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Southern Ohio Specialty Crop Conference

Registration is now open for the 2019 Southern Ohio Specialty Crop Conference. It will be held on February 5, 2019 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio. The deadline to register for this conference is February 1, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. No walk-ins are permitted. Registration is limited to 75 people, so register early to avoid being shut out. The program begins at 9:00 a.m.

This is the conference to attend for Southern Ohio specialty crop growers. Fifteen different class options on fruit and vegetable production are available at this conference. Your registration includes a continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. All attendees will receive a USB memory stick with copies of every available presentation to take home, so even if you don't attend the session, you'll still get the information. Private pesticide and fertilizer re-certification credits will be available for categories 3, 5, core and fertilizer. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from industry experts and share information with other growers.

The Oasis Conference Center is conveniently located about 5 miles off of I-275 on the northeast corner of Cincinnati. For more information, including the schedule and registration for the conference, go to the conference website at <http://go.osu.edu/swohfvsc>.

This conference is well attended each year, as it is packed with information for growers. Depending on what part of the county you live in the drive will vary, but from West Union it is around an hour travel time. The cost for the class is \$50 and as it says above, this includes breakfast, lunch and all of the sessions handouts.

If you do not use the internet, I have printed off a few copies of the registration form. They are available at the Adams Co. Extension office located in the Adams Co. Government Annex building on courthouse square in West Union. You can also call the Warren County Extension office at 513-695-1311 if you have additional questions.

Adams County Cattlemen's Educational Meeting

As we move forward into 2019, I will offer a few monthly meetings for cattle producers in conjunction with the Adams Co. Cattlemen's Association. The meetings will cover various subjects as I attempt to hit the current "hot topics" during the months of January, February and March. If the meetings are well attended I will probably add an April meeting. The meetings will be at the Frisch's in West Union and they are open to the public. There will be no charge, but I would encourage you to come a little earlier, and eat prior to the meeting time. The meal is on your own. Also, out of courtesy to Frisch's, please contact the OSU Extension Office at least a week prior to these meeting dates so Frisch's can plan on having enough servers for the extra people attending the meeting. The meetings may not begin at the same time each month, depending on the speaker and travel time.

The first meeting will be on January 10 starting at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Steve Boyles will be speaking on



dealing with the muddy conditions while feeding and then offer the Beef Quality Assurance for Transportation. This certification will be offered at no charge.

Transportation quality assurance plays a critical role in the health and welfare of cattle. The proper handling and transport of cattle can reduce sickness in calves, prevent bruises, and improve the quality of the meat from these animals. By using best practices, transporters can save the beef industry millions of dollars each year. When a transporter participates in the program they are showing consumers they are ready to take every step possible to keep cattle as healthy and safe as possible.

The program covers many topics including:

- Cattle handling guidelines & diagrams
- Checklists for loading/unloading
- Checklists for hot/cold weather factors
- Checklists for fit/injured/weak cattle
- Checklist for traveling
- Loading suggestions and worksheets
- Bio-security & Emergency Action Plans

Farmer's Tax Guides Available

I picked up the Farmer's Tax Guides from campus last week. You can stop by and pick one up at the OSU Extension Office. As always, the tax guides are free while supplies last.

Dates to Remember

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| January 10 | Adams Co. Cattlemen's Educational Meeting. The meeting will begin at Frisch's at 7:30 p.m. Meal is on your own, so please come early enough to eat prior to the meeting. Dr. Steve Boyles will present on feeding in muddy conditions, and he will offer certification for Transportation Beef Quality Assurance. Free and open to public. Please call 544-2339 at least one week prior to register if you plan to attend. |
| January 14 | Pesticide Testing at noon at the Old Y Restaurant. Pre-register at ODA by calling 800-282-1955 or online at http://pested.osu.edu |
| January 16 | Small Farm College will begin. This is an 8-week course offered from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. This OSU Extension event will be in the round room at North Adams High School. Registration material will soon be available at the OSU Extension offices throughout Ohio including the Adams County Office. Materials are available online today. Go to the OSU Extension Website, http://adams.osu.edu |
| January 22 | Beef Quality Assurance Certification. Union Stockyards with the meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 or once everyone is finished eating, so please do not come at 6:30 to eat. Call Janet at 393-1958 to register. |
| January 23 | Fertilizer and Pesticide re-certification at Frisch's in West Union. Fertilizer starts at 10:30 a.m. with pesticide beginning at noon. Please pre-register by Jan 16 for this class by calling Barbie at 544-2339. |

- January 31 Fertilizer Certification for commercial and private applicators in Georgetown in the Administration Building on the Brown Co. Fairgrounds from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. More details to come.
- Feb. 5 Ohio Beef School (This was just announced) Adams Co. location TBA.
- Feb. 6 Ohio River Valley Agronomy Day at Mason Co. Extension Office in Maysville. Free program that begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Fertilizer and Pesticide re-certification at Frisch's in West Union. Fertilizer starts at 5:00 p.m. with pesticide beginning at 6:30 p.m.. Please pre-register by Jan 31 for this class by calling Barbie at 544-2339.
- March 12 Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College.