

NEWSLETTER

NOBLE COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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October is a symphony of permanence and change.

- Bonaro W. Overstreet

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Dear Readers,

October has been a busy month for Extension. It began with a celebration at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station to commemorate 50 years since it's opening and dedication. The photo you see above was taken there on a hay ride tour on October 2nd. I would love to stand in this spot and take a photo each week over the course of a year and see how things change and stay the same.

Farm Talk Lunch was held at Patty's Place just before the celebration began. If you missed it, come join us on November 16th for Farm Talk Breakfast at Lori's Family Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. Beef School, Sheep School, and Forage Day have already taken place this month too. Check out the photos on page 9.

There's still a lot of Autumn left. I hope you'll find time to slow down, give thanks, take a walk, and drink in the beautiful fall landscapes around us. Don't forget to mark your November calendars for our Venison Workshop and Holiday Wreath Workshop. Keep reading for details.

Sincerely Yours,

Christine Gelley

Christine Gelley- OSU Extension Educator



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Noble Soil & Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Hunter Education is for Everyone!

Individuals, families, new and experienced hunters.

Come learn more about:

- Responsibility
- Firearms & Ammunition
- Wildlife Management
- Shooting
- Bowhunting
- Personal Safety & Survival
- Care of Game



RESPONSIBLE HUNTING STARTS HERE!

OHIO HUNTER EDUCATION

Date: Saturday, Nov. 5 & Sunday, Nov. 6

Time: Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Noble County Soil & Water Meeting Room

Instructor: Dave Schott & Levi Arnold

Space is limited to 20 people so register today!

To Register Contact: 1-800-WILDLIFE or wildohio.com

Venison: From Field to Table



November 16, 2016 • 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Noble County
Multi-Agency Building
46049 Marietta Rd.
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

Join us for a workshop on preparing venison from harvest to table. You dress for the weather and we'll dress a deer. The program will begin outside at the pavilion and conclude inside.

FREE for ALL AGES

Field Dressing & Cutting the Carcass

- Live Demonstration
- Proper and Efficient Field Dressing
- Skinning and Quartering of the Deer
- ***Presented by: Dave Schott & Jim Mizik, Noble Soil & Water Conservation District***

Food Plots

- Selecting a Menu for Deer
- More Bang for Your Buck
- Planning for Next Year
- ***Presented by: Christine Gelley, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator- Noble County OSU Extension***

Food Safety/ Canning & Freezing

- Venison Sampling
- How to Preserve Your Venison
- Recipes
- ***Presented by: Sami Schott, Family & Consumer Sciences Program Coordinator- Noble County OSU Extension***

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Venison: From Field to Table

REGISTRATION: To ensure that we have enough food and resources please RSVP the number of people that will be attending. Please send this registration form back by November 9th to

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Number attending: _____



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Fall Gardening Tips

Pruning Trees and Shrubs: The best time to prune woody ornamental plants is during the fall. During the spring and summer these plants are actively growing. Pruning at this time encourages additional growth, which over time can deplete the root system, making the plants more vulnerable to pests, disease, and environmental stresses. Pruning during the fall reduces the risk of long term damage and the plant will maintain its pruned shape for longer into the following spring and summer. Be sure to leave 2/3 of the existing plant to avoid damage from over pruning.

Planting Trees and Shrubs: Fall is a great time to transplant woody ornamentals as well. For the same reasons that pruning is best during the fall, planting in the fall has some advantages over spring planting. Transplanting young trees and shrubs before winter gives the roots a head start to establish without taking away additional resources for development of new shoots and leaves. There is also less pest and disease pressure in the fall vs. spring. Be sure to plant at the correct depth. Planting too deep can cause roots to develop high on the trunk which could potentially girdle the plant's vascular system and cause long term damage. Planting too shallow can expose the roots to extreme temperature changes, also causing long lasting issues.

Planting/Digging Bulbs: Some bulbs are not sensitive to cold, while others are. It is important to know which bulbs to plant in the fall and which to dig up before winter. Early spring bloomers like crocuses, lily of the valley, daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths should be planted in the fall, from August through until the ground freezes. Late spring and summer bloomers that are not winter hardy include: gladioli, dahlias, canna lilies, caladiums, and tuberous begonias. These can be dug after frost, but must be dug before the soil reaches freezing temperatures. To store bulbs over the winter, place them in a cool and well ventilated area. Bulbs should be planted at a depth that is 3xs deeper than the bulb's diameter. Water thoroughly after planting to encourage root growth and diminish air pockets around the bulbs.

Weed Control: Removing weeds from the garden in the fall may initially seem like a job done too late, but better late than never! Attempt to remove weeds from your garden before the flowers fade and seeds develop. If seeds have already developed, try to remove the seed heads from the plant by cutting them into a container (like a garbage bag), then remove the remainder of the plant. This will help prevent seed from falling into your soil while weeding. If you decide to renovate your garden in the fall, consider putting down a weed barrier now. This will help prevent weed seed already present from emerging in your beds in the spring. Mulching is also helpful, this covers the bare soil surface and can prevent the weed seed from taking hold. Composted leaves make excellent mulch. Avoid using lawn clippings as mulch in your garden beds, it often contains fully developed seed. Keep fine lawn clippings on the lawn to encourage nutrient recycling.



You're invited to a...



At the
**Ball-Caldwell
House**

Two Available Sessions:

November 30th

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

or

December 1st

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Each session is limited to
12 attendees.

Please register by
November 23rd.

Sessions are **\$20 per participant** including hands-on instruction, materials to create a fresh evergreen holiday wreath, and light refreshments.

This event is sponsored by the **Master Gardener Volunteers of Noble County** in support of the **Noble County Historical Society**.

Following the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to tour the festively decorated Ball Caldwell House for a \$5 contribution to the Historical Society.

Wreath Workshop

Please indicate your preferences below:

Kindly return this slip
with payment to the address
below or call **740-732-5681**
to register no later than
November 23rd.

Make checks payable to:
OSU Extension
46409 Marietta Rd., Suite 2
Caldwell, OH 43724

Session:
Type of Wreath:
Number Attending:

November 30th or December 1st
Indoor or Outdoor

Name

Address

Phone



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Get Certified!

Ohio Agricultural Fertilizer Certification

Time is Running Out!

Who needs fertilizer certification?

Fertilizer certification is required if you apply fertilizer (other than manure) to more than 50 acres of agricultural production grown primarily for sale. If you have the co-op or other custom applicator make your fertilizer applications, you do not need the certification.

What kind of fertilizer is included in the certification?

Fertilizer is a dry or liquid product with a guaranteed analysis containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other plant nutrient. All application types (broadcast, side dress, sub-surface, knifing, etc.) are included in the certification requirement. Fertilizer application through the planter, and lime or manure application are **exempt**.

When do I need certification?

Before September 30, 2017 — but don't wait — most classes will be offered in WINTER 2017!

How do I become certified?

Take a Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training (FACT) offered through your county OSU Extension office. If you have an Ohio Pesticide license, take a two-hour course; if not, you must take a three-hour course. **Don't wait until September 2017 because most classes will be offered between January and March of 2017.** Look for these to be posted in late fall 2016 at NutrientEducation.osu.edu. Sign up online or call your county office!

Next Certification Meeting:

Date Thursday, February 16 Time 6-9 p.m.

Place OSU Extension Southeast Region Office
16714 Wolf Run Rd. Caldwell, OH 43724



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PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING will be on March 22nd.

More details to follow in December. Call Christine at 740-732-5681 to learn more.

Farm Talk Breakfast

You are invited!

Farm Talk Breakfast will be held at Lori's Family Restaurant on November 16, 2016 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Farm Talk will be held on a rotational basis around Noble County and serve as a chance for agriculturalists to meet for discussion about current events and pressing issues in agriculture. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required. For more information or to RSVP contact Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator-Christine Gelley at the Noble County OSU Extension office.

**Discussion Topic: Nuisance Animal Control with
Ohio Wildlife Officer- Brad St. Clair**

Wednesday,
November 16

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Location: Lori's Family Restaurant
17020 McConnellsville Rd.
Caldwell, OH 43724

Cost: Menu Pricing

Contact: 740-732-5681
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USDA Offers Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Sign-Up

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from landowners in Guernsey and Noble counties for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) until **November 18, 2016.**

What is EQIP?

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners and agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and other related natural resources. EQIP may also assist landowners with meeting Federal, State, and Local environmental regulations. Financial assistance payments through EQIP are made to eligible landowners and producers on completed practices or activities identified in an EQIP contract that meets NRCS Standards. Payment rates are set each fiscal year and are attached to the EQIP contract when it is approved. Payment rates for each Conservation Practice can be found at the Ohio NRCS Website.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/oh/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd408863>

EQIP includes Conservation planning and financial assistance:

NRCS provides landowners and land managers with free technical assistance, or advice for their land. Technical assistance includes: Resource assessment, practice design and resource monitoring. Your conservation planner will help you determine if and what financial assistance is right for you. Dedicated EQIP funds are available for conservation practices targeting On-Farm Energy, Organic Systems, High Tunnel Systems, Honeybee and other wildlife habitat, as well as several landscape-based initiatives, including: Livestock, Pasture, Cropland, Forestry, and Wildlife categories.

Eligibility for financial assistance:

As part of the application process, we will check to see if you are eligible. To be eligible you as a landowner, or land manager, will need to bring an official tax ID to the USDA service center. Applicants will also need a property deed or lease agreement that shows you have control of the property. If USDA records are not already established, the applicant can establish or update their records at the USDA service center. Other documents may be necessary for the applicant to be eligible for funding. An eligibility document checklist is available for applicants on the Ohio NRCS Website or at a local USDA service center.

Competitive ranking of applications:

Once a complete and valid application is submitted that is supported by a conservation plan, NRCS will look at the applications and rank them when the funding period opens. All applications are ranked based on National, State, and Local resource concerns. The amount of conservation benefits to the environment in supporting the conservation plan, and the needs of the applicant are considered in the ranking process. Ranking questions are of public record and can be found on the Ohio NRCS website.

Stop by the USDA Service Center at 1300 Clark St. Suite 10, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Or call Jay McElroy, District Conservationist at 740-432-5621 ext. 119 to discuss and see if EQIP is right for you.

Fall Reflections



Eastern Agricultural Research Station 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 2, 2016:

Top Left: Station Manager, Wayne Shriver welcomes guests with a summary of the station's previous and active projects. **Top Center:** Noble SWCD Technician, Jim Mizik explains the network of water systems on the station. **Top Right:** Dr. Steve Boyles gives a history of feeding forages at EARS on the ground where his father, Charles Boyles, served as the first Station Manager. **Bottom Left:** Guests gathered at the station overlook for the anniversary ceremony. **Bottom Center:** Hay wagon tours made stops around the farm to see featured projects and speakers. **Bottom Right:** Dr. Francis Fluharty talks about beef nutrition trials and discoveries made at EARS.



Beef, Forage, and Sheep Schools Were Offered in October:

Bottom Left: Jason Tyrell of Guernsey County SWCD encourages beef producers to evaluate their pastures and utilize pasture score sheets. **Bottom Center:** Dr. Lyda Garcia creates cuts of lamb at Sheep School. **Bottom Right:** Dr. Erdal Ozkan leads Forage School participants in a demonstration of how to calibrate a sprayer.

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting these Extension programs:
Farm Credit Mid-America, Saling's Custom Meat Processing, & TRC Farms



Noble Soil & Water Conservation Annual Awards:

Left: Ray Family Farm was recognized as the 2016 Cooperator of the Year. **Right:** Judy McMullen was deemed the 2016 Friend of Conservation.





Local Extension Levy to be on November 8th Ballot

Since the current Extension levy is due to expire in 2017, Noble County voters will be presented the opportunity to vote for a 1 mill property tax levy on November 8th. This is a Renewal of the current levy. It is important to note that the millage remains the same (one mill) as with all previous levies and would NOT be a new tax. The collection of this levy will begin in 2018 only after the **current levy expires**.

The one mill (5 year) levy will allow for continued funding necessary for Extension to offer programming in 4-H/Youth Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, Agriculture & Natural Resources and Community Development. The local funds are necessary to **match** State and Federal funds that Extension receives. Without the levy, Extension programming in the county would end as funding from **the current levy expires in 2017**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- The Switzerland of Ohio Polled Hereford Association will meet on Saturday, October 29th at the OSU Extension Regional Office on SR 215 at 7:00 p.m.
- Do you need to complete ServSafe Training for Food Safety? November 4th is the deadline to register. Call Samantha Schott for details at 740-732-5681.
- The Brookfield Homemakers will meet on November 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Brookfield Township Hall.
- Rekindle the relationship with your veterinarian before Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) rules on the use of livestock antibiotics are implemented on January 1, 2017.
- 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.
- Check out Christine's ANR blog at u.osu.edu/gelley.2 and the Buckeye Hills ANR blog at <http://u.osu.edu/bhanr/>.