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Corn Performance Trials

In 2014, OSU Extension Specialists and Educators conducted Corn Performance trials throughout Ohio, using 209 Corn Hybrids. The results of these trials appeared in the CORN Newsletter last week. In addition to the corn performance trials the CORN Newsletter has some information about Post Harvesting Tips for Your Combines, Seed Treatment information from the 2014 Soybean Trials, Drought Tolerant Corn Varieties and Post-Harvest Guidelines for Yield Monitors. I email the CORN Newsletter to those on my “crops” e-mail list, or you can access it yourself at <http://corn.osu.edu>

New Web Pages

The OSU Extension County webpages have been recently upgraded and updated. If you have not visited the webpage lately, you may want to do so in the next few days. There is lots of new information available there including dates, times and location of programs in all areas of OSU Extension. To visit the webpage simply type in the name of the county followed by .osu.edu

Farmer's Tax Guides

As we near the end of 2014 it is time to start thinking about the tax situation, if you haven't already. The Farmer's Tax Guides are available in the Adams, Brown and Highland County Extension Offices for free, while supplies last. Stop in during regular office hours to pick up your copy.

End of Year Tax Strategies for Cattlemen

The past few years have been full of historically high prices in agriculture. We have seen corn hit over \$8 per bushel for a short period and soybeans well over \$17 per bushel for a short period in the fall of 2012 to record cattle prices in recent months. As we near the end of 2014 I thought this might be useful for some of the cattlemen to view. This is part of the post that appeared in the Beef Blog on Dec. 16.

Recently, the NCBA hosted a webinar focused on end of year tax strategies that cattlemen might consider. With the value of the cattle that were marketed throughout 2014, this effort was very timely and has been recorded and posted on-line.

Once the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, at that point there are very few options that taxpayers have to reduce their tax bill. With higher revenue this year and many unknown tax changes that may or may not be passed by Congress, it is important to understand the strategies



that producers in agriculture have available today to manage their income tax liability.

Below is the link to the You Tube presentation that will last about an hour.

<http://www.cattlenetwork.com/news/end-year-tax-strategies-cattlemen-webinar-recording-available-line>

Dates to Remember

- Forage School Dates are Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 12:30 p.m. site TBA. Registration due by Dec. 18. Call 515-2314, or e-mail at Dugan.46@osu.edu if interested.
- Beef School Dates are Jan. 27, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. each night, site TBA.
- Pesticide/Fertilizer Pesticide Re-certification with Fertilizer Certification:
Jan. 21 at North Adams HS, begins at 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 5 at Southern Hills CTC Board Office, begins at 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 12 at Southern State Comm. College in Hillsboro, begins at 11:00
(Pre-Registration and payment REQUIRED 5 days prior to session. Call Cindy at the Brown Co. office at 378-6716.) The Fertilizer Certification is needed by September 30, 2017, so if your Pesticide is due in 2016 or 2017, come for both at that time so you are on the same schedule.
- Farm Bill Meetings REMEMBER we need for you to Pre-Register for the Farm Bill Meetings, listed below, by calling the OSU Extension office in the County you plan to attend. Seating is limited at some locations. Call Barbie in Adams Co. at 544-2339; Cindy in Brown Co. at 378-6716 and Tami in Highland Co. at 393-1918.
- December 22 Southern Hills CTC Board Office Bldg. (Georgetown) Hamer Rd at 1:00 p.m.
December 22 Hillsboro H.S.(Cafeteria)beginning at 6:30 p.m.
February 2 Frisch's in West Union on SR 41 South, at 1:00 p.m.
February 2 Southern Hills Career Center in Georgetown at 6:30 p.m.