

Winter Extension Programming
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Winter is a busy time for farmers and Extension Educators alike. There are several upcoming programs in Highland County and in the region that may be of interest to many farmers. For more information about any of the programs outlined below, contact the Highland County Extension Office at 937-393-1918.

- **Regional eFields Meeting** at the Clinton County Extension Office– February 13, 2019, 9:00AM – 12:00PM. Clinton County Extension Office. This meeting is open to anyone interested in on-farm research results from this area and around the state. Go to go.osu.edu/eFields for more information.
- The seventh **Beef Quality Assurance Training** will be held at Union Stock Yards in Hillsboro, OH, on February 13, 2019, at 6 PM. A meal will be served starting at 5 PM. To attend, you must RSVP in advance to Union Stock Yards (937-393-1958) or to the Highland County Extension Office (937-393-1918).
- **Highland County Fertilizer and Pesticide Recertifications:**
 - **February 19, 2019**, Ponderosa Banquet Center, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Fertilizer Recertification – Private and Commercial, and 6:30 pm Pesticide Recertification (Core, 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6) Private Applicators Only
 - **March 4, 2018**, Ponderosa Banquet Center, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Fertilizer Recertification – Private and Commercial, and 11:30 am Pesticide Recertification (Core, 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6) Private Applicators Only.

Registration details will come in the mail from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Registration for OSU Extension Pesticide and Fertilizer and your renewal application for ODA Pesticide/Fertilizer must *both* be completed. Meals will be included at each recertification training at Ponderosa.

- **Ohio Intensive Soybean Management Workshop** – February 19, 2019, Clinton County Extension Office, 9:00AM – 3:30PM, Cost \$35.00, contact Clinton County Extension Office at 937-382-0901 to register. Guest speakers include: Dr. Mark Loux, Extension Weed Specialist, Dr. Leah McHale, Soybean Breeding and Genetics Specialist, and Dr. Anne Dorrance, Field Crop Extension Pathologist. CCA Credits will be available for Certified Crop Advisors as well as Private and Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits.
- The topic of the **Highland County Monthly Extension Programming** for February will be **Maple Syrup Production**. The program will be held on February 27, 2019 at 10 AM. The program will be held at Ponderosa Steakhouse in Hillsboro, and is free to attend. Attendees are encouraged to purchase lunch on their own at Ponderosa. Please RSVP to

reserve your seat by calling 937-393-1918. Attendees will learn about the process of producing maple syrup and marketing.

- **Southwest Ohio Corn Growers Annual Meeting**, March 12, 2018 from 9:30AM - 1:00PM at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Pre-register by calling the Fayette County Extension Office 740-335-1150 by March 5, 2019. The speaker will be Ben Brown, Program Manager for Farm Management at The Ohio State University, and he will discuss the Farm Bill and farm outlook.
- The Highland County Extension Office will be hosting a **tour of the OSU Meat Lab** in Columbus, Ohio, for those who are interested in beef and meat production on March 19, 2019. The tour will coincide with the meat class on campus, so attendees will be able to see the lab on a harvesting day. The tour will be held in the morning and space is limited. Please call the Highland County Extension Office at 937-393-1918 for additional information and to reserve your place for the tour.
- **Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School** will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. The cost is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Classes will be offered for beginners to moderately experienced beekeepers. Vendors will be onsite to sell equipment. Registration is limited to 350 people. Registration is available online. The registration link and class descriptions can be found at warren.osu.edu or the event page <http://go.osu.edu/swohbeeschool>.
- The topic of the **Highland County Monthly Extension Programming** for March will be **Storytelling for Video Production**. The program will be held on March 27, 2019, at 10 AM. Attendees will learn about the different kinds of documentary films and how storytelling impacts the audience's perception of videos. The program will be held at Ponderosa Steakhouse in Hillsboro, and is free to attend. Attendees are encouraged to purchase lunch on their own at Ponderosa. Please RSVP to reserve your seat by calling 937-393-1918.
- **Small Farm Conference and Trade Show** will be held on Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th at the OSU South Centers in Piketon, Ohio. The conference is designed for small farm owners wanting to learn more about how to make their farms work better for them. Many topics will be offered to help landowners expand their operations. Land owners can attend workshops and seminars taught by Extension professionals and industry leaders on a wide variety of agricultural enterprises. Attendees will also get to meet various vendors at the trade show. The trade show will be open part of the day on Friday, and all-day Saturday. For full details, please go to go.osu.edu/OSUFARMConference2019.