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### **Southwest Corn Growers**

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday March 4, 2015. We will be having our SOCG Annual Meeting from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM – Held at the Expo Building – Clinton County Fairgrounds, 958 West Main Street, Wilmington. (NOTE new time)

In addition, the SOCG Assn and OSU Extension will be co-hosting a Fertilizer and Pesticide recertification meeting. Fertilizer Certification will begin at 9 AM sharp! After the SWCG annual meeting and lunch, we will have Pesticide Recertification beginning at 1:30 PM sharp!! Fertilizer Certification is open to anyone who wants to get certification. Pesticide Recertification is for anyone that currently holds a Pesticide License. Please RSVP by Calling (937) 382-0901.

### **Small Farm Conference**

The Annual Small Farm Conference will be held at Wilmington College again this year. This event has become popular for several local small farmers. The event will be held on March 13 and 14 this year. For more information go to <http://clinton.osu.edu>

### **Farm and Family Night**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Farm and Family Night will be held on Tuesday, March 10 this year. Free tickets are available at most local OSU Extension Offices. Farm and Family Night is held at Maysville Community and Technical College and it begins at 5:00 p.m. For more information go to our website which is simply (the name of the county) followed by (.osu.edu) like brown.osu.edu

### **Highland County Pork Producers Banquet**

The Highland County Pork Producers will hold the Annual Banquet on March 12. The banquet will be held at Fairfield School. Tickets are \$15. Contact a member of the Highland Co. Pork Producers for more information.

### **Local Cattlemen's Banquets**

All of the local Cattlemen's Banquets are in April. Highland Co. will be April 1, Brown Co. will be on April 11, and Adams Co. will be on April 23. Times and locations will be listed in this article as we get closer to the date.



## Tobacco GAP Programs

Tobacco contract information is starting to come out this week from some companies. Most growers may have received some information from the tobacco company that they deal with, in the last few days.

We had several growers show up for the program on Tuesday afternoon. One of the topics that came up was the fact that some growers think they do not need GAP training this year because they attended a program last year. EVERYONE will need it again this year. Another subject came to light in Tuesday's GAP session, the GAP card. I have had several calls from growers who have lost their card. In the past GAP Connections has issued a new card at no charge, but starting in April that will change. In the future a replacement card will cost \$13.

All of the GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) programs require pre-registration. This is primarily so we can provide seating for everyone. Space is limited, so call early if you have a preference for which program you wish to attend. These programs are all listed at [www.gapconnections.com](http://www.gapconnections.com). If you have not previously been certified or registered with gap connections, please log on to the web site and do so prior to attending one of these sessions.

Remember to call and pre-register at the Adams Co. Extension Office at 544-2339. Barbie will handle all registrations for the GAP programs. She will need the following information when you call: name of each person attending, your county, and a phone number to contact in the event of bad weather.

The current scheduled programs are: March 11 (2 sessions) at Southern Hills CTC Board Office at 10:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m.; on March 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Frisch's in West Union at 1:30 p.m. and at Manchester High School at 6:30 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

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| Bee Keeping          | February 28 at Maysville Community College. Registration opens at 8:00 AM, school begins at 9:00 AM and concludes by 3:30. For more information and preregistration please go to their website <a href="http://www.lickingriverbeekeepers.com">www.lickingriverbeekeepers.com</a> . Email questions to <a href="mailto:lickingriverba@gmail.com">lickingriverba@gmail.com</a> or call Bob Fore at 606-247-5817. |
| Beef Program         | Free dinner and cattle meeting March 2 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at Union Stockyards. Please call for dinner reservations at 937-393-1958 or 937-725-7358. This meeting is open to the public. Sponsored by Zoetis, Highland County Cattlemen and Greenfield Vet Clinic.   |
| Fertilizer Education | Call Brown Co. Extension Office (Cindy) to pre-register at 937-378-6716. Thursday, March 12 at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 18 at North Adams HS in the round room at   |

6:00 p.m.; and Monday, March 23 at Southern Hills CTC Board Office in Georgetown at 1:00 p.m.