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## Small Farm Conference at Wilmington College

“Across Ohio, there are an increasing number of residents who are purchasing small acreage,” said Tony Nye, an OSU Extension educator who coordinates OSU Extension’s Small Farm Program. “Conferences such as this help provide landowners necessary information to help grow their small farm business.”

Researchers and educators with OSU Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, as well as industry experts, will conduct the conference sessions. OSU Extension and OARDC are the outreach and research arms, respectively, of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

The “Opening Doors to Success” Conference is March 10-11 at Wilmington College, 1870 Quaker Way in Wilmington. The March 10 session is from 1-5:30 p.m. with a workshop on Poultry Production, held at the Wilmington College Academic Farm, 1590 Fife Ave., in Wilmington; and a workshop on Beekeeping for the Beginner, held at the Wilmington College Kelly Center, on College Street, in Wilmington.

The March 11 session is from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Center for Science and Agriculture, 340 College Street, in Wilmington. Topics for the day will include: applying chemicals, greenhouse production, livestock, field crops, finances, and farm and land access.

Registration for the “Opening Doors to Success” conference is \$20 for Friday; \$60 for Saturday only; or \$70 for Friday and Saturday. Register at [go.osu.edu/BpkQ](http://go.osu.edu/BpkQ) no later than March 3. Students are offered a discounted rate.

## The Highland County Pork Producers

This year the Highland County Pork Council’s Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017. The banquet will be held at the St. Mary’s School Hall in Hillsboro. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost for the banquet is \$15.00 per person and tickets are available at the OSU Extension office. Tickets are also available from Dylan Dobbs (937-509-0283) or Mike Reveal at 937-402-3333. Tickets are available at the door as well.

Entertainment and kid’s games will be part of the evening. There will be a silent auction prior to door prizes. Should be a fun time for all, so plan to attend.

## Adams Co. Cattlemen Annual Banquet

The Adams County Cattlemen’s Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cherry Fork Community Center (GYM). You

must RSVP to Kenny McCann (Secretary) at 937-



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892-0161 by March 10 at noon. The evening will include educational discussions and door prizes, as well as the announcement of scholarship winners, so plan to attend.

### **Highland Co. Cattlemen's Banquet**

The Highland Co. Cattlemen's Banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 5 at the Ponderosa Banquet Hall. I will have more information on this one in the coming weeks.

### **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 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](mailto: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.