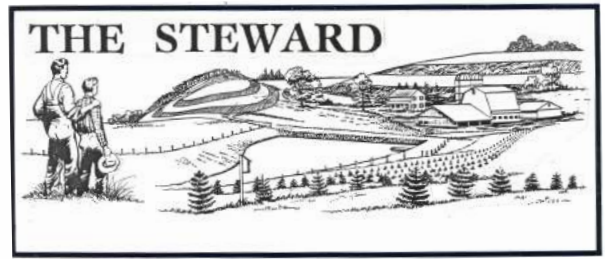


Winter 2023

# Ashland



## Soil & Water Conservation District

### Grazing plans maximize profits and soil health

If you have livestock, chances are your biggest expense is feed. And in Ashland County, the odds are also pretty high that you use grazing as a tool to reduce your out-of-pocket feed costs.

But what if you could sit down this winter with Ashland SWCD staff and come up with a grazing plan that would not only save you money by increasing the productivity of your pastures, but it would improve your soil's health at the same time? And wouldn't it be even better if that planning didn't cost you a dime? We think so, too!

That's why Conservation Specialist Katie Eikleberry will be working with Ashland County livestock producers this winter to develop grazing plans for their operations. And those plans don't have to be labor intensive; the plan can be for continuous grazing, simple rotational, or intensive rotational grazing operations.



"We're excited to be implementing a new grazing plan cost share program in partnership with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District with six producers creating grazing plans for 339 acres," Katie said. "But even if producers did not get in on this first round of funding, we're hoping this program will continue next year. And for producers outside of the Muskingum watershed, we're more than willing work with them to explore options and develop a plan that works for them."

But why are grazing plans so important? With today's tight profit margins and rising input costs, it's more important than ever to make sure you are as efficient as possible in using your grazing forage, whenever you're using grazing to lower your feed costs or to make unproductive cropland productive.

Producers can weigh the pros and cons of different grazing systems and determine what works best for their operation. Rotational grazing is more productive than continuous grazing, but for some farms the increased management doesn't pencil out. Either way, overgrazing results in lower pasture quality and productivity, and farmers need a grazing backup plan for when things go wrong. For more information, contact Katie at 419-281-7645.

### WHAT'S COMING UP

#### Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

January 2: New Year's Day observed

January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr/ Day

February 20: President's Day

#### Board Meetings (SWCD office at 9 a.m.)

January 11, February 8, and March 8

#### Conservation Chats:

January 5: Great Grazing (6 p.m.)

February 9: Your Conservation Fieldprint (1 p.m.)

March: The CAUV Scoop (details pending)

April 22: All About Arbor Day (10 a.m.)

#### Spring Fish Stocking Sale:

Order deadline: March 31; Pickup April 11

#### Tree Seedling Sale:

Order deadline: March 10 ; Pickup April 21-22



## Meet the Staff:



# Lynnsey Winchell

**Staff Member Since:** October 2023

Lynnsey joined Ashland SWCD as our outreach specialist & will be working with our district educational and outreach activities, from monthly Conservation Chats and school programs to volunteer programming at the Hazel Willis Woods and our annual Rain Beat on Main Street event.

A 2022 graduate of Allegheny College with a bachelor's degree in Environmental & Political Science, Lynnsey one day hopes to pursue a career in law.

Lynnsey lives with her family in Creston and enjoys spending time with her dog, chickens, and snake. Lynnsey is also an avid tuba player and had enjoyed her experiences working on dairy farms as well.

**Favorite Quote**

"Never regret anything that makes you smile."  
-Mark Twain

## Thank you to our 2022 Affiliate Members!

### Platinum Level

Art of Gardening Club

Centerra Cooperative

Gerwig's White Barn

Grandpas Cheesebarn & Sweeties Chocolates

Honey Haven Farm

McClafflin Farms, Ltd.

Centerra Cooperative

Simonson Construction Services

Truax Printing

### Silver Level

Mark Haynes Construction

Rooks Bros.

Will O'Dell Nursery

### Bronze Level

Cheryl Koehler

Forbes Farmstead Market

## Ashland SWCD Board:

Justin Ringler: Chair

Roger Amos: Vice Chair

Valerie Hall: Secretary

Karen Welch: Fiscal Officer

Steve Hughes: Equipment Mgr.

Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District

# 2023 Tree Sale Order Form

Orders Due: March 10, 2023; Pickup: April 21-22 at Ashland High School

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (to send a pick up reminder) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Beauty Bundle: 10 trees (2 of each of the following trees)	\$ 30/pack	Total Cost
Redbud (18-24", 1-0), Common Lilac (24-36" liners), White Flowering Dogwood (18-24", 1-0 & 2-0), American Plum (24-36" liners), Sweetbay Magnolia (18-24", 2-0)		

Backyard Pickin's: 10 plant (2 of each of the following)	\$ 50/pack	Total Cost
Jewel Black Raspberry (#1 rooted cutting), Patriot Blueberry (10-16" 2 yr rooted cutting), Hull Thornless Blackberry #1 rooted cutting, Apple (24-36" liners), Black Elderberry (24-36" liners)		

Conifers	Size	Price/10 pack	# Ordered	Total Cost
White Pine (10-pack)	24-36"	\$55		
White Cedar/Arborvitae (10 pack)	26-48"	\$40		
Norway Spruce (10 pack)	24-36"	\$65		

Broadleaf	Size	Price/5	# Ordered	Total Cost
White Oak (5 pack)	24-36"	\$25		
Black Cherry (5 pack)	24-36"	\$15		
Sugar Maple (5 pack)	24-36"	\$15		
Flame Maple (5 pack)	24-36"	\$15		
Northern Red Oak (5 pack)	24-36"	\$15		
Black Walnut (5 pack)	24-36"	\$15		
American Planetree (5 pack)	24-36"	\$15		

For tree orders over \$100, receive a 5% discount off of your trees!	<b>TREE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
For tree orders over \$200, receive a 10% discount off of your trees!		<b>DISCOUNT</b>
For tree orders over \$300, receive a 15% discount off of your trees!		<b>\$</b>
For tree orders over \$400, receive a 20% discount off of your trees!		

<b>Rain Barrel Kits</b>	<b>Kit Only: \$35</b>	<b>Kit &amp; Barrel: \$50</b>	
Capture your roof runoff!			

Please add 7% sales tax to your order. If you believe you qualify for tax-exempt status, please submit a blanket exemption certificate with your order.	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	
	<b>TAX</b>	
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$</b>

**All orders must be picked up Friday, April 21 from 5-7 p.m. or Saturday, April 22 from 9-11 a.m. at Ashland High School's FFA Shop.** If you are unable to pick up your order during that timeframe, make arrangements for someone else to do so or call our office. **Orders not picked up will be considered a donation.**

Orders will be filled according to the date the order form is received. Supplies are limited! Refunds will be issued if we are unable to fill your order. Any extra seedlings will be offered for sale during the pickup dates.

Ashland SWCD reserves the right to make substitutions if necessary. Ashland SWCD assumes seedlings will be shipped in good condition by the nursery, and makes no warranty regarding seedling survivability. No refunds will be issued for seedling mortality.

## Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District

Species	Planting Requirements
<b>Arborvitae/ White Cedar</b>	This slow-growing tree is prefers moist soils and full sunlight. It grows to an average height of 30-40 feet but can reach up to 70 feet and 10-15 feet in diameter. It is primarily planted as an ornamental tree and used as a windbreak.
<b>American Planetree</b>	Also known as a sycamore, this large deciduous tree may grow 75-100 feet tall and equally wide with a true diameter of 10 feet or more. It is one of the largest diameter hardwoods in North America and prefers full soil and moist, fertile soils.
<b>American Plum</b>	The fruits of this tree are sweet when fully ripe and make excellent jelly or jam due to their high pectin and acid content. This fast-growing tree will grow as a small tree or large shrub which will readily sucker from the ground up around the root zone.
<b>Black Cherry</b>	Best suited for zones 3-0. This rapidly growing woodland tree is common throughout all of Ohio and commonly found in open fields that were previously harvested. It's beautiful wood make it second only to black walnut as the ultimate choice for fine furniture.
<b>Black Walnut</b>	Medium in size, black walnuts typically mature at 50-75 feet tall with a 2-3-ft diameter. They should be planted in moist, well drained, deep soil rich in organic matter. They prefer full sun and produce a toxin that inhibits growth of nearby plants.
<b>Common Lilac</b>	This old-fashioned, long-lived and well-loved lilac is best known for its fragrant flowers. Extremely hardy, this plant thrives with little care, making it a lovely shrub for specimen planting in masses, screens, hedges, or mixed into shrub border.
<b>Domestic Apple</b>	Domestic Apple prefers to grow in the spring and summer months. It produces a purple flower and a red fruit. It is a moderate grower, maturing at 30 feet. It prefers medium to coarse textured soils.
<b>Elderberry</b>	Prolific in the wild, when planted in a garden these plants are easy to maintain and tolerate a wide variety of growing conditions. These shrubs grow 10-15 feet tall and wide in a rounded shape and are excellent additions to a wildlife garden.
<b>Flame Maple</b>	A selected form of the native red maple tree, this tree is notes for outstanding crimson and scarlet fall color, turning red early in the season and holding well throughout the fall. Rapid growing with a well-formed crown, it is an ideal shade tree choice.
<b>HullThomless Blackberry</b>	An abundant producer, these are great for fresh eating or freezing. They are resistant to anthracnose and double blossom. These sweet berries ripen from June to August and prefer loamy, well-drained soils.
<b>Jewel Black Raspberry</b>	Ripening in early July, this plant produces large, black fruit with the same rich flavor as its red counterparts. It begins producing raspberries as soon as 2 years after planting. It does well in the cold and is perfect for fresh eating, canning or baking.
<b>Norway Spruce</b>	Norway Spruce prefers moist, well-drained, acidic soils that may be organic, sandy or loamy. It thrives under seasonal drought once it is established and takes well to city pollution. Its will not tolerate wet soils. It grows in full sun to partial sun in zones 3 to 7.
<b>Northern Red Oak</b>	Red Oak prefers moist, deep, rich, well-drained soils. It adapts readily to dry soils of acidic, neutral or slightly alkaline pH (some specimens develop chlorosis in high pH soils). It thrives in full sun to partial sun (but is shade tolerant in youth).
<b>Patriot Blueberry</b>	Large, fleshy, juicy fruits are exceptionally tasty; requires lots of full sun for growth. Make sure there are no trees or ornamental shrubs in the vicinity if you plan to grow in a garden; also requires plenty of moisture and watering during dry periods.
<b>Redbud</b>	Known as the eastern redbud or Judas tree, this tree is common in the southern 2/3 of Ohio and herald spring with showy, lavender-pink flowers. It grows best in zones 3-7 with a mature height and spread of 20' each. It grows rapidly with a rounded crown.
<b>Sugar Maple</b>	Sugar Maple thrives in rich, moderately deep soils having even moisture coupled with good drainage. Clay soils cause it to struggle more in terms of root penetration. It adapts to shady conditions in its youth, but it must eventually grow in full sun to partial sun.
<b>Sweetbay Magnolia</b>	Glistening dark green leaved with a silver underside and 2-3" creamy white flowers with a light lemon scent are the hallmarks of this tree. It matures at 10-20' with a similar spread and grows best in zones 5-9. It's elegant shape makes it an excellent specimen tree.
<b>WhiteFlowering Dogwood</b>	An excellent landscape choice for all seasons and favorite in many yards and gardens, these while flowers show their beauty in spring. The foliage turns a vibrant red-purple in fall with glossy red fruits attracting winter songbirds.
<b>White Oak</b>	A large, strong, imposing specimen with a short, stocky trunk and massive horizontal limbs. Open-grown trees may produce acorns as early as 20 years, but good acorn crops are irregular and only occur every 4-10 years.
<b>White Pine</b>	White pine grows best in moist, rich, well-drained, acidic soils in full suns. It does not tolerate poorly trained soils. Rapid growth allows a quick result as a harvestable timber tree, a mature landscape tree, or as a cut Christmas tree

# Don't miss our hands-on 2023 Conservation Chats



*Conservation Specialist Katie Eikleberry worked one-on-one with producers like Dale Libben at our September Conservation Chat: Nutrient Know How to develop voluntary nutrient management plans.*

## conservation chats



BOARD OF ELECTIONS 6 P.M.  
110 COTTAGE ST. ASHLAND

### january 5: great grazing

- FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED TO PUT TOGETHER YOUR OWN GRAZING MANAGEMENT PLAN TO MAXIMIZE YOUR PASTURES PROFITABILITY.
- LEARN MORE ABOUT COST SHARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR GRAZING OPERATIONS.
- LEARN HANDS-ON STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO TAKE YOUR GRAZING OPERATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



*Jake Peer from Peer Family Forestry walked us through woods damaged by last June's derecho at our October Conservation Chat: Forestry FAQs*

## conservation chats



LOUDONVILLE LIBRARY, 1 P.M.  
122 E MAIN ST. LOUDONVILLE

### february 9: your conservation fieldprint

- SEE HOW ASHLAND COUNTY FARMERS ARE USING THE FIELDPRINT CALCULATOR TO PROVIDE AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SUSTAINABILITY.
- LEARN HOW THE FIELDPRINT CALCULATOR FITS INTO OUR CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.
- HEAR 1ST HAND FROM OTHER USERS HOW THE CALCULATOR HAS IMPACTED THEIR OPERATION & LEARN MORE ABOUT COST-SHARE OPPORTUNITIES.



*Fender's Fish Hatchery kept everyone on the edge of their seats learning about best management practices for ponds at our November Conservation Chat: Prep Your Pond.*

## conservation chats



WATCH FOR DETAILS ON DATE & LOCATION

### march: the cauv scoop

- THE ONE CONSTANT IS CHANGE & THE ONLY GUARANTEES ARE DEATH & TAXES. JOIN ASHLAND & HOLMES SWCDs & FARM BUREAUS FOR A LOOK AT CHANGES COMING TO CAUV.
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ASHLAND & HOLMES COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICES WILL BE ON-HAND TO DISCUSS THEIR CAUV PROCESS & ANSWER QUESTIONS.
- HEAR FROM STATE FARM BUREAU LEADERS ON CAUV POLICY CHANGES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR YOUR FARMING OPERATION.
- AND YES, ICE CREAM WILL BE PROVIDED!

# Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District 2023 Spring Fish Stocking Program

Order Deadline: Friday, March 31; Order Pickup: Tuesday, April 11 from 11 a.m. until noon

**NEW PICK UP LOCATION: Ashland County Fairgrounds**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

FISH	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE/FISH	TOTAL
Bluegill	2-4"	X	\$1.30	
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"	X	\$1.30	
Channel Catfish	4-5"	X	\$1.30	
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	X	\$1.30	
Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	X	\$1.30	
Fathead Minnows		X	12¢	
White Amur	8-13"	X	\$19	
Multi-Colored Koi	6-8"	X	\$16	
Pond Management Book		X	\$20	
Nature Pond		X	\$95/gal	
(Bacteria to clean the bottom of old ponds)		X	\$380 /5 gal	
40# fish food (40% protein, small pellet)		X	\$55	
<i>Please add 7% sales tax to your order. If you believe you qualify for tax-exempt status, please submit a blanket exemption certificate with your order.</i>			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	
			<b>TAXES</b>	
			<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	

Return order to: Ashland SWCD, 110 Cottage Street, Ashland OH 44805. **Money must accompany all orders!**

Make check payable to **Ashland SWCD**. If you have any questions, call the Ashland SWCD office at 419-281-7645.



PLEASE CUT HERE; KEEP BOTTOM AND RETURN TOP WITH PAYMENT.

## Fish Stocking Rates

Stocking the recommended sizes and numbers of fish is very important for good fishing. Fingerlings 1-3 inches long are recommended for new and renovated ponds. Stocking larger fish is tempting but can lead to an unbalanced pond population. Stocking larger fish can also be very expensive. The table to the right suggests how many fish of each species to stock depending on the desired combination. Occasional stocking of larger fishes, or periodic restocking of channel catfish, may be necessary in ponds with established fish populations. The recommended stocking rate for Amurs is 10-12 per acre, and the stocking rate for Koi is 15-20 per acre.

**For pick up:** Bring a container (ex: bucket) with plastic liner (ex: trash bag) filled 1/4 full with pond water. 50-100 small fish will fit in a bucket; 2-3 kois or amurs will fit in a bucket.

**Pick up is April 11 from 11 am until noon at the Ashland County Fairgrounds**

STOCKING COMBINATION	BASS	BLUEGILL	REDEAR	CATFISH
Bass - Bluegill	100	500	0	0
Bass - Bluegill - Catfish	100	500	0	100
Bass - Redear	100	0	500	0
Bass - Bluegill - Redear	100	350	150	0
Bass - Bluegill - Redear - Catfish	100	350	150	100

# Wanted: Affiliate Members



## Levels of Support:

**Platinum: \$250**

Includes rain barrel sponsored in your business' name for our 4th annual Rain Beat on Main Street event!

**Gold level: \$150**

**Silver Level: \$100**

**Bronze Level: \$50**

## ASHLAND SWCD WAS NAMED OHIO'S 2020 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE YEAR!

Ashland SWCD works hard to protect the soil and water resources of Ashland County—but we need your help! We ask that you once again join us in supporting the conservation of Ashland County's soil and water resources by becoming an affiliate member in 2023. It's partners like you that help our staff provide top-notch conservation education to Ashland County. In fact, for every dollar invested locally in Ashland SWCD, in 2022 the district brought back an additional \$3.28 in conservation funding to our county. And in 2020, we were named the District of the Year by the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Affiliate membership funds are used to support local conservation education programs, including soil judging and providing Arbor Day tree seedlings to all Ashland County 2nd graders. Affiliate members are recognized in our newsletter and on our website at [www.ashlandswcd.com](http://www.ashlandswcd.com). Show your support for protecting Ashland County's soil and water resources today!



CUT HERE & RETURN BOTTOM WITH PAYMENT TO ASHLAND SWCD, 110 COTTAGE ST, ASHLAND OH 44805.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

- Platinum Level (\$250)
- Gold Level (\$150)
- Silver Level (\$100)
- Bronze Level (\$50)

## Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District

110 Cottage Street, 1st floor  
Ashland OH 44805  
419-281-7645

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**Facebook:** facebook.com/AshlandSWCD

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# Keep fields white & manure-free this winter

Ashland SWCD never recommends applying manure to frozen or snow-covered ground. However, sometimes “stuff” happens and emergency application may be necessary to prevent storage overflow. If that happens, remember to only spread enough manure to prevent manure overflow until soil conditions improve.

Follow these guidelines, but understand that even by following them, you are still ultimately responsible if manure from your application enters waters of the state (ditches, creeks, streams, rivers, etc.). And remember to keep ALL manure application records for 5 years!

Remember to have your soil tested every 3 years (our office offers soil testing) and to test your manure for nutrient levels before application (we offer those, too!). For questions on soil and manure testing, contact Outreach Specialist Lynnsey Winchell, and for questions on manure applications, contact Conservation Specialist Katie Eikleberry at 419-281-7645.

- **Manure must be injected or immediately incorporated & cannot exceed 5,000 gallons/acre.**
- **Land must have at least 90% surface residue; that most likely means cover crop ground or forage fields.**
- **Apply to least risky fields with the least slope. Fields with over a 6% slope (that's a lot of Ashland County!) must be applied in alternating 60-200 feet strips on the contour.**
- **Manure cannot be applied on more than 20 contiguous acres.**
- **Application must be setback to a minimum of 200 feet from all surface water & 300 feet from all wells, springs and drinking water.**
- **Application rates cannot exceed those specified in Table 3, page 16 of the NRCS Conservation Standard Code 590, Nutrient Management.**