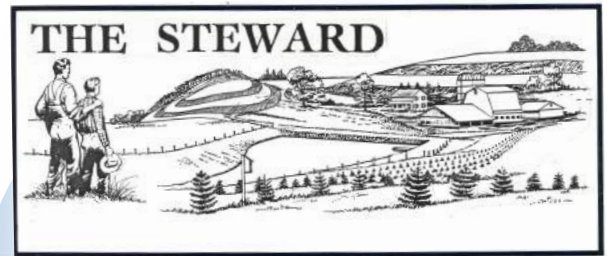


Spring 2024

Ashland

Soil & Water Conservation District



H2Ohio: What it means for Ashland County farms

H2Ohio

Ashland County farmers have been waiting a long time to take advantage of H2Ohio's agricultural programs and cost-share opportunities, but the wait is finally over. Enrollment begins April 15.

This is good news, but it's important to realize practices available in Ashland County will not mirror what's been offered

in the Western Lake Erie Basin. H2Ohio's statewide expansion will be much more limited in terms of available practices and acres—and we want to do our part to establish clear expectations.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

May 29: Memorial Day

June 19: Juneteenth

July 4: Independence Day

Board Meetings (SWCD office at 7 p.m.)

April 17, May 15, and June 26

Conservation Chats:

April 11, 6 pm: Talk Dirt to Me

May 18, 9 am: Wild Things

June 13, 6 pm: MOOchas GRASSias

On the Road with Katie & Joe:

April 5: Ashland Hay Auction

May 2: 511 Feed & Supply

June 7: Ashland Hay Auction

Spring Fish Stocking Sale:

Order deadline: April 1; Pickup April 9, 11 a.m.

H2Ohio Sign Up: April 15-May 15

Tree Seedling Sale Pick Up: April 19-20

Rain Beat on Main Street:

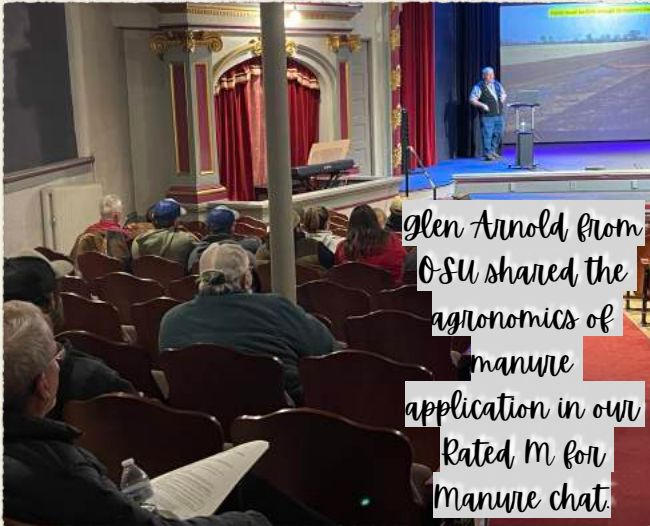
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July 2-8: Corner Park, Ashland

- **Practices:** H2Ohio in Ashland County will be limited to nutrient plan development on cropland for 2024, and having such a plan in place is required for any additional H2Ohio opportunities..
- **Available acres:** Up to 10,000 acres total will be available for H2Ohio nutrient management plan development in Ashland County. Applications will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- **Producer caps:** Each producer is limited to a maximum of 750 acres per producer or farm entity.
- **Livestock operations:** Farmers with livestock producing over 350 tons or 100,000 gallons of manure must have a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP). That's not a lot of livestock; it could be as few as 12 milk cows, 24 beef cows, 85 sows, or 7,000 layers depending on your operation. You can hire a technical service provider to write your CNMP to have in place by the end of summer for H2Ohio participation or you may be dollars ahead to apply for EQIP funding through NRCS to develop your CNMP.
- **Changes required:** While you do not have to change your management to develop a nutrient management plan, you will have to follow that plan and not exceed nutrient application requirements outlined in the Tri-State Fertilizer Guide to be paid for implementation.
- **For more information:** Call Cora or Katie at 419-281-7645 or email h2ohio@ashlandcounty.org for more information or to schedule an appointment.

See what Conservation Chats have in store for 2024



Glen Arnold from OSU shared the agronomics of manure application in our Rated M for Manure chat.

conservation chat talk dirt to me



- THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD LIVING BENEATH OUR FEET! LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE SOIL WEB AND THE MICROORGANISMS THAT LIVE THERE FROM ERIC LARSON WITH THE RICHLAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS.
- WENDY FORBES WILL DISCUSS PROPER PLANT SELECTION FOR YOUR GARDEN AND LANDSCAPE.
- LEARN THE BASICS OF SOIL TESTING AND WHILE IT MATTERS, BRING IN YOUR OWN SAMPLE TO BE TESTED (FEES APPLY).
- HARVEST STORMWATER WITH A RAIN BARREL. LEARN RAIN BARREL BASICS. PRE-ORDERED BARRELS & KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP & ORDER (FEES APPLY).
- REGISTRATION: \$5 OR BRING & FRIEND & BOTH ARE FREE!



FORBES FARMSTEAD MARKET
5614 MCCURDY RD, PERRYVILLE
APRIL 11 AT 6 P.M.

conservation chat wild things

- JOIN OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALISTS FOR A WILDFLOWER WALK AT THE HAZEL WILLIS WOODS.
- LAST YEAR'S WALK INVENTORIED OVER 50 SPECIES OF WILDFLOWERS.
- PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A BIRD WALK.
- LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE HAZEL WILLIS WOODS OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER.



HAZEL WILLIS WOODS
1155 TWP RD 2156, ASHLAND
MAY 18 AT 9 A.M.



Tom Butler from USDA demonstrated lethal & non lethal control methods for black vultures at our Livestock Predator Management chat



Joe Christner & Lindsay Aldrich served up omelets at our Outstanding in the Field chat.

conservation chat MOOchas GRASSias

- GATHER TIPS & TRICKS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR GRAZING OPERATION FROM BOB HENDERSHOT.
- LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF WARM SEASON GRASSES AND COST-SHARE OPPORTUNITIES FROM JASON JONES WITH PHEASANTS FOREVER.
- ENJOY A PASTURE WALK WITH THE WELCHES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE LIVESTOCK BREED FARM.
- LEARN ABOUT COST SHARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STREAM EXCLUSION FENCING FROM THE MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.



SYCAMORE VALLEY FARM
765 CR 1775, ASHLAND, OHIO
JUNE 13, 6 P.M.

annual tree seedling sale

ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 8

PICK UP: APRIL 19-20 AT
HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL
FFA SHOP

ASHLAND SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Rain barrel kit only: \$35
Rain barrel kit with barrel: \$50

get your rain barrel kits

ASHLAND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ashland SWCD Board:

Justin Ringler: Chair

Steve Hughes: Vice Chair

Valerie Hall: Secretary

Karen Welch: Fiscal Officer

Scott Stolcols: Equipment Mgr.

on the road with Katie & Joe

april 5, 9 a.m. -noon
ASHLAND HAY AUCTION

may 2, 9 a.m. -noon
511 FEED & SUPPLY

june 7, 9 a.m. -noon
ASHLAND HAY AUCTION

- Learn more about
- SWCD programs.
- Complete a rental contract.
- Drop off soil samples
- Develop a nutrient management plan
- Visit with & get to know our staff.



CALL KATIE AT 419-281-7645 TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT OR FARM VISIT!

Equipment Rental

ASHLAND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



2023 12 ft
Esch No-Till
Drill

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- \$18/acre January 1-July 14; \$16/acre July 15 - December 31 (\$300 min charge); \$20/day for use more than 2 consecutive days
- Swing tongue for end transport

2018 10 ft John
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2024 6 ft Woods Ground-
Driven Seeder

2024 6 ft Woods Ground-Driven Seeder

- \$20/day; Ideal for hobby farms, gardens, buffers, etc.

2022 Lancaster
ground-driven
manure
spreader



2023 I&J Cover Crop Crimper/Roller

- FREE within Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) boundaries; \$50/day outside of MWCD boundaries.
- 15-ft width with swing tongue for transport

2021 Cover Crop
Interseeder



2021 Cover Crop Interseeder

- \$5/acre within MWCD boundaries; \$10/acre outside of MWCD boundaries.
- 6-row interseeder with end transport; 2 Salford row units/row



2023 I&J Cover Crop
Crimper Roller

2019 APV Seeder & Side-by-Side UTV

- \$75/day; Includes use of box trailer
- Perfect for slug bait application or frost seeding; comes with light bar for even application

2022 Lancaster Ground-Driven Manure Spreader

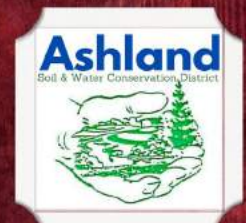
- \$10/day within MWCD boundaries; \$50/day outside MWCD boundaries
- Includes flatbed trailer for transport



For more
information or to
schedule rental,
contact Katie
Eikleberry at
419-281-7645.

Live Traps

- \$10/day



Ashland SWCD 2024 Election Process



January

Nominating Committee is formed to explore potential candidates for Ashland SWCD Board.



June 10

Nominating Committee submits potential candidates.



June 20

Deadline for candidates to petition to be on SWCD supervisor election ballot.



June 21

Candidates & ballots submitted to Ohio Department of Agriculture.



**June 25-
July 18**

Public notice of election.



July 25

Election begins.



August 20

Ashland SWCD & Farm Bureau Annual Meeting at Ashland University.



August 23

Election ends.

Learn more at ashlandswcd.com



Meet the Staff: Cora Crilow

Water Quality Specialist Since: May 2024



Cora just can't get enough of working with the farmers in Ashland County! Cora interned in our office in the summer of 2022, then spent a year as an AmeriCorps service member here. She spent the last semester interning with Richland SWCD, but in May she will be joining us as a full-time water quality specialist focusing on implementation of the H2Ohio program in Ashland County.

Education:

Cora graduates from Ohio State ATI with a degree in agricultural communication in May.

Favorite Quote:

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue to continue that counts."
—Churchill

Hobbies:

Cora enjoys spending time with family, friends, and her "little" Corgi "Tula," too! She enjoys spending time in the barn helping on the sheep farm and is an avid photographer.

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