

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING PLANNED

The Division of Soil & Water Resources and the Ohio Livestock Coalition are sponsoring programs to provide nutrient management training locally to encourage the use of the “Nutrient Management Workbook” developed by OSU Extension. The book enables livestock farmers who apply manure to quickly and accurately develop their own plans that can be updated annually.

The Fairfield SWCD will be hosting a multi-county training session on Thursday, February 25, 2010, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ag Center, 831 College Avenue in Lancaster. Breakfast will be provided. To register, please contact the Fairfield SWCD at (740) 653-8154 by Monday, February 22.

Producers can receive from \$100-\$300 to develop a plan based on the pounds of Phosphorus (P205) actually applied when they have Fairfield SWCD assist with and approve the plans. Eligibility for board approval requires the following:

- Soil tests (less than three years old) for fields in the plan
- Nutrient management workbook (provided at the training) for each field completed by the producer and SWCD
- Maps of each field where manure will be applied (SWCD can produce mapping)
- Completed plan approval form, signed by the producer and SWCD board

The SWCD will request payment for the producer once all local plans requested are completed. Funding is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Attendance at this training is required for funding eligibility.



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SUPERVISOR SWORN IN DURING ANNUAL MEETING

Mike Wolfe, a newly elected Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Supervisor, was sworn into office on the floor of the Ohio House of Representatives Chamber by Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer during the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District's 67th annual meeting held in Columbus. This meeting brought together nearly 400 conservation leaders throughout the state, including Supervisors and staff from Ohio's 88 county SWCDs, leaders of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Association of Conservation Districts, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio State University Extension, and many key conservation related Ohio businesses. The event focused on the theme "Conservation: Leading into the Future."



A few of the highlights of this year's event includes a taping of the OFBF's "Town Hall Ohio" radio show, a new leadership academy focused on conservation related issues, and a delegate session conducted in the Ohio House of Representatives Chamber, located in the Ohio Statehouse.

Additionally, the meeting included a community service project which involved food and monetary donations made by the meeting participants to the Mid Ohio Foodbank. As a result of this two-day effort, 421 pounds and \$520 were donated to help feed Ohio's neediest individuals. According to the foodbank's representative, 421 meals resulted from this food donation and the bank will be able to purchase \$4,160 dollars worth of food from the monetary donations offered.

The OFSWCD is a non-profit organization providing support and assistance to Ohio's 88 county Soil and Water Conservation Districts. County SWCDs provide a variety of conservation related assistance and programs to landowners and users of Ohio's working lands — working hard to keep soils productive and waters clean throughout the state of Ohio.

FAIRFIELD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE

On January 14, 2010, the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors selected the following officers for 2010:

John Albert - Chair
Bob Hoffman - Vice Chair
Bonny Calderwood - Secretary
Joe Young - Treasurer/Fiscal Agent
Mike Wolfe - Member

The regular monthly board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield County Ag Center. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Since the time and date of the meetings can vary, please contact our office for information on any changes to the schedule.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day will be held at Alley Park on Saturday, April 17, 2010. It will be held in conjunction with the "Friends of the Park" pancake breakfast. There will be activities and crafts downstairs in the Nature Center and various displays outside in the tent area. A tree seedling giveaway is also included. Come join us for information regarding our environment and a chance to talk with folks working in that field. Events begin at 8 a.m. and end by noon. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Earth Day is a free family event open to all; however, the pancake breakfast is \$4 per person.

EARTH CAMP

Earth Camp will be held at Alley Park, June 15-17, 2010. It is free and open to all Fairfield County students going into third, fourth, and fifth grades in 2010-2011. Students must be attending a Fairfield County school and/or live in the county to be eligible. **Sign up begins on May 3rd** and registrations will be accepted until the camp is full (maximum of 60 participants).

Also, we are in need of interested high schoolers to assist as group leaders, so if you know of someone, please call Vicki Kohli at (740) 653-8154.



DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 2010-11 PROPOSED TO OHIO WILDLIFE COUNCIL

Hunters in seven northwest Ohio counties will be given a higher deer bag limit if the proposed regulation is accepted by the Ohio Wildlife Council in April, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. A proposed change to the deer zones includes moving seven northwest Ohio counties from Deer Zone A to Zone B. The counties are Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams.

A proposal to eliminate the requirement that hunters must purchase a regular deer permit before purchasing antlerless deer permits was heard. The sale of reduced priced antlerless permits would cease after November 28, so hunters need to commit early to buying and using the extra reduced-cost permits to take full advantage of this opportunity. Under the proposal, hunters could again buy antlerless deer permits at reduced prices for hunting in an urban zone, participating in a Division of Wildlife-authorized controlled hunt or hunting during the September 25 to November 28 portion of the deer season. The division is again proposing the deadline for using the antlerless permit be extended to December 5 for those hunting in Deer Zone C. Cost of the antlerless deer permit remains \$15.

The maximum number of deer that a hunter may take in Deer Zone C is six. Prior to December 6, hunters may take up to six deer in Zone C, three of which may be on \$15 antlerless deer permits. Beginning December 6, hunters may take only three deer in Zone C and antlerless permits may not be used. Those hunting in urban zones and at Division of Wildlife-authorized controlled hunts would again have a six-deer bag limit, and those deer would not count against the hunter's zone bag limit.

Either a \$15 antlerless deer permit or \$24 deer permit and a valid hunting license are required to hunt deer in Ohio. A hunter may take only one buck in Ohio, regardless of zone, hunting method or season.

Seasons and Dates

- Archery season - September 25 through February 6, 2011
- Special area muzzleloader hunts - October 18-23
- Youth deer-gun season - November 20-21
- Statewide deer-gun season - November 29 through December 5 and December 18-19
- Statewide muzzleloader season - January 8-11, 2011

A proposed change during the December 18-19 portion of the deer-gun season would allow other legal game species in season to be pursued by hunters meeting specified requirements, such as the hunter orange requirement for deer-gun season. During the 2009-2010 season, which concludes February 7, hunters are expected to bag a record total of about 260,000 deer. Approximately 475,000 people hunted white-tailed deer in Ohio this year.

Open houses will be held on Saturday, March 6 in each of the state's five wildlife districts to provide the public an opportunity to view and discuss proposed hunting and trapping regulations with state wildlife officials. For directions to the open houses, please call 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit wildohio.com on the Internet.

A statewide hearing on all the proposed rules will be held at 9 a.m., Thursday, March 4 at the Division of Wildlife's District One Office, located at 1500 Dublin Road in Columbus. After considering public input, the Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on the proposed rules and season dates during its April 7 meeting.

Proposed Deer Hunting Zones

Zone C — The zone includes 38 counties: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR web site at ohiodnr.com

SAVE THE DATE!

The Fairfield SWCD Annual Meeting/Banquet will be held on September 9, 2010, at Alley Park. Our speaker will be Dale Arnold, Director of Energy Services at the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and on our web site at www.fairfieldswcd.org.



2010 FAIRFIELD SWCD PHOTO CONTEST

This year's theme is **ENERGY CONSERVATION!** So get out your camera this spring and summer! The rules for the contest are as follows:

- You must be a **Fairfield County resident** to compete (both adults & children are eligible)
- **Amateurs** only, no professional photographers please!
- **One entry per person**
- Photographs can be from prints, slides, or digital format
- The two categories are **Wind** and **Water Energy**. Some examples of Wind are clothes drying on a line; a kite flying; a swirling dust cloud, snow, or leaves; kids blowing bubbles. Some examples of Water are a stream bubbling around a rock; waves on a pond (ripples).
- Photographs must be your own original work
- Photographs can be color or black and white
- Photographs must be 8x10 or 11x14
- Photographs need to be framed (matting is optional) and ready to hang
- Please list your name, address and phone number on the back of your entry
- Judges will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes (\$100, \$75 & \$50 Cord Camera Gift Certificates)
- All entries will be displayed at the Fairfield SWCD Annual Meeting/Banquet and in the SWCD fair booth at the Fairfield County Fair
- **DEADLINE** to submit photos to the SWCD office is **Friday, August 20, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.**

Photographs not picked up by October 29, 2010, will become the property of the Fairfield SWCD. Please call (740) 653-8154 if you have additional questions.



DISTRICT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Don't forget the District college scholarship of \$500 for any graduating senior that plans to study Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation, Environmental Education, Geology, Biology, and the like. Applications are available on our website at www.fairfieldswcd.org, with the Guidance Counselors at each High School, or at the SWCD office. Deadline to apply is March 31. Interviews will be completed in April, with a selection made by May 1.

SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURES (SPCC)

If you store bulk oil products you need to be aware of the following regulations for Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures from the US EPA. This program is enforced by the US EPA, the Ohio EPA is happy to assist in on-site review or pollution complaint assistance. Please be reminded this is only an excerpt of the regulations and you must review the entire set of rules to assure your compliance. Deadline for compliance is November 2010.

To comply you need to meet the following criteria:

- A total above ground storage capacity of 1,320 gallons or greater (in unit containers above 55 gallons)
- A total below ground storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons

There are no exemptions for farms meeting these criteria. Propane is not subject to these regulations.

You need to prepare a plan for SPCC including procedures, methods and equipment used to prevent or contain discharges of oils and petroleum products. The greatest protection lies in secondary containment around your primary storage units and product transfer locations such as the following:

- Impervious dikes, berms or retaining walls
- Curbing
- Weirs, booms and other barriers
- Spill diversion or retention ponds
- Sorbent materials
- Shop fabricated double walled tanks meeting UL standards
- Appropriate separation from chemicals and fertilizers

Written plans for spill prevention measures and emergency response procedures is also required. You can self certify plans without a professional engineer if you have 10,000 gallons or less above ground storage capacity. If you have questions about these requirements and you want to read all the regulations, please contact the Ohio EPA Central District Office at (800) 686-2330 and speak with Chris Bonner or Ken Schultz. If you would like to download a fact sheet please visit www.epa.ohio.gov/cdo/SPCC.aspx or visit the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District to obtain a copy.

SAVE THE DATE

Combine Test Drive and Cover Crop Presentation to be held on July 14, 2010, at the Basil-Western Road Farms in Carroll, Ohio. Contact Dave Brandt at (740) 756-4436 for more information.



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