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## **Southern Ohio Ag and Community Development (Tobacco) Foundation**

Well, here we are in June. The 2015-16 projects have all been completed, and probably almost all of the checks have been received. With that completed, it is time to think about 2016-17 projects. There have been questions about the money in the future. The money will not last forever, so if you have a plan it is time to put it on paper. In a nut shell this money is competitive. You have to put together a business plan and there are people who can help.

The SOACDF has a website that maybe helpful and the address is <http://soacdf.net>. You can find dates for upcoming meetings and the opportunities that are available for the coming year, including what is eligible and what may not be eligible. The application period is the month of August, so you have some time to get your ducks in a row.

If you want to know more about that money, or what projects will be available for 2016-17, you need to mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Hills Career and Technical Center located on Hamer Road in Georgetown. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be an evening meeting at Cherry Fork beginning at 6:30 p.m. These meetings will help explain the details for this year's projects.

### **Bagworm Time**

If you have had bagworms in the past on your evergreens, now is the best time to scout for this year's bagworm populations. They should have hatched by now, and are most susceptible to control by insecticides. Several over the counter insecticides are labeled for bagworm control.

### **Flies Are Here**

It is a busy time on the farm if you are fortunate enough to have dry conditions that will allow for field work regardless if it is finishing up planting or cutting hay. There are so many people behind and trying to catch up by working long hours. When this happens we often forget to check on some things. Recently I have noticed the fly population to be pretty high around livestock operations. Don't forget the fly control. Sprays, pour-ons, back rubs, and ear tags are just some of your options. Remember, the flies irritate the livestock, but they also have an economic impact on your operation. The impact gets even greater if pinkeye gets started. Take a few minutes to observe the livestock and put some fly control in place. The earlier the better.

### **Dates to Remember**

June 16                      Nature Photography at 5:30 p.m. at Chatfield. Call 378-4424 ext. 125

