February 17, 2015 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE David Dugan OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources Adams/Brown/Highland Counties Ohio Valley Extension Education Research Area

## **Tobacco GAP Programs**

With the first GAP Session next Tuesday, I am running this again. I know the tobacco contracts are an unknown issue at this point for many producers, but I want to make sure everyone is aware that they need to be GAP certified again this year if they are going to produce tobacco in 2015.

All of the GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) programs require pre-registration. This is primarily so we can provide seating for everyone. Space is limited, so call early if you have a preference for which program you wish to attend. These programs are all listed at <a href="https://www.gapconnections.com">www.gapconnections.com</a>. If you have not previously been certified or registered with gap connections, please log on to the web site and do so prior to attending one of these sessions.

Remember to call and pre-register at the Adams Co. Extension Office at 544-2339. Barbie will handle all registrations for the GAP programs. She will need the following information when you call: name of each person attending, your county, and a phone number to contact in the event of bad weather.

The current scheduled programs are: February 24 at Frisch's in West Union at 1:30 p.m.; March 11 (2 sessions) at Southern Hills CTC Board Office at 10:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m.; on March 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Frisch's in West Union at 1:30 p.m. and at Manchester High School at 6:30 p.m.

## Highland Co. Cattlemen Meeting at Union Stockyards

Free dinner and cattle meeting March 2 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7p.m. Speaker: Dr. Mark Alley with Zoetis will be discussing vaccination protocols for the whole herd from 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of pregnacy through rebreeding at the Union Stockyards.

Please call for dinner reservations at 937-393-1958 or 937-725-7358. This meeting is open to the public. Sponsored by Zoetis, Highland County Cattlemen and Greenfield Vet Clinic.

## **Bee Keeping Program**

The Licking River Beekeepers Association will be having there 6th annual beekeeping school on Feb. 28, 2015 at the Maysville Community and Technical College in Maysville, Ky. This program is designed to be educational for anyone interested in honeybees, with programs for the beginning and experienced beekeeper.



Registration opens at 8:00 AM, school begins at 9:00 AM and concludes by 3:30. For more information and preregistration please go to their website <a href="www.lickingriverbeekeepers.com">www.lickingriverbeekeepers.com</a>. Email questions to lickingriverba@gmail.com or call Bob Fore at 606-247-5817.

## **Dates to Remember**

Beef School Two locations at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro and

Southern Hills CTC in Georgetown. Starts at 7:00 p.m. for the one

remaining session on Feb. 24. Call OSU Extension in the county you plan

to attend, to register. Brown 378-6716 and Highland 393-1918.

Fertilizer Education Call Brown Co. Extension Office (Cindy) to pre-register at 937-378-6716.

Thursday, March 12 at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 18 at North Adams HS in the round room at 6:00 p.m.; and Monday, March 23 at Southern Hills CTC Board Office in

Georgetown at 1:00 p.m.