

*Dear Readers,*

Happy June! As we near the end of spring and ease into summer, we are all hoping for more favorable weather and markets. Without question, it has been a challenging spring for most American farmers. Stress has been growing at a more rapid rate than corn or beans. If you are experiencing more stress than usual, know that you are not alone in the struggle and know that it won't last forever. Plans are being made now for a locally offered program on this topic. This tentative date for this program is July 19. Details will be available soon online at [www.noble.osu.edu](http://www.noble.osu.edu). Come and learn more about healthy coping mechanisms for farm stress.

This edition of the Noble County ANR Newsletter will provide summaries of some of the excellent activities our county staff have participated in this spring. From livestock and crop management, to community initiatives, to activities with youth, we have been busy bees at the Extension Office. A picture is worth a thousand words, so check out the last page of the newsletter for photos and a summary of events held this spring.

Coming up this summer are more forage management programs, a FAMACHA & Fecal Egg Count Workshop, a Hydrangea School, a meeting about Spotted Knapweed, and Ohio Sheep Day.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about upcoming programs or would like assistance with farm/land management or home gardening. Check out my ANR blog at <http://u.osu.edu/gelley.2/> for helpful articles and videos anytime, day or night!

*Sincerely,**Christine Gelley*

Noble County OSU Extension ANR Educator

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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

## Beef Quality Assurance- June 18 & July 11

*Still considering getting certified for Beef Quality Assurance? Trainings are still being offered:*

- **Online anytime at [www.bqa.org](http://www.bqa.org).**
- **Tuesday, June 18** - Washington County OSU Extension Office from 7-8 p.m. Space limited to the first 20 people. Call- 740-376-7431.
- **Thursday, July 11** – Livestock Health and Handling Workshop from 6-8 p.m. at Brad Thornburg's Farm (56301 Wheatley Rd. Barnesville, OH 43713). Call- 740-526-0027.



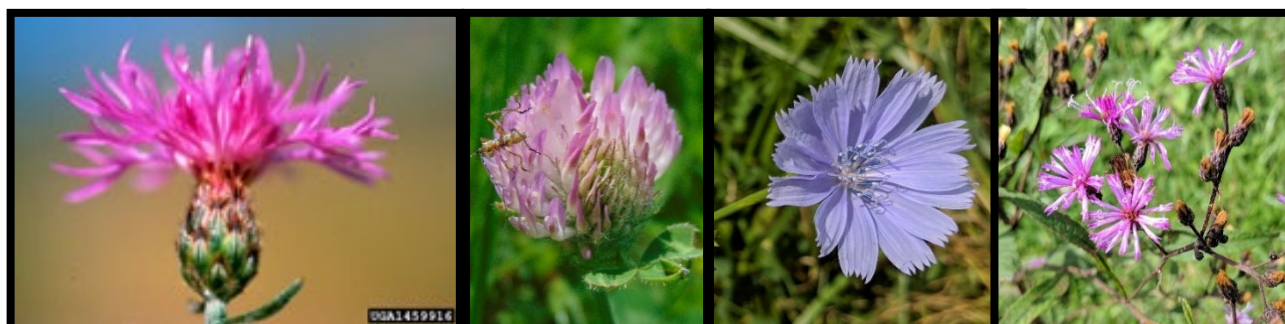


## Spotted Knapweed Meeting- June 18

Noble Soil and Water, NRCS, and OSU Extension will host a Spotted Knapweed Informational Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Summerfield American Legion Hall on June 18. Funding is available through the RCPP STOP program to landowners in Noble, Guernsey, Morgan, and Muskingum Counties who are working to prevent the spread of this aggressive pasture weed. Come learn more about spotted knapweed, control options, and the program. Call Noble SWCD to RSVP at 740-732-4318.

Learn more about spotted knapweed on YouTube at:

<http://go.osu.edu/knapweedohio2018> or <http://go.osu.edu/spotknapMay19>



*Step #1 for treatment of spotted knapweed 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. (Photo Sources: Steve Dewey of Utah State University and Christine Gelley of OSU Extension)*

## Farm Talk Breakfast- June 21 & July 19

*Save the date for these upcoming Farm Talk Breakfast Programs!*

*Both begin at 8:30 a.m.:*

- **Friday, June 21, 2019- “Problems and Pests in Pastures” at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station.** Following introductions and breakfast, take a pasture walk with area county Extension Educators to scout for potential problems and pests that may be present in our pastures this summer.
- **Friday, July 19, 2019- “Dealing with Farm Stress”- Details coming soon!**



## **A Day in the Woods Programs at Vinton Furnace State Forest- June 14**

The “A Day in the Woods” series is offered on the second Friday of the month from May through November with topics related to forestry. The next program is on June 14. Most folks are familiar with white-tailed deer, wild turkey and many of the critters that they regularly see in their woodlands, but there are many other wildlife species that are a bit more elusive. Gray tree frogs, flying squirrels, redback salamanders, gray ratsnakes and many other wildlife species are frequently present in our local woodlands, but they often go unnoticed. Join Don Althoff, (University of Rio Grande), Kaylin Callander (Lake Hope State Park), Laura Kearns (ODNR-Division of Wildlife) and Lindsay Rist (ODNR-Division of Wildlife) on June 14 to learn where and when to look for these fascinating critters. You’ll also learn about their life histories and the habitat needs. This program will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Vinton Furnace State Forest, near McArthur, OH. A \$12 registration entitles participants to lunch and program materials. To help us make preparations, please RSVP no later than Monday, June 10 by mailing a registration form, calling 740-596-5212 (OSU Extension Vinton County) or emailing Dave at [apsley.1@osu.edu](mailto:apsley.1@osu.edu). Details about the other upcoming programs are available online at <http://u.osu.edu/apsley.1/>.



Photo Credit: ODNR-Division of Wildlife/Tim Daniel

## **Ohio Intermediate & Advanced Sheep Shearing School- July 27 & 28**

In addition to the annual spring and fall sheep shearing schools sponsored by the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, Ohio will also be hosting an intermediate and advanced sheep shearing school scheduled for the weekend of July 27th and 28th from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at the Dave Cable Farm in Hebron, Ohio. The school will be led by Doug Rathke, a professional sheep shearer from Minnesota. Doug is recognized both nationally and internationally for his shearing skills as he has represented the USA Shearing Team for the Golden Shears World Sheep Shearing Championships six times. The intermediate and advanced sheep shearing school is intended for those shearers that are searching for additional skills, techniques, and guidance to improve their speed and efficiency of shearing. Over the course of the two day training, shearers will learn how to improve their shearing time by properly positioning the sheep, understanding the importance of shearer footwork, and reducing the number of shearing strokes used per animal. In addition, participants will learn how to sharpen their own combs and cutters as well as be exposed to different exercises that will help them prepare for each shearing event. Participants are expected to bring their own shearing machine (electric or shaft driven). The cost to attend is \$175, which includes a meal for both days.



Register online at <https://www.lambshoppe.com/events/ohio-sheep-shearing-school/form>.





# East Central Grazing Alliance

East Central Grazing Alliances is a joint effort between Belmont County, Guernsey County, Monroe County and Noble County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, along with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio State University Extension and the Natural Resource Conservation Services, to further our mission of promoting best management practices of natural resources in grazing systems.

Each county will host a workshop and dinner on the 4th Tuesday of each month starting in May and ending in August. The following dates and topics have been selected , the detailed location will be announced in a postcard the month of the meeting.

**May 28th- Monroe County**

**Soil Health, Feeding Systems and Pasture Renovation**

**June 25th– Belmont County**

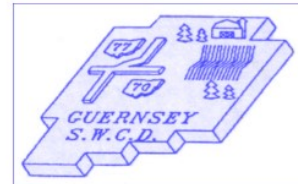
**Hay Quality, Forage Identification and Grazing Technology**

**July 23rd– Noble County**

**Warm Season Systems, Summer Slump and Stockpiling**

**August 27th– Guernsey County**

**Heavy Use Pads, Rotational Grazing and Watering Systems**



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of Agriculture

If you are interested in more information or would like to attend please RSVP to your local SWCD  
Follow us on Facebook at East Central Grazing Alliance for the most up-to-date information.

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**The Noble County Master Gardener Volunteers  
Invite You To Attend. . .**

# **Hydrangea School**

**Thursday, June 27, 2019 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
46049 Marietta Rd. Suite 2, Caldwell, OH 43724**

Join **Eric Barrett**, OSU Extension Educator, to discover the world of hydrangeas. Discover which varieties will work best in your garden and landscape and learn about types, care, pruning and bloom times. You'll receive educational materials as well as a quick reference chart to take to the garden center and a hydrangea plant to take home.

**Registration is required for this program. Cost is \$30 per person. Due by June 13.**

Questions? Contact Christine Gelley at 740-732-5681.

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Complete, detach and return with a check for \$30 per person to: Noble County OSU Extension,  
Attn: Master Gardener Volunteers, 46049 Marietta Rd. Suite 2, Caldwell, OH 43724. Make checks payable  
to Noble County OSU Extension.

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*The Ohio State University, The United States Department of Agriculture, and County Commissioners Cooperating*

*Southeast Ohio***FAMACHA<sup>®</sup> & Fecal Egg Count Workshops****Friday, June 28, 2019**

Hosted by Noble County  
OSU Extension at the  
Eastern Agricultural  
Research Station  
16870 Bond Ridge Road  
Caldwell, OH 43724



*Parasites are the top issue facing sheep and goat producers in the Eastern United States. FAMACHA<sup>®</sup> eye scores and fecal egg counts are helpful tools for small ruminant producers seeking better parasite control in their flocks. These workshops will provide training for producers to conduct FAMACHA<sup>®</sup> eye scores and fecal egg counts at home.*

Activity	Time	Cost
FAMACHA <sup>®</sup> Eye Score Training	9 am - 11 am	\$20
Lamb Lunch	11 am - Noon	\$10
Fecal Egg Count Training	Noon - 3 pm	\$50

**RSVP by June 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Classes limited to 20 people. Noble County residents will be granted priority enrollment.  
Class roster will be finalized by phone on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Payment due on June 21<sup>st</sup>.*

**To enroll in one or both of these classes contact:****Noble County OSU Extension****Phone: 740-732-5681****Email: [gelley.2@osu.edu](mailto:gelley.2@osu.edu)****Learn More Online:****[noble.osu.edu](http://noble.osu.edu) | [sheep.osu.edu](http://sheep.osu.edu)****THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,  
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**Ohio Forage and Grassland Council Tour to Complement Ohio Sheep and Hay Day 2019**

On Friday, July 12 the Ohio Forage and Grassland Council (OFGC) will offer a farm tour beginning in Jackson County and traveling through Ross and Vinton Counties to sheep farms in South Central Ohio. This tour will take place the day before Ohio Sheep and Hay Day at the Jackson Agricultural Research Station on Saturday, July 13.

The tour will depart from the Red Roof Inn (1000 Acy Ave, Jackson, OH 45640) at 9:00 a.m and head Northwest to Chillicothe for the first farm stop at Pastured Providence Farmstead at 3316 Chapel Creek Rd, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

Pastured Providence Farmstead is home to Paul and Heather Dorrance, their children, livestock, and pastures. Paul is a veteran of the United States Air Force and Heather previously was a pediatric occupational therapist. Now they are full-time farmers and parents. Passionate about healthy, local food, and a fulfilling life, they are dedicated to producing all-natural products for consumers including lamb, beef, pork, poultry, honey, maple syrup and more. They raise St. Croix sheep for the purpose of producing 100% grass-fed lamb.

After a BBQ lunch in Chillicothe, the group will proceed Southwest to Vinton to the farm of Scott Payne at 303 Coal Valley Rd. Vinton, OH 45686.

Scott works for Ohio State University as the farm manager of the Jackson Agricultural Research Station. At the station they have a flock of Katahdin sheep and he runs the same breed at home on reclaimed strip-mined pasture ground near the Jackson/Vinton county line. Along with the sheep, Scott and his wife Jamie are raising two children of their own on the farm.

The tour will end back at the Red Roof Inn at 4:30 p.m.

We invite any sheep or forage enthusiasts to join OFGC on Friday, July 12 for the tour!

There will be a small registration cost to cover transportation and lunch, but partial funding will be provided by the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program through an educational programming grant. Final details will be announced in June.

To pre-register for this great event or to learn more, contact Gary Wilson of the Ohio Forage and Grassland Council at 419-348-3500 or Christine Gelley of OSU Extension at 740-732-5681.







# OHIO SHEEP AND HAY DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

TOPICS:

- Jackson Agricultural Research Station Update and Review
- Homemade and Purchased Sheep Equipment for Easy and Efficient Production Use
- Alternative Grazing Systems Using High Tannin and Warm Season Forages
- On-farm Data Collection – How NSIP Can Benefit You
- Hay Making Process Demonstrations
- Fun and educational sheep-themed activities structured for children ages 4-12.



**Location:** Jackson Agricultural Research Station, 019 Standpipe Rd., Jackson, OH 45640

**Cost:** \$15 for Ohio Sheep Improvement Association members. \$25 for non-OSIA members. Preregistration/payment is not required. Registration will be taken at the event.

**Contact information:** Brady Campbell, [campbell.1279@osu.edu](mailto:campbell.1279@osu.edu), 740-434-3252 or Christine Gelley, [gelley.2@osu.edu](mailto:gelley.2@osu.edu), 740-732-5681

[sheep.osu.edu](http://sheep.osu.edu) or [ohiosheep.org](http://ohiosheep.org)

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The months of April and May flew by this year. Activities with our county's youth kept everyone at the Noble County Extension Office engaged.

Just a few activities from May included participating at Career Expo at Shenandoah High School, Ag School Days with county third graders at the Eastern Agricultural Research Station, Real Money Real World with middle school students, Field Day with elementary students, and nutrition education for preschoolers. Our county staff have been diligently working to encourage our youth to explore the world around them and develop skills for success.

My position as the ANR Educator typically is associated with adult education, but interacting with our county's youth while assisting my colleagues with these activities is a refreshing and encouraging opportunity to recharge motivation to make a difference.

The more effort, time, and resources we can pour into developing our young people to face and shape the world, the better. Whether that is through teaching them about where food comes from, how important being a good environmental steward is, how to become financially literate, or the importance of physical and mental health, it is fulfilling to work together as a team with our schools and other organizations to benefit our county youth.

Other programs offered and completed by Extension in our county, region, and state this spring included Beef Quality Assurance Training, Fertilizer Applicator Certification, Sheep Shearing School, Forage School, A.I. School, and Generation Rx for Adults.

If you have suggestions for how OSU Extension can better serve our community, please share them with me through email at [gelley.2@osu.edu](mailto:gelley.2@osu.edu).

Sincerely,  
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