

## Weekly Article

### Thank a Farmer This Thanksgiving

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Hello, my Name is Richard Purdin with OSU Extension, Ag and Natural resource Educator and Community Development Educator for Adams County. I hope to better inform local producers and the public of the latest news in the world of agriculture. As we close out the month of November, there is some signs of winter with more rain showers expected and cooler temperatures and maybe some snow showers in the 10-day forecast. For the most part the corn and soybean harvest 2020 has taken place in good conditions compared to past years. There is some corn still standing, but for the most part harvest is just about wrapped up. Another bright spot to this year's harvest has been the rally in prices. Fall deliver soybeans have reached \$11.00 + and corn is almost \$4.00. With continued purchases from China and continued dry conditions in South America, it will be interesting to see where the prices go.

This week is Thanksgiving week, even though this year's event might be different due to the COVID 19 pandemic, there is truly many blessings to be thankful for in the year 2020. Here are a few blessings to be thankful for.

1. There are roughly 2.6 million farmers or 1.3% of the US population dedicating every day to provide not only Thanksgiving dinner, but breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner 365 days of the year.
2. American Farm Bureau 35<sup>th</sup> annual cost survey showed that this year's Thanksgiving dinner will be 4% lower than 2019. The average cost for this year's dinner is estimated to be \$46.90 or \$ 5.00 a person.
3. During the corona virus pandemic, US food production is still as efficient as ever.
4. In 2019 the # 1 turkey producing state was Minnesota producing 40 million turkeys.
5. 96% of Ohio farms are family owned and operated.
6. Ohio agriculture products add \$124 billion dollars to Ohio's economy annually!

Some other details to go over is

- USDA will be providing direct assistance to farmers impacted by Corona virus for the second time this year. Producers can contact the FSA office to sign up for their second round of payments for 2020. Sign up deadline is December 11th, 2020 you should call before coming to the office. The phone number to call is (937) 544 2033.
- Our new 2020 Plat Books are for sale. Call the office to make an appointment to buy one at (937) 544-2339.

- Check out my survey for local crop yields, I would appreciate your help in constructing a local hybrid/ variety utilization spreadsheet for the growing season 2021. The survey can be found at [adams.osu.edu](http://adams.osu.edu) and Adams OSU Facebook page.
- For producers who do their on-farm taxes, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, OSU Extension is putting on a Farmer and Farmland Owner Tax School Webinar to help with tax preparation questions December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30- 8:30 pm. There is a \$35 fee to attend. To register go to <https://go.osu.edu/farmertax2020>
- December 4 2020 Buckeye Shepherds Symposium Webinar 2:00pm to 5:00 pm go to <https://go.osu.edu/ohiosheep>
- 2021 GAP recertification training will be available to producers online or through the mail. The Online training course will begin January 11<sup>th</sup> and run to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For more details or question please call the office at (937) 544-2339.

#### From the Field

In scouting field conditions for Adams County, the following is things I have noticed.

1. Corn Harvest is almost complete
2. Some tobacco producers have began taking down and stripping.
3. This is a good time of year for herbicide applications to poison hemlock.
4. Work being done on wash outs and waterways.
5. Manure continues to be spread.
6. Corn stalks are being baled for forage, remember to replace lost nutrients!
7. Fall brush and fence row cleaning.