

COSHOCTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



Hello Coshocton County!

I hope this latest edition of the newsletter finds you well. The Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator for Coshocton County is currently open for application. More information is on the next page. Please pass along this job opportunity to anyone who has a passion for agriculture and for education.

In the meantime, I will be sending out newsletters every couple of weeks with timely information from OSU Extension.

Sincerely,

Emily Marrison

Extension Educator

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Annual Coshocton County Dairy Banquet

Friday March 15 at 7PM
Coshocton County Career Center
Pizza will be served
Donation jar available



Family Fun, Good Food & Door Prizes

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Coshocton County OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator Position is Posted for Application

As you heard last week, Chris Allen has taken a new position outside of Ohio State. Therefore, we are looking to hire for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator position. Here is information about the job responsibilities. Please direct anyone interested in applying to visit hr.osu.edu/careers and search for job #99549-1 to view the complete position description and to apply. Deadline is Wednesday, March 20.



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POSITION HIGHLIGHTS

The primary role of the Extension educator in Coshocton County is to provide agriculture and natural resources stakeholders with research-backed information that will better their livelihoods. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Planning and delivering educational programming (formal and informal).
- Being a trusted source for information related to agriculture and natural resources.
- Building and maintaining relationships with local and state clientele and leaders.
- Working with state-level Extension professionals to make resources and research available to members of the community.
- Identifying community needs and providing information or programming to address them.
- Leading programs consistent with the AA/EEO policy of OSU Extension, the outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

HOW TO APPLY

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Open until March 20, 2024

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All About Goats! Spring Webinar Series

Source: <https://u.osu.edu/sheep/2024/02/27/all-about-goats-spring-webinar-series/>

Pressley Buurma, OSU Extension Educator ANR, Seneca County and

Dr. Brady Campbell, Assistant Professor, OSU State Small Ruminant Extension Specialist

The Ohio State University Extension Small Ruminant Team is hosting a 6-part All About Goats! spring webinar series. This webinar series is geared towards answering producers burning questions concerning their own herd and help new producers start their herds. Whether you are thinking about raising Dairy or Meat goats- this webinar is for you! All youth livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend. Registration is required and can be completed by visiting go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats



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All About Goats! Spring Webinar Series

Register online at
go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

March 11th

Getting Started with Goats

During this session, experts will review goat breeds, their uses, and how to best incorporate them into your own operation based upon production goals.

Presenters: Pressley Buurma & Trevor Corboy- Extension Educators

April 22nd

Feeding Your Herd

Join us as we discuss the nutritional needs and requirements of Dairy and Meat Goat herds and how those demands change throughout the year.

Presenter: Dr. Brady Campbell- State Small Ruminant Extension Specialist

March 25th

Live Animal Evaluation

This session will discuss the differences between meat and dairy goats and review what to look for when purchasing or retaining breeding stock in your herd.

Presenters: Pressley Buurma- Extension Educator & Matthew Chaney- OSU Livestock Judging Coach

May 6th

General Reproduction

Experts will cover various reproductive techniques in goat production including pre- and post-breeding management decisions and specific doe needs.

Presenter: Jacci Smith- Extension Educator

April 8th

Goat Management

Throughout this presentation, experts will explain the differences and similarities between Dairy and Meat Goat care and share some tips and tricks for your herd.

Presenters: Pressley Buurma- Extension Educator & Gregg Fogle- OARDC Manager

May 13th

Udder Health and Milk Quality

Viewers will learn the importance of udder health and milk quality within their herds while also learning prevention and care techniques.

Presenter: Dr. Luciana da Costa- Veterinary Extension Specialist



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Managing Pastures for Calving

Source: <https://u.osu.edu/beef/2024/03/06/managing-pastures-for-calving/#more-15956>

Jordan Penrose, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, Gallia County

As the winter season continues for us and spring is fast approaching, it is time for spring calving. For some calving season has started and for the rest who calve in the spring, calving season is starting soon. Since the start of the year here in Ohio, we have seen a wide variation of weather conditions. We have cold and warm temperatures, rain and snow, and we have also been muddy. Most people here in Ohio, calve outside on pastures, and that can be tough on the pastures. You must consider a lot when it comes to calving pastures, like the field conditions, where is the water, how far is away is the field from your facilities if you need to get a cow in a better place to assist her, and whether you are feeding hay or are the cows on a stockpiled field.

Trying to manage your pastures can be difficult no matter the time of the year, but when it is winter and early spring it can be more difficult. During this time of the year, bad weather conditions can be problematic, and you have to feed out on those pastures, in bad conditions. Mud may be one of the most problematic things we deal with during calving. Mud can cause problems for both cattle and pastures. Mud can increase stress for cattle by requiring 30% more net energy for maintenance. Small amounts of mud 4-8 inches can reduce feed intake by 5-15% and when mud is 12-24 inches, feed intake can be reduced by 15-30%. The pastures also have stress on them as well. When stockpiled forages are gone and the ground is thawed, paddocks can decline rapidly. Feeding round bales is where you are most likely to see the most damage because the cattle are spending most of their time there eating. You also have the areas where you are driving to get hay to the cattle that can become problem areas as well if it is muddy, especially driving up hills and going through gates. You can reduce damage in the field by having hay in one location, water in another location, and mineral in a different location from those two, so the cattle get around and move to minimize major damage to one location.

There are a few options that can help you reduce mud in your pastures, especially if you are calving in them. If you have a larger herd one option could be to reduce the stocking density on one field and maybe divide into two groups, so there is less foot traffic on the pastures, and you can divide your groups by when they are due to calve. Fields that sit higher in elevation and have some slope to them will dry out faster because water will drain off easier, and sun and wind will reach these areas first, to help them dry out. As compared to fields that sit low and have no slope, and just sit wet for the winter months.

Another option could be calving on a hayfield that has a good sod base to it and does not sit wet. This field will have some sort of growth that can be grazed. The amount depends on when your last cutting was, you may need to supply some sort of supplementation, like corn and minerals. If you do choose this as an option one thing to watch for is "pugging" from the hoof action, also need to consider water source, fencing, and moving of animals. On our family farm, we have a hayfield where we put our spring calving heard on for the first three to four weeks of calving in March. Then we start grazing, we have three fields that are for both grazing and hay, and we stop grazing them by mid-April, getting one to two grazing's before we let them grow for hay, and we see little reduction in the hay yield. This allows us to graze and stop feeding hay sooner. Just remember if you choose to gaze a hayfield move the cattle before it gets muddy in the field.

A future option that you may consider is the use of a heavy-use pad to feed on and to put cattle on when weather conditions are bad so that you can limit damage to your fields. One option that should be considered as the last resort option is the use of a sacrifice pen. The pen should have easy access to feed hay, very little slope for no erosion, and easy to reseed. Remember one thing, sometimes Mother Nature wins.

Beef Webinar Series Continues

Source: <https://u.osu.edu/beefteam/2024-ohio-beef-school/>

2024 Ohio Beef School Opportunities will focus this year on “Breeding, Growing, Processing and Marketing Local Beef.” OSU Beef Team Virtual Beef School will be held Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. Register at: <https://go.osu.edu/beefschool24>

March 21, 2024

Selling Retail vs Wholesale: Yield and Added Value

Lyda Garcia, OSU Extension Fresh Meats Specialist

April 18, 2024

Producer Roundtable: What Works, What Doesn't?

Krysti Morrow – Rocky Knob Farms; Brad Berry – Berry Family Farms; Lindsey Hall – Maplecrest Meats & More; Dale Phillips – Phillips Meats

2024 Corn College and Soybean School Recordings Available

Source: <https://agcrops.osu.edu/newsletter/corn-newsletter/2024-05/2024-corn-college-and-soybean-school-recordings-available>

Did you miss our Corn College and Soybean School webinar? We have you covered! Check out the AgCrops Team YouTube channel for all the recordings:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYlh_BdegnilNs541hb4mzRDrcH_dRPI1

Recordings include:

Battle for the Belt: Corn vs Soybean. What crop should be planted first- corn or soybean? Hear results from our 2023 trials comparing corn and soybean planting dates. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJoZDC9SIOE>

Battle for the Belt: Corn Diseases & Planting Considerations. Dr. Stephanie Karhoff discusses corn disease based on planting date, including information on seed decay and seedling blight, northern corn leaf blight, gray leaf spot, and tar spot. Dr. Karhoff also discusses hybrid selection and the use of foliar fungicide to manage diseases in corn. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=553spE4M9k8>

Battle for the Belt: Soybean Diseases & Planting Considerations. Dr. Horacio Lopez-Nicora discusses soybean disease and planting date interactions. Dr. Lopez-Nicora provides diagnostic information for sudden death syndrome of soybean along with diversity of the pathogen across Ohio. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unr5gRDGxJQ>

Drones & Data in Agriculture. PhD student, Luke Waltz, discusses the use of drones and data in agriculture as part of a Nationwide AgTech Innovation Hub grant. Learn how technology can be used to track crop emergence, crop development, soil moisture, and kernel weight. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHuJ_iKRNoc

Weather Outlook. Dr. Aaron Wilson gives a summary of the 2023 growing season as well as the 2024 weather outlook. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSCsYy4bGt0>

Phosphorus: Insights from Ohio Field Trials. Dr. Manbir Rakkar discusses crop response to phosphorus fertilizer, soil response to phosphorus fertilizer, and new research questions to address in the upcoming years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i78l2Lyo1ME>

Weed Management Update. Dr. Alyssa Essman provides a weed management update, including information on weed populations prior to harvest in the fall, the 'Big Five' weeds of Ohio, and components of an effective herbicide program. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dO1y5fTtJzo>

OSU Extension Farm Office Live to be held on Friday, March 15 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon

Source: <https://u.osu.edu/ohioagmanager/2024/03/05/osu-extension-farm-office-live-to-be-held-on-friday-march-15-from-1000-to-1200-noon/>

OSU Extension and the Farm Office Team is pleased to be offering the “Farm Office Live” webinar on Friday, March 15, 2024 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. This month’s webinar will feature the following topics:

- 2nd Marriages and Transition Planning
- Legislative Update
- New Rule for Independent Contractors
- 2024 Crop Input Outlook
- Industry Panel on WASDE and Strategies for the 2024 Grain Marketing Plan
- Hot Topics
- Upcoming Programs

Featured presenters will include: Robert Moore and Peggy Hall (OSU Ag and Resource Law Program), Barry Ward and Jeff Lewis (OSU Income Tax School Program), and Bruce Clevenger (OSU Field Specialist -Farm Management).

To register for this program (or to access replays of previous programs): go.osu.edu/farmofficelive

Registration Open for Dining with Diabetes Classes

OSU Extension and Coshocton Regional Medical Center will be offering Dining with Diabetes, a cooking school and nutrition education program designed for people with diabetes and their family members or caregivers. In a series of four classes, cooking demonstrations will help participants learn healthy techniques to use in their own kitchens. The program includes sampling healthy foods and discussion with a dietitian about skills to manage diabetes.



Dining with Diabetes will be held on Wednesday evenings April 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Two classes will be at Coshocton Regional Medical Center and two classes will involve demonstration meal preparation at the Three Rivers Fire Station Community Room on SR 621. The cost of the program is \$20 per person and includes all four classes, educational handouts, and small sized meals that feature a variety of recipes. You are encouraged to also register a support person to attend with you for an additional \$10. Classes will be taught by Leslie Mayle, registered dietitian at Coshocton Regional Medical Center, and Emily Marrison, OSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Educator.

Those with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family members or caretakers are encouraged to attend. Paid registration is required by March 25. Registration is limited to 20 participants. To register visit go.osu.edu/coshoctondwd or contact OSU Extension at 740-622-2265 for more information.

Congratulations to Pearl Valley Cheese!

Pearl Valley Cheese just won first and second place in the Rindless Swiss Cheese Class at the 2024 World Championship Cheese Contest in Madison, Wisconsin! What an honor to have award winning cheese right here in our county.