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Fertilizer Certification

Since SB 150 was first in the news, we wondered what would come of this issue. It deals with water quality, so this is of great interest to everyone. The results of SB 150 becoming law is that those who spread fertilizer need a certification if they meet certain criteria. This certification is not immediate, but actually becomes effective on September 30, 2017.

This includes language that says the production of crops primarily for sale on 50 or more acres. In some cases a call may need to be made to the Ohio Department of Agriculture to determine if a certification is needed. Producers who grow crops to feed their own livestock would not be included at this point, as I understand it. If you would like to read into this more you can do so by going to: <http://nutrienteducation.osu.edu>

As far as training, I have several dates set up for training in the 3 counties. Keep in mind that the training is different for those that currently have a pesticide license. People with a pesticide license will need to attend a two hour training session. Those without a pesticide license will need to attend a three hour session.

I have scheduled the two hour sessions with the pesticide re-certification sessions. There will be 3 of these combination programs in Adams, Brown and Highland Counties. The dates, times and locations are listed in the Dates to Remember at the bottom of this article. Keep in mind that seating is limited for these sessions, so please pre-register early. Cindy will do all registration at the Brown Co. Office for Pesticide/Fertilizer programs. These certifications will be good for 3 years. For the future years, this will allow you to re-certify both certifications at the same time.

If you are thinking of obtaining a pesticide certification you may want to do this prior to completing the fertilizer certification. My understanding is that this will permit you to get the fertilizer certification at no additional cost. If you get the fertilizer first, there will be a cost for both certifications. The pesticide testing is available each month at the Old Y Restaurant on US 62 south of Hillsboro. The test is given on the second Monday of each month at noon. You need to register for the test in advance at <http://pested.osu.edu> or call ODA at 800-282-1955.

For those who do not have a pesticide license that will need to obtain a fertilizer license, I have scheduled a program in each county in March. To avoid confusion with registration, please wait to register for these programs after February 12, 2015. These programs will be three hour sessions. The meeting dates are March 12 at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 1:00 p.m.; at North Adams HS on March 18 at 6:00 p.m.; and March 23 at Southern Hills Career Center Board Office in Georgetown at 1:00 p.m.



Stored Forage School

The school will use webinar format and be held Wednesday afternoons in January. The dates are January 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Registration deadline has been extended to December 18. Cost of the school is \$30/person. You can register at the Highland Co. office (937) 393-1918 and/or online at <http://highland.osu.edu>

Topics that will be covered include:

- What's new in forage genetics
- Small grains and double cropping
- Fertility and manure utilization
- What's new in weed control
- What's new in agronomic products/additives
- Precision agriculture technologies for forage production
- What's new in forage quality evaluation
- Economics of Cutting management.
- Shrink in silage/hay making.
- Forage inventory management
- What's new in corn silage

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.

The following 6 listings are Farm Bill Meetings:

December 18	Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 1:00 p.m. off of US 62, north side of town. REMEMBER we need for you to Pre-Register 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 18	North Adams HS. Round Room, Starting at 6:30 p.m. in Seaman.
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.

