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Calendar Starting to Take Shape

Harvest is nearly completed and by the time you read this Thanksgiving may be all done except for the leftovers. If you are a sports fan, and in particular a Buckeye football fan, this is a big week. The team up north comes to Columbus and they are currently ranked 2 and 3, so it should be a good one. However if you are a Bengals, you are probably already thinking Reds since the Bengals season is pretty much a done deal with AJ Green and Giovanni Bernard going down. They were pretty much done before those two injuries, but now it is even less likely they can turn around a poor season. They travel to Cleveland in the next few weeks and the winless Browns may beat them.

Well enough about the sports, but the reason for the reference was the upcoming Winter Meetings. For baseball fans this has been a time in early December when teams all meet and is usually a time period for lots of transactions, with trades and free agent signings galore. However, in this case when I refer to winter meetings, I am talking about OSU Extension meetings for producers. With harvest nearly done and the hauling of grain, planning for next year, and in some cases fertilizer being spread during the outstanding fall weather we have had being the thing on most producers schedules, it allows for educational meetings. There are some still to plan and schedule, but here is a start. Put these dates on your calendar so you do not miss these opportunities, with more to be added for GAP and more.

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| November 29 | Veterinarian Feed Directive at Union Stockyards, meal at 6:00 p.m. and program starts at 7:00 p.m. This will help you understand the changes coming in 2017 concerning feeding medicated feed to any and all food producing species. |
| December 1 | Adams Co. Cattlemen Association will offer a Veterinarian Feed Directive with the time and location TBA. |
| December 12 | Pesticide testing at noon at the Old Y Restaurant, pre-register at http://pested.osu.edu or call 800-282-1955. |
| January 9 | Pesticide testing at noon, Old Y Restaurant, every month, second Monday. |
| January 12 | Beginning of 8 week Small Farm College at the Clermont County Extension Office located at Fairgrounds (Owensville) Thurs. evenings, details to come. |
| January 17 | Ohio Beef School starts at 7:00 p.m. Plan is for two locations with one being confirmed as Hillsboro HS Agriculture classroom. The second location is TBD. There are 2 additional dates of Feb. 7 and Feb. 28, same locations and time. |
| January 18 | Three-hour Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training for those people who do not currently hold a Pesticide Applicator License. This requirement will take effect on September 30, 2017. The rules at this point are 50 acres of crop land producing crops for sale. You can call the Ohio Dept. of Ag for clarification concerning your operation at 800-282-1955. For local training you can attend Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 12:30 p.m. or North Adams HS in Seaman at 5:30 p.m. Seating is limited at SSCC so pre-register early by calling Cindy at the Brown Co. Extension Office at (937) 378-6716. |



- January 26 Three hour Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training and Pesticide Re-certification at OSU South Centers in Piketon. Call to pre-register at the Pike County Extension Office at 740 289-4837.
- February 1 Ohio River Valley Agronomy Day at the Mason Co. Extension Office.
- February 4 Brown Co. Cattlemen Annual Banquet.
- February 7 Beef School.
- February 8 Two-hour Fertilizer Certification and three-hour Pesticide Re-certification at North Adams HS with Fertilizer starting at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. meal, then Pesticide Re-certification 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Call Cindy at the OSU Extension Office at 937-378-6716.
- February 9 Two-hour Fertilizer Certification and three-hour Pesticide Re-certification at Southern Hills Board Office in Georgetown with Fertilizer starting at 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. meal, then Pesticide Re-certification 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Call Cindy at the OSU Extension Office at 937-378-6716.
- February 14 Start of Grain Marketing School at the Southern Hills Board Office in Georgetown on five Tuesdays. (Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7 and 21) The classes will begin at 1:00 p.m. and go until approximately 4:00 p.m. Charge is \$25 and the same class will be offered on Wednesday evenings (the next day) in Chillicothe.
- February 15 Two-hour Fertilizer Certification and three-hour Pesticide Re-certification at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro with Fertilizer starting at 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. meal, then Pesticide Re-certification 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is REQUIRED and space is limited at this location. Call Cindy at the OSU Extension Office at 937-378-6716.
- Feb. 28 Beef 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.
- April 8 Highland County OSU Extension's Dinner and Auction at the Highland Co. Fairgrounds in the evening.