effective for foliar herbicide treatments and late fall is more effective for basal bark and hack and squirt methods.

There are many other invasive species (of many plant and animal kingdoms) in Ohio ecosystems that are worth the time to learn about. A great place to find additional information about Ohio's invasive plant is the Ohio Invasive Plants Council. Click here to visit the website:

<https://www.oipc.info/invasive-plants-of-ohio.html>.

Ohio State Extension is still operating via telework through July 6, 2020, so email, phone, The Noble Journal Leader, and online social media are our main methods of contact. We are unable to mail out paper newsletters at this point in time, so please, share the information in this email with people who could benefit, but are not on the email list.

In the pages that follow, you will find current announcements about COVID-19 Resources for Farms and Farm Families, OSU Extension Teams to follow for updates, and some upcoming events.

***Please continue to reach out for assistance in the fields of agriculture and natural resources by contacting me directly*** by phone or email.

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***The safety of our community is OSU's top priority.*** We look forward to meeting in-person with you at programs later this summer.

**Stay healthy. Stay helpful. Stay happy.**

**Sincerely,**

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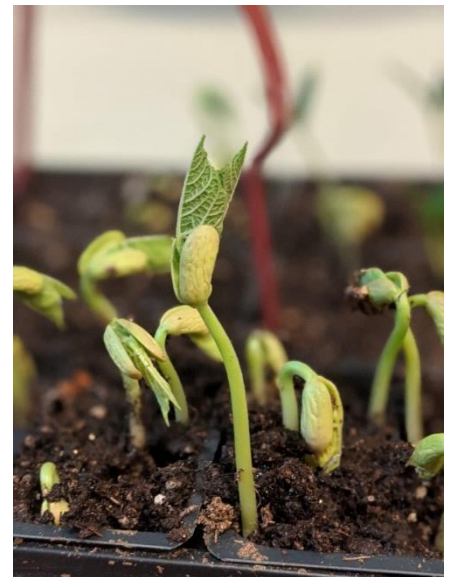
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# **USDA Announces Details of Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program**

## **Farmers and Ranchers to Receive Direct Support for Losses Related to COVID-19**

(Washington, D.C., May 19, 2020) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

"America's farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavirus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure our patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers," said Secretary Perdue. "These payments will help keep farmers afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. America's farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work, and determination."

Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

### **Background:**

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disruptions.

### **Non-Specialty Crops and Wool**

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A payment will be made based 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

### **Livestock**

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and

April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

### **Dairy**

For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter. The second part of the payment is based a national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter.

### **Specialty Crops**

For eligible specialty crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later date.

### **Eligibility**

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

### **Applying for Assistance**

Producers can apply for assistance beginning on May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

### **Payment Structure**

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at [www.farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus).

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## **Did You Know???**

Your SNAP - EBT card can be used to purchase:

### **GARDEN SEEDS & PLANTS**

Seeds and plants used in gardens to produce food for human consumption are eligible.

### **This includes the following items:**

- Seeds for producing edible plants and food (e.g., tomatoes and green pepper seeds or plants, and fruit trees)
- Edible food producing roots, bushes, and bulbs (e.g., asparagus crowns and onion bulbs)
- Seeds and plants used to produce spices for use in cooking.

***\*\* Check with your store location to make sure they accept these as purchases with EBT.***



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## Ohio Oil & Gas: Who is Doing What, Where and How Is It Going?



**With Mike  
Chadsey –  
Ohio Oil & Gas  
Association**

### **Program Materials Available:**

Noble County Extension Community Development and Agriculture & Natural Resources programs recently hosted virtual Farm Talk Breakfast on Ohio's Oil & Gas: Who is Doing What, Where and How It Is Going. The discussion was led by Mike Chadsey of the Ohio Oil & Gas Association followed by Noble County focused updates from OSU Extension. The recording is available at: <https://youtu.be/80TeeVFAbU0>

The slides of the presentation can be downloaded as a pdf:

<https://noble.osu.edu/sites/noble/files/imce/OOGA%20Industry%20Snap%20Shot%20Slide%20Deck%20PDF.pdf>

### **Save the Date:**

June's Farm Talk Breakfast Program will be held on Zoom at 8:30 AM on June 19, 2020. Details will be announced soon.

### **Other Upcoming Programs and Resources**

*If you need assistance connecting to any of the webinars, please ask for assistance. We will be happy to help get you connected. Even if you don't have internet in your home, you can often dial in on a landline or cell phone and listen along.*

- The OSU Extension Food Preservation Team will hold live "Office Hours" events bi-weekly on **Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>** and running through the end of July. The first session focuses on "**Preparing for Canning**". You can register for the webinar here: [https://osu.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_dyn5lvrKRkSKYBawukDPXg](https://osu.zoom.us/join/register/WN_dyn5lvrKRkSKYBawukDPXg)  
For questions about access to the webinars either live or recorded or corresponding resources, contact Sami Schott at [schott.77@osu.edu](mailto:schott.77@osu.edu) or by calling 740-732-5681.
- Join Ohio AgrAbility for Fitness for Farm Life on **Tuesday, May 19 from 7-7:30 PM**. Fitness for Farm Life is an educational program aimed at improving the

quality or work and life for agricultural workers of all ages and abilities. The goal of this program is to show you that by taking some small steps to care for our bodies and physical health, then in turn you can improve and preserve your physical abilities to continue doing what all of us here love-farming. The final class of the series is on May 19 - Fitness for Farm Life: Health, wellness and pain management. Registration is not required, just log in and join us:  
<https://go.osu.edu/farmfitness>

- A webinar on Wildlife: Guest or Pest is coming up on Friday, May 22 at 1 PM. Fox and coyote live in both rural and urban environments. Marne Titchenell- Wildlife Program Specialist, with OSU Extension will be the speaker. Register for the webinar at: [go.osu.edu/wildlifegp](https://go.osu.edu/wildlifegp)
- Are you a new or beginning food gardener? The Stark County Master Gardeners have just the class for you- Food Garden Fridays! Educational sessions on learning to grow your own food. One session each week until the end of June on Friday @ 8PM via ZOOM. Sessions are designed to be informal, yet informative with short lessons, Q & A, conversation and resource wrap-up. Fun for the whole family or the individual. Visit [www.u.osu.edu/gardenstark](http://www.u.osu.edu/gardenstark) for details on topics featured each week. Register at [www.go.osu.edu/foodgardenfriday](http://www.go.osu.edu/foodgardenfriday).
- Follow Noble County ANR on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/NobleCountyAgEd> and on the county page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/osuenoble>. We will continue to keep you informed with time relevant information everyday.
- Every weekday Noble ANR will be live on the Facebook page at Noon to provide an educational talk and allow for open conversation with anyone who joins the live stream. Follow the page and turn on notifications to be notified when the live streams begin. Previous talks are all saved and available for viewing on the “videos” tab of the page. Even if you don’t have a Facebook account, you can still watch any of the previous recordings there:  
<https://www.facebook.com/osuenoble/videos/>
- Don’t forget to visit and subscribe to the OSU Extension Teams that fit your interests. By subscribing to the pages, you will be notified when new articles post.
  - Beef Team- [www.beef.osu.edu](http://www.beef.osu.edu)
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  - Forage Team- [www.go.osu.edu/forages](http://www.go.osu.edu/forages)
  - Agronomic Crops Team- <https://agcrops.osu.edu/home>
  - Swine Team- <https://porkinfo.osu.edu/>
  - Poultry Team- <https://u.osu.edu/poultry/>
  - Dairy Team- <https://dairy.osu.edu/>



- Fruit & Vegetable Team- <https://u.osu.edu/vegnetnews/>
- SE OH Woods- <https://u.osu.edu/apsley.1/>
- Extension Energy Outreach- <https://energizeohio.osu.edu/>
- Buckeye Yard, Lawn, and Garden Team- <https://bygl.osu.edu/>
- COVID-19 Resources for Farms and Farm Families:
  - A new website with science-based information and research on COVID-19 from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences launched April 7th. The KX COVID-19 Hub is a collaboration between The Knowledge Exchange, Ohio State University Extension, and the CFAES statewide network of researchers and faculty. Visit <http://kx.osu.edu/covid-19> for a collection of resources, tools, and links to help Ohio communities weather the crisis. Founded in 2019, The Knowledge Exchange (KX) is a support platform in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences bringing research to the public in an unbiased and interactive way.
  - Veterinary Advice- <https://vet.osu.edu/extension/covid-19>
  - Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 and Animals- [https://vet.osu.edu/sites/vet.osu.edu/files/documents/extension/COVID-19%20%20Livestock\\_Handout\\_FINAL\\_ENGLISH.pdf](https://vet.osu.edu/sites/vet.osu.edu/files/documents/extension/COVID-19%20%20Livestock_Handout_FINAL_ENGLISH.pdf)
  - Questions Regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Farms with Employees- [https://vet.osu.edu/sites/vet.osu.edu/files/documents/extension/COVID-19\\_Handout\\_ENGLISH.pdf](https://vet.osu.edu/sites/vet.osu.edu/files/documents/extension/COVID-19_Handout_ENGLISH.pdf)
  - Stress Coping Methods- <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-5242>
  - Introduction to Mindfulness- <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-5243>
  - Helping Young Children Through Stressful Times- <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/flm-fs-8-99-r07>
  - Farm Safety Check: Stress and Wellness- <http://umash.umn.edu/farm-safety-check-stress/>

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**Roadway Safety for Agricultural Equipment**

- Have a plan before moving equipment.
- Travel at off-peak hours.
- Ensure SMV emblem is visible.
- Turn on warning lights.
- Drive defensively and watch for other motorists.
- Watch for roadside obstacles.
- Utilize escort vehicles when needed.



**Agricultural Safety and Health Program**


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**Recognizing Agricultural Equipment Hazards**

**Agricultural equipment hazards include:**

- Wrap Points
- Cut Points
- Pinch Points
- Crush Points
- Free-Wheeling Parts
- Burn Points
- Stored Energy
- Thrown Objects










A piece of equipment can have a variety of these hazards, possibly all of them, and often in multiple locations around the machine.

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