

## NEWSLETTER

NOBLE COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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*Dear Readers,*

I have been asked multiple times to host an edible wild plant workshop and as the questions trickle in about wild edibles, I feel compelled to explain why the suggested workshop hasn't been offered yet.

Many are interested in identifying and collecting edibles, but this is a hobby that should be pursued with extreme caution. Hence, the hesitation to start a workshop. The risk of accidental consumption of a harmful plant following an event like that is too great. The most responsible overall advice I can give you about consuming wild edibles is, don't do it. Unless you are stranded in the wilderness and need to survive on wild edibles, the risk vs. reward odds are not worth testing.

Collecting wild edibles is an endeavor that could start out with good intentions and end in the hospital, or worse. Before you eat any plant or fungus you find in the wild, check, check, and check again to verify it is what you think. Many edibles seem perfectly safe just by looking at them, but don't forget that there are other factors like pathogens or parasites that could make you ill that are unable to be seen, so eat at your own risk.

If you determine it is "safe" to eat, only consume a tiny bit at a time, just in case something goes haywire. Also, keep an unaltered sample of what you have consumed, so that medical personnel could implement the appropriate treatment in an emergency. Remember that some wild edibles, like ginseng, are illegal to collect from state lands in OH. Permits can be acquired in some areas during the designated season for harvest. Don't forget that in some wildlife areas, removal of ANY vegetation is illegal.

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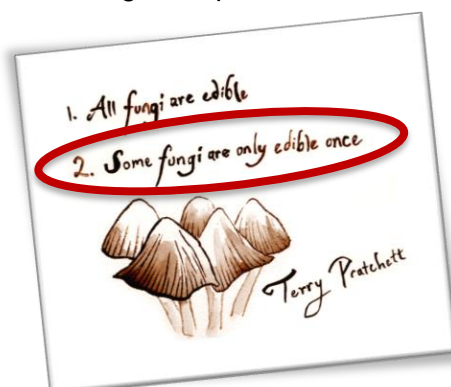
Controlled cultivation is a safer bet. Many people successfully propagate their own mushrooms, herbs, and more. There is quite a bit of information about how to accomplish this task through OSU Extension and other sources. In fact, on Saturday, April 8 there will be a Growing Shiitake Mushrooms Workshop at the Noble County Soil and Water Conservation District Office. Anyone is welcome to attend this free event which will run from 10 a.m. to Noon featuring our local service forester-Adam Komar of ODNR as the guest speaker. Please call 740-732-4318 to RSVP.

Stay smart. Stay safe. Enjoy Spring!

Sincerely,

*Christine Gelley*

Christine Gelley  
 OSU Extension Educator



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## *Kindred Gardens*

### *Gardening for Seniors*



Kindred Gardens is a program that offers stimulating gardening activities to seniors through a series of hands-on classes. All activities will be offered at no charge, but space may be limited. Please RSVP for each session. Programs will be held at the Noble County Senior Center- 300 Cumberland St, Caldwell, OH 43724.

Segments will be offered throughout 2017, each including an activity associated with gardening. Sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 11:30 a.m. Events are as follows:

- **April 18<sup>th</sup> -April Showers Bring May Flowers**
  - Container gardening of flowers, herbs, and salad vegetables.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> -Homegrown Healthy Helpings
- September 14<sup>th</sup> -Abundant Harvest
- November 9<sup>th</sup> -Winter Windowsill Wonders

To find out more about Kindred Gardens call Christine Gelley at the Noble County OSU Extension Office  
740-732-5681  
or email  
gelley.2@osu.edu.

Please RSVP by phone to 740-732-5681 or by filling out this form and returning it to the Senior Center or to the Extension Office at 46049 Marietta Rd., Suite 2, Caldwell, OH 43724 by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone &/or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch is available at the Senior Center with a reservation made by 9 a.m. the day of the event. Lunch is \$4.00 for those under 60. For those over 60, a \$2.50 donation is suggested. Call 740-732-5129 for reservations.

Personal identifiers such as name and contact information will only be used to provide you with program updates. Information such as age and gender will be anonymously reported to summarize program impacts to The Ohio State University and the Senior Center.



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## Farm Talk Breakfast

### You are invited!

Farm Talk Breakfast will be held at the Noble County Extension Office on April 19, 2017 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Farm Talk is held on a rotational basis around Noble County and serves as a chance for agriculturalists to meet for discussion about current events and pressing issues in agriculture.

RSVPs are appreciated by April 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Homemade breakfast will be served at 8:00 with discussion to follow. For more information, dietary requests, or to RSVP contact Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator-Christine Gelley at the Noble County OSU Extension Office.

### Discussion Topic:

### **Cottage Food and Farm Market Rules, Regulations, & Exceptions**

Wednesday,  
**April 19, 2017**  
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Noble County OSU Extension Office  
46049 Marietta Rd. Suite 2  
Caldwell, OH 43724

### ***Free Homemade Breakfast***

RSVP to Christine Gelley at 740-732-5681  
by Noon on April 17th

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# Fairy Garden Workshop

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2-3 p.m.**

*Noble County Extension Office on SR 821*



*Brought to you by...*

**The Noble County Master Gardener Volunteers**

*Featuring Special Guest- Marti Reed*

*Come and create your own fairy garden at this instructional workshop. All materials will be provided.*

**\$25 per attendee**

Pre-registration is required by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Space is limited. Don't delay. Call today!

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Please RSVP by phone to 740-732-5681 or by filling out this form and returning it to the Extension Office at 46049 Marietta Rd., Suite 2, Caldwell, OH 43724 by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be written to OSU Extension with the memo "Fairy Garden Workshop."

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25= \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone &/or Email \_\_\_\_\_





# Grazing School Kick-Off

## Topics include :

1. USDA Programs Update
2. Getting Started Grazing
3. Soil Sampling
4. Water Distribution
5. Lime "What's the Difference?"
6. 2017 Pasture walks



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**Contact your local Extension Office for more information**

Thursday

**April 20**

6-8 p.m.

Eastern Agriculture

Research Station

(168701 TR 126)

Cost: \$5.00/ person

Send registrations to:

Monroe County

Extension (740-472-0810)

101 N. Main St., Room 17

Woodfield, OH 43793

**Grazing School Kick-Off PRE-REGISTRATION Deadline is April 15th. Return this section with fee.**

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ attending x \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed

# 2 Local GAP Trainings on April 18<sup>th</sup>!

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## Vegetable Production w/ Brad Bergfurd & Good Agricultural Practices Education Program

*Attend a GAP's program and you will learn about:*

- ❖ Foodborne illness
- ❖ Contamination
- ❖ Water safety
- ❖ Soil safety
- ❖ Good handling practices
- ❖ Worker training
- ❖ Restroom & breaks
- ❖ Hands & hygiene
- ❖ Ideas for traceability on the farm
- ❖ Records
- ❖ Standard operating procedures
- ❖ Receive certificate of participation

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## Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Education Program

**OSU Extension, Guernsey County**  
335-B Old National Road  
(Guernsey County Fairgrounds)  
Old Washington, Ohio 43768

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.**

### What is a GAP Class?

- An educational course that covers good agricultural practices or "GAP", which helps reduce the risk of on-farm produce contamination

- Attending the OSU GAP class does not equate to being "GAP Certified"

### Topics Include:

- Water Quality
- Worker Training, Health & Hygiene
- Manure and Compost Handling
- Domestic and Wild Animals
- And more

**Registration: \$20.00 (cash or check only)**

**Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture Specialty Crop Program**

### **For more information:**

Mary Griffith at 740-852-0975; Griffith.483@osu.edu  
Clif Little at 740-489-5300; little.16@osu.edu

There must be at least 10 people registered in order to proceed with the training.

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### **Good Agricultural Practices Education Program**

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

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*To pre-register mail cash or check (payable to OSU Extension) by April 14, 2017 with \$20 per person to:*

**OSU Extension-Guernsey County**  
**Attn: Clif Little**  
**PO Box 300**  
**Old Washington, OH 43768**

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### **Oil & Gas Stakeholders,**

Keep this flyer in an easily accessible place! If you witness an oil or gas emergency notify your local fire department and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil & Gas. Turn this page over for a list of incidents that should be reported. →



The new toll-free number is: **1-844-OHCALL1 (1-844-642-2551)**.

A reporting party is required to make a call to the Ohio One-Call System within 30-minutes after becoming aware of the occurrence, unless notification within that time is impracticable under the circumstances.

**This requirement does not change current federal/SERC regulations for 30 minute notification to local fire department and LEPC.**

In addition, calls to The National Response Center (NRC) shall be made for those reportable quantity releases involving CERCLA hazardous substances or oil to navigable waters as soon as possible. The National Response Center (NRC) 24-hour number is 1-800-424-8802.

ODNR's 24-hour dispatching center will receive all calls made to **1-844-OHCALL1** and makes notifications to the below agencies.

#### **The Ohio One Call System Notifies:**

- **ODNR Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management**
- **ODC/ State Fire Marshal**
- **OEPA**
- **PUCO**
- **ODNR WILDLIFE**

Once ODNR has fulfilled its initial notification of oil and gas emergency, each respective department or agency is responsible for making its own internal notifications and deploying its resources and personnel to respond to the emergency, as needed.

## THE FOLLOWING ARE REPORTABLE INCIDENTS:

TYPE OF INCIDENT	QUANTITY (GAL, BBL, PPM)	ADDITIONAL FACTORS
Gas Release	N/A	Blow out
		Uncontrolled Pop-off Valve (Urban Area)
		Any threat to public safety
Hydrogen Sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)	20 ppm ; > 10 min in working area	OR H <sub>2</sub> S release resulting in injury or death of person
Fire / Explosion	N/A	Emergency responder has been called by reporting person
Oil, Condensate or Materials Saturated with Oil or Condensate	> 210 US gallons in 24 hours	Outside secondary containment & into the environment
Oil, Condensate or Materials Saturated with Oil or Condensate	> 25 US gallons in 24 hours	In an urban area AND outside secondary containment & into the environment
		In an Emergency Management Zone of a surface water public drinking supply AND outside secondary containment & into the environment
		In a 5-year time of travel with a groundwater-based public drinking supply AND outside secondary containment & into the environment
		In a 100-year flood hazard area as delineated on the federal emergency management agency's (FEMA) national flood insurance rate map AND outside secondary containment & into the environment
Refined Oil Products	> 25 US gallons in 24 hours	Outside secondary containment & into the environment
Any Oil, Condensate or Materials Saturated with Oil or Condensate / Oil (refined)	N/A	Causing film or sheen on water surface
Brine / Semi-solid Wastes (sludge / drill cuttings)	> 42 US gallons in 24 hours	Outside secondary containment & into the environment
Brine (from vehicle, vessel, railcar or container)	> 42 US gallons	Operated by person to whom a registration certificate has been issued
		Enters the environment and the release is an amount that exceeds 42 US gallons
Hazardous Substance (HS) or Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) or Mixture	Equal to or > than reportable quantities in tables in 40 CFR	List available at: <a href="http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/well-information/emergency-response">http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/well-information/emergency-response</a>
	Unknown amount	Notify where total amount of the mixture or solution release equals or exceeds the reportable quantity

## THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT REPORTABLE INCIDENTS:

1.	Controlled flaring or controlled burns authorized under Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code or under 1501:9 of the Administrative Code or authorized by the terms and conditions of a permit issued under Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code;
2.	Properly functioning emission control devices authorized pursuant to Revised Code Section 3704.03;
3.	Subsurface detonation of perforation-guns;
4.	Seismic shots; OR
5.	Controlled blasting for well site construction





## FIRE RELIEF RESOURCES

The Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) wants to help cattle families impacted by last month's devastating fires in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas. OCA has reached out to the cattlemen's associations in these states, and the overwhelming response has been that cash donations would be most helpful. To help with the fire relief efforts, please see below:

### KANSAS

If you would like to donate to this relief effort, you can do so by mail or online. Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) membership is not a requirement to benefit from fire relief donations. To donate online, visit [www.kla.org/donationform.aspx](http://www.kla.org/donationform.aspx). Make checks payable to the Kansas Livestock Foundation with "Fire Relief" in the memo line. For more information call KLA at (785) 273-5115.

Kansas Livestock Foundation  
6031 SW 37th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

There is a need for milk replacer for calves that have lost their mothers in the wildfire. If you are so inclined to donate a bag, Ashland Feed and Seed will take credit card orders over the phone. Each bag costs \$44.50. Their number is (620) 635-2856.

### OKLAHOMA

If you would like to donate to this relief effort, you can do so by mail or online. To donate online, visit [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org). Make checks payable to Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation with "Fire Relief" in the memo line and send to:

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation  
P.O. Box 82395  
Oklahoma City, OK 73148

### WORKING RANCH COWBOYS ASSOCIATION (WORKS IN ALL OF THE AFFECTED STATES)

If you would like to donate to this relief effort, you can do so by mail. Make checks payable to the WRCF Wildfire Relief Fund with "Fire Relief" in the memo line and send to:

WRCF Wildfire Relief Fund  
408 SW 7th Ave  
Amarillo, TX 79101



## NEED A FARM ACCOUNT BOOK?

*The Extension Office has them in stock!*

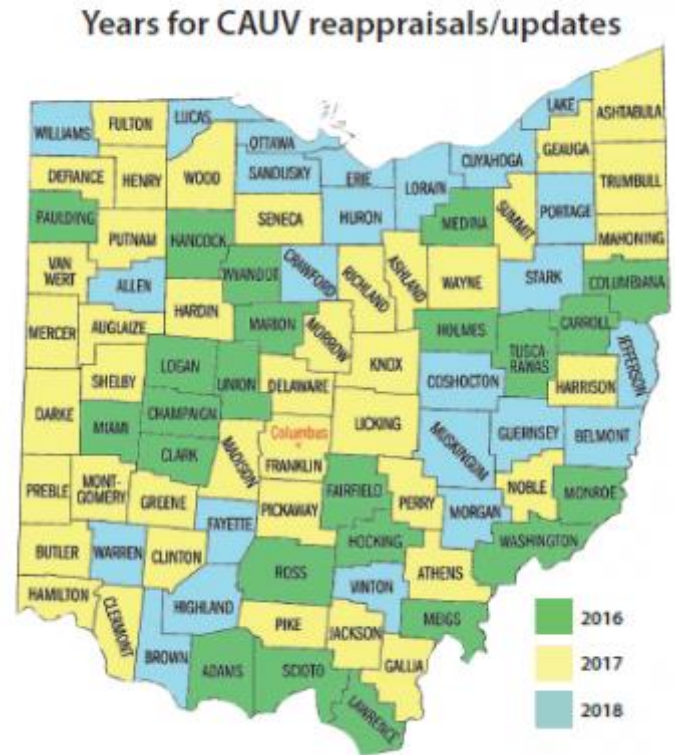
**\$7.50 each**

## Updates on Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV)

Noble County is one of 41 Ohio counties set to have CAUVs reappraised in 2017. Voices across Ohio have spoken up to say that the current system makes assumptions that do not accurately assess land use. This has led to over taxation for many in recent years.

Under the current system, land that is used for conservation efforts is often misrepresented under CAUV. This actually penalizes farmers who are dedicating space to conservation rather than pushing it to max yield potential. In the end, this hurts both farmers and conservation agencies.

According to Ohio Farm Bureau, counties that have been reappraised since 2015 have seen an average of \$10 in tax savings per acre. Savings vary by taxing district depending on local factors. Overall, hopes are high that pending CAUV reform will put dollars back in farmer's pockets and in turn, encourage conservation efforts across the state.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Noble County Master Gardener Volunteers** will meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 a.m. at the Noble County Extension Office.
- **Did you sign up for A. I. School?** Don't forget class is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 25, 26, and 27 at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station. Each day will start at the station office, which is the gray and red building at the bottom of the hill between the lambing barn and the hay field. Come ready to get messy.
- **The Noble County Cattlemen's Association Spring Classic Open Steer and Heifer Show** will be on Saturday, April 29 at the Noble County Fairgrounds. For detailed information contact Sarah Reed (740-509-2238) or Jamie Miley (740-255-1752).
- **Pesticide & Fertilizer Applicator Courses** are available in neighboring counties if scheduling conflicts arise for our local classes. Call for additional locations and dates.
- **Noble County is looking for volunteers to host pasture walks this summer.** Let Christine know if you are interested.
- You can now follow Noble County OSU ANR on Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest! Links to these sites can be found at the county website: [noble.osu.edu](http://noble.osu.edu).
- Check out Christine's ANR blog at [u.osu.edu/gelley.2](http://u.osu.edu/gelley.2) and the Buckeye Hills ANR blog at <http://u.osu.edu/bhanr/>.