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Dear Readers,

Autumn is upon us and there are plenty of activities on schedule to keep you busy as a bee. Whether your passion is bees, beef, or business, there is something in this newsletter for you. If you have questions about the information presented, please call or email me at the Extension Office and I will be happy to talk with you more.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Noble SWCD Annual Meeting on October 18 and for October 19, which is the deadline for EQIP and RCPP applications to be returned to the NRCS Office. For more information call the Guernsey-Noble Service Office at 740-432-5621.

Sincerely,

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OHIO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Beef and Forage School

Oct 2, 9, 16, 2018 — 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Eastern Ag Research Station

Dinner Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Date & Location	Topic	Presenter
October 2 Ag Research Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Assurance• Certification• Ear Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Christine Gelley, Mark Landefeld & Clif Little, OSU Extension Educators- Dr. John Grimes
October 9 Ag Research Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost of Production Key Factors• Replacement Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Christine Gelley, Mark Landefeld & Clif Little, OSU Extension Educators- John Grimes, Extension Beef Coordinator
October 16 Ag Research Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasture Water Quality• Regenerating Pasture, Hay Ground After a Pipeline• Regenerating Winter Feeding Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Christine Gelley, OSU Extension Educator- Clif Little, OSU Extension Educator- Mark Landefeld, OSU Extension Educator



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OSU Ag Research and Development Center; OSU Extension Offices in Belmont,
Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Noble Counties; Farm Bureau; Nationwide Insurance

Beef School— One price to come to one or all programs.

Return this section with fee
required by Sept 24

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. 2
☐ Oct. 9
☐ Oct. 16

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Funding Now Available to Treat Spotted Knapweed

Application Deadline is October 19, 2018

The Noble Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) announces new funding available for the **Spotted Knapweed Treatment for Ohio Producers (STOP) Project**. Noble SWCD and other partners received project funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

RCPP is a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program that encourages partners to join efforts with producers to increase the restoration and sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife and related natural resources. Through the program, NRCS and its partners help producers install and maintain conservation activities in selected project areas.

The STOP project will focus on the treatment and control of spotted knapweed and other invasive species in four Appalachian counties in southeastern Ohio: Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum and Noble. These counties have each experienced an exponential spread of the spotted knapweed in privately owned pastures and hay land in recent years.

To implement the STOP Project, NRCS will provide agricultural producers with financial assistance, and one-on-one technical help, to plan and implement improvements to their pastures and permanent hay land. NRCS calls these improvements “conservation practices”. Using these conservation practices will improve the producers’ grazing and hay land operations and lead to cleaner water, cleaner air, healthier soils, and better wildlife habitat.

Other local partners who will also be providing technical assistance for the STOP Project include the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Ohio State University Extension (OSUE) staff located in each of the four counties.

To participate in the STOP Project, applicants must be farm operators or farm landowners who are managing pasture or hay land in Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum and/or Noble Counties. They must also meet other NRCS eligibility criteria. Applications for the STOP Project must be signed and submitted to NRCS by the October 19, 2018 deadline to be eligible.

To learn more about the STOP Project or to submit an application, visit your local [USDA Service Center](#) or visit the NRCS website and select [Get Started with NRCS](#). The USDA Service Center for Noble County is located at 1300 Clark Street, Suite 10, Cambridge, Ohio. You can contact the NRCS office at 740-432-5621 to speak with Jay McElroy, NRCS District Conservationist.

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Step #1 for treatment is accurate identification. Spotted knapweed (far left) is often confused on first glance with other flowers like red clover, chicory, or ironweed. Growth habits are drastically different between all of these plants.

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. Local training courses have been and will continue to be offered.

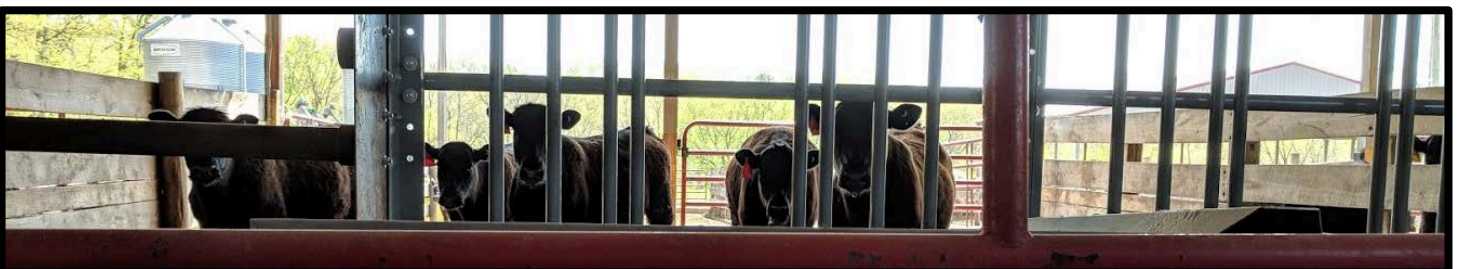


Upcoming Beef Quality Assurance Trainings

- **October 15 at 6 PM** at the Morgan Co. High School Ag Room, 800 Raider Dr. McConnelsville, OH.
- **October 18 at 6 PM** at the Perry County Extension Office, 104 S Columbus St, Somerset, OH.
- **October 22 at 7 PM** at the Frontier Power Community Room, 770 South 2nd St. Coshocton, OH.
- **October 30 at 6:30 PM** at the Marietta High School Auditorium, 208 Davis Ave. Marietta, OH.
- **November 13 at 7 PM** at the Muskingum Livestock Auction Barn, 944 Malinda St, Zanesville, OH.
- **December 13 at 6PM** at the OSU Extension Regional Office, 16714 Wolf Run Road Caldwell, OH.
- **December 18 at 7 PM** at the Muskingum Livestock Auction Barn, 944 Malinda St, Zanesville, OH.

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

Take the online training at www.bqa.org.



News from West Virginia

Jackson County Wool Pool

8:00 a.m. – Noon
Thursday, October 11, 2018
Jackson County Fairgrounds
Cottageville, WV

If you need to drop your wool off earlier, give us a call and we will try to provide you a place to unload your wool. Be sure to put identification on each bag. We prefer you bring it the morning of October 11 and help us bale your wool!

To keep your expenses low, I do not hire labor. **If at all possible please stay and help process your wool.** The only expense that I charge is cost of renting the skid steer to load the wool. The WV Shepherd Federation deducts 6¢/lb for trucking, sampling, baling, etc.

Ways to improve our wool:

1. Keep it dry.
2. Keep it clean, no burrs, sticks, etc.
3. Do not bring wool in plastic feed sacks.
4. Keep lambs wool out. *
5. Keep black wool out. *
6. Do not use baler twine to tie your bags.
7. Help us to pack your wool

***We will not except lambs wool or black wool.**

John David Johnson
WVU-Jackson County Extension Agent

Phone: 304-372-8199

Programs and activities offered by the West Virginia University Extension Service are available to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, political beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin and marital or family status.



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REGISTER NOW!
NOV. 2-3, 2018
Women in Agriculture
Conference
Oglebay Resort and
Conference Center
Wheeling, West Virginia

For more information contact:
Emily Wells at Emily.Wells@mail.wvu.edu,
304-728-7413 or go to
extension.wvu.edu/agriculture/women-in-agriculture

Guernsey-Noble Beekeepers Honey Show

October 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM

**Mid-East Career and Technology Center at 57090 Vocational Rd,
Senecaville, OH 43780**

Bring your honey and compete against fellow members. Win Prizes!
John Grafton will be our judge. See the Judging information below:



1. 3 one lb glass honey jars with metal lids – Queen line jars are preferred .
2. Do not label your honey! This would be an automatic disqualification.
3. The moisture content (Density) is one of the most important factors. Usually Capped honey is between 16.5 and 17.5 percent. There are several techniques to bring your moisture down. One method is to place the honey in a couple pint or quart jars in a slow cooker with water around the jars (about half way up). Cut a paper towel to fit the open so that the ring fits over the jar. This will also keep bugs out and help drawn the moisture out. Leave the jars in the slow cooker for 8 hours, then strain into another jar and repeat. Repeat one more time. This should bring you moisture around the 16 percent range.
4. The fill level is to the neck ring.
5. There should be no particles, wax, etc in your honey.
6. Have Fun!

OSBA Fall Conference- November 3, 2018 in Plain City

The Ohio State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference is coming up on November 3, 2018 from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Tolles Career and Technical Center, 7877 U.S. 42, Plain City, OH. Guest speakers include Dr. Marla Spivak, Dr. David Tarpy, Dr. Reed Johnson and more!

Breakout sessions include topics on The Business of Beekeeping, Personal Safety Using Hive Treatments, and Government Programs Available to Beekeepers. There will also be a 2 hour microscope session (offered twice) so you can get up close and personal with honey bees and honey (pre-registration required, additional fee). Add to that a huge vendor area, honey contest, auction table, and honey testing by the OSU Beelab. This is a day you don't want to miss!

Register online at: www.go.osu.edu/OSBA2018FC. Registration is \$25 for OSBA members and \$35 for non-members. Registration closes on October 24th.

Catch up on all the OSBA news at: www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/.

OSBA 4-H Partnership Program for Beekeepers Age 12-18

For 2019, the OSBA will selectively sponsor five 4-H members across Ohio by providing the basic woodenware and toolkits to establish 2 complete hives. By partnering OSBA, Extension 4-H staff, and local beekeeping organizations with the 4-H members undertaking the beekeeping project, the program will support and encourage young beekeepers by providing experienced practical support and reducing the expenses required to get started in beekeeping. Youth must be between the ages of 12 and 18 by January 1st of the scholarship year (2019), be a member of 4-H, and enrolled in public, private or home school.

Applicant must complete and return the application by November 2, 2018. Access the application online or through the Extension Office: www.go.osu.edu/OSBA4H2019.

Nov. 6 - Southeast Ohio Sheep & Goat School

Southeast Ohio Sheep & Goat School will conclude on Tuesday, November 6 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM with a class on finishing for market, carcass evaluation and meat grading, and how to promote these products to consumers. Speakers will be Dr. Lyda Garcia- Meat Science Professor for OSU, Brady Campbell- OSU Sheep Team Coordinator and PhD. Student, and Christine Gelley- Extension Educator for Noble County. Dr. Garcia will fabricate a lamb and goat carcass in the classroom that evening. The program will be held at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station (16870 Bond Ridge Road Caldwell, OH 43724) and include a lamb dinner. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Call 740-732-5681 to register by October 23.



FACT's 2018 Fund-a-Farmer Grants

Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT) provides grants of up to \$2,500 to individual farmers (\$5,000 for joint applications) for projects that improve the welfare of their farm animals or build capacity of their operations. This year FACT will offer three types of grants: Conservation Grants, Capacity Grants, and Pasture Grants. To apply, complete an online application with information about your farm, proposed project, and project budget. Applications must be submitted online by 11:59pm CST on November 28, 2018. Learn more at: <https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/grants/>.

Eligible applications will be scored on the following factors:

- *How well the proposed project would help the farm improve animal welfare;*
- *How well the proposed project is designed and if it would help the farm reach the intended goal (increasing access to or improving pasture, achieving certification, building capacity);*
- *If there is sufficient expertise to complete the project;*
- *If the timeline and proposed steps are achievable; and*
- *If the budget is reasonable and related to the project.*

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. Programs will be held at the Joyce M. Davis Senior Center in Caldwell from 10-11:30 a.m. Dates are listed below. Space may be limited. Please RSVP for each session a week in advance. Five series segments will be offered throughout 2018, each including an activity associated with gardening.

Join us for the final segment of 2018:

- **Thurs. November 15- *Winter Wreaths***

Come make an 8" wreath decorated for the holiday season using natural materials from local landscapes. Learn about how to dry flowers and select greenery for lasting decorations.

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.

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 the center at 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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Business Succession Planning



*Presented by: David L. Marrison
Associate Professor
Agricultural & Natural Resources Educator
OSU Extension Coshocton County*

Business succession planning is making the necessary logistical and financial decisions about who will take over your business upon retirement, death or disability. For a family business, the plan for successful transition from one generation to another is critical.

Presenter, David Marrison, has worked for OSU Extension for 22 years and is the leader for OSU Extension's "Passing on the Family Farm Workshops", instructor for the OSU Income Tax Schools, and is the co-leader of OSU Extension's Ohio Ag Manager Team.

He is nationally known for his teaching in farm & business succession planning and he most recently has taught farm succession workshops in West Virginia and Kentucky.

**Farm Talk Breakfast
Friday, November 16
8:30-10 a.m.**

**Location: OSU Extension Office
46049 Marietta Rd. , Ste. 2 – Caldwell, OH**

RSVP by Nov. 9: 740-732-5681

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Join us for the 2018 Noble County
Master Gardener Volunteers'

At the
Ball-Caldwell
House



Three Available Sessions:

November 28th

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

or

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

November 29th

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Each session is limited to
12 attendees.

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

This event is offered by the Noble County Master Gardener Volunteers.

The Ball-Caldwell House is located at 16 East Street Caldwell, OH 43724.

Please RSVP by November 16th to 740-732-5681.



Wreath Workshop

Please circle the class you would like to attend:

Kindly return this slip
with payment to the address
below or call **740-732-5681**
to register no later than
November 16th.

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

Nov. 28th 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Nov. 28th 6-8 p.m. | Nov. 29th 1-3 p.m.

Number Attending: _____

Name

Address

Phone



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