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Agriculture is Everyone's Business

Five years ago this event kicked off in Hillsboro and I had several people tell me it happened and they didn't know about it. They wanted to meet and hear the featured speaker at this first time event. Well if that is you, and you missed it you have a second chance.

On Friday, March 3rd, Orion Samuelson will join us for his second "Ag is Everyone's Business." The format for this year's event will be a Q&A with Orion and Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, David Daniels. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Patriot Center on the campus of Southern State Community College in Hillsboro. Tickets are required and available by contacting the Highland Co. Chamber of Commerce online at: <http://thehighlandchamber.com> or by phone at (937) 393-1111.

Farm and Family Night is March 7

Hard to believe, but this will be the eighth year for the Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College in Maysville. This is an event that has something for everyone in the family. The event kicks off at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served until 7:00 p.m. or until it is all gone. The opening session begins at 6:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and events going on with the trade show, plus sessions on a number of topics including, but not limited to: Soil Health, Sheep and Goat Production, Bee Keeping, Quality Hay, Marketing Livestock, Nutrition of Cattle Coming out of Winter, Backyard Poultry, Lawn Management, Food Plots for Wildlife, Rain Gardens, Healthy Appetizers, Making Your Own Soup and Sauces, Crockpot Meals, and youth activities. Some of the sponsors for this event include Farm Credit, Riverside Tractor in Augusta, Hinton Mills, Cahall Bros. John Deere, McFarland Chevrolet, Ripley Federal Bank and more. For more information, and a look at the sponsors go to <http://Adams.osu.edu>

GAP is Good Agricultural Practices

GAP stands for Good Agricultural Practices, but that does not mean for any specific crop or enterprise. In fact, there is GAP training for multiple things in Agriculture. We have been doing GAP training for tobacco producers for a few years now, and will again in the coming months. However, there is another GAP training that may be of interest in the next week. This comes from Campbell County, Kentucky. The date is this coming Monday, February 20. This is for fruits and vegetables as you can read below. The tobacco GAP training dates are in the next section.:

GAP Training: Good Agriculture Practices Class, Monday, February 20, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM taught at Campbell County Extension Service, 3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076; call to register: [859.572.2600](tel:859.572.2600)



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Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) is a set of production guidelines designed to reduce the likelihood of microbial or other contamination of fresh fruits and vegetables. Producers will learn the best practices that will reduce the risk of their product becoming contaminated. Upon completion of this class the farmer receives a GAP Training Certificate issued by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The certificate is a component of the requirements to allow raw product samples at Kentucky Farmers' Markets and Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Markets.

This class will be taught by Sarah M Stolz an extension agent specializing in horticulture for the Campbell Cooperative Extension Office. For more information and to register, contact Sarah at sarah.stolz@uky.edu or (859) 572-2600, and remember class size is limited. Registration required.

GAP for Tobacco Growers

The dates that I have confirmed are: Monday February 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the West Union Frisch's; Wednesday March 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the West Union Frisch's; Wednesday March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at North Adams HS in the Round Room; Tuesday March 21 at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday March 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Board Office of Southern Hills Career Center in Georgetown. There is also an evening session on Feb. 27 at Maysville Community College starting at 6:00 p.m.

As in the past, seating is limited at some sites so we offer several dates for training. Please pre-register for this training by calling Barbie at the Adams Co. Extension Office to reserve a seat for the date and location that works best for you. Barbie can be reached by phone Monday – Friday from 8:30 until noon and 12:30 until 4:00 p.m. at 544-2339 or by e-mail at rowe.316@osu.edu

Dates to Remember

February 27	GAP for Tobacco at 1:00 p.m. at West Union Frisch's.
February 27	GAP for Tobacco at Maysville Comm. College at 6:00 p.m.
February 28	Beef School on at the Hillsboro location this week. Hillsboro High School.
March 3	Agriculture is Everyone's Business at SSCC in Hillsboro.
March 7	Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College.
March 10-11	Southern Ohio Small Farm Conference at Wilmington College. This will include another 3-hour Fertilizer Training.
March 15	GAP for Tobacco at 1:00 p.m. at West Union Frisch's and at 6:30 p.m. at North Adams HS.
March 21	GAP for Tobacco at Southern Hills Board Office at 6:30 p.m.
March 22	GAP for Tobacco at Southern Hills Board Office at 1:00 p.m.
April 8	Ohio Tobacco Museum Fundraiser/Reverse Raffle at Ripley Elem.
April 8	Highland County OSU Extension's Dinner and Auction at the Highland Co. Fairgrounds in the evening.