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GAP Training Opportunities

As I have announced earlier, the first GAP session for 2016 Tobacco Producers will be held on Feb. 25 at 1:00 in West Union at Frisch's. You need to call Barbie at the Adams Co. Extension Office to register at 544-2339. There will also be a session in Maysville at the Maysville Community and Technical College in the evening of Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

I have additional GAP sessions now scheduled. The same phone call is required to reserve your spot as above. Keep in mind, we do this so we do not have too many show up at any one location, so if you call and reserve a spot and then can't make it, call again. Do not just decide you will switch to another session. It may be full and there would not be space available. Chances are it is not a big deal if just one person does that, but if a few switch there will be an issue if we are already full.

The new dates are March 7 at the Southern Hills Career Center Board Office at 2:00 p.m.; at North Adams High School at 6:30 p.m. and then on March 8 at Southern Hills Career Center Board Office at 10:00 a.m. Please call to reserve your spot.

Master Gardener Series at SSCC

The Master Gardener series continues on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Orab campus of SSCC in Room 107. Brown County Master Gardener Volunteer, Susan Barber, will present a program on Designing/Starting your garden. These programs are on the third Thursday during the winter months and free to the public.

Pesticide Re-certifications

The first of 3 Pesticide Re-certifications are in the books. We had a little snow, but most made it to the program at North Adams. The other two dates, listed below in the dates to remember may fill up, so register today.

Farm and Family Night

The Farm and Family Night is set again for this year. The date is March 8 at Maysville Community and Technical College. Tickets for the meal are available at OSU Extension Offices in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties in Ohio and in area Extension Offices in Kentucky. There is no charge for the tickets which include a light meal and loads of educational sessions that cover topics of interest for the entire family including topics on seeding hay,



harvesting hay, pasture, crops, livestock marketing, replacement heifers, equine, beekeeping, youth programs, food and nutrition, and much more.

Small Farm Conference in Wilmington

The 2016 Southwest Ohio Small Farm Conference and Trade Show will be held on March 11 and 12. There will be sessions on Friday March 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. covering Meat Goat Management and Micro Irrigation Essentials and Management. Saturday will begin with the trade show and registration at 7:45 a.m. with the programs beginning at 9:30. There are several sessions to choose from throughout the day. The tracks, with several sessions geared toward these subjects, include: Marketing, Livestock Production, Business Management, Women in Agriculture, Crop Management, Thinking Ahead, and Miscellaneous.

Registration deadline is March 4. For registration information and a complete list of the sessions go to your local OSU Extension Office or log onto <http://agmr.osu.edu/small-farm-programs>

Three Hour Fertilizer Certification Session

There will be an opportunity for the 3 hours of training required for a Fertilizer Certification for those individuals who wish to obtain a Fertilizer License. This certification is for individuals who do NOT have a private or commercial pesticide license. The certification will be required for those spreading fertilizer on more than 50 acres that is producing crops primarily for sale. The date that this becomes a requirement is September 30, 2017.

The program will be held at Wilmington College on Friday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boyd Cultural Arts Center. To register contact Tony Nye at Clinton Co. Extension Office at 937-382-0901 or go to <http://pested.osu.edu>

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 18 Two hour Fertilizer and 3 hour Private Pesticide Re-certification at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration required at 378-6716 by Feb. 12. Seating is limited.
- Feb. 22 Two hour Fertilizer and 3 hour Private Pesticide Re-certification at Southern Hills Board Office in Georgetown on Hamer Road beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration required by Feb. 16 at 378-6716. Ask for Cindy.
- Feb. 25 GAP for tobacco producers will be held at Frisch's in West Union at 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339. There will be additional GAP sessions in Adams and Brown Counties on March 7 and 8. To see the entire list go to www.gapconnections.com