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GAP in Brown Co. Date Changed

Last week, or maybe two weeks ago, I announced a second date for a GAP Training Program for potential tobacco growers for 2018. The first meeting is going to be in West Union on Feb. 22, at Frisch's on St. Rt. 41. The second meeting will be in Georgetown, in Brown County, at the Southern Hills Career and Technical Center on Hamer Road. This second meeting date needs to be changed. There are other agricultural programming in the area, and issues with the staff from GAP Connections being able to attend on the original date of March 20. The new date will be Wednesday, March 28.

The GAP meeting will be the last one in the area for 2018. Remember the new date is March 28, and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Southern Hills Career and Technical Center. You still need to pre-register by contacting Cindy at the OSU Extension Office in Brown County. Call Cindy Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Try to avoid the time for lunch, typically from noon until 12:30 p.m. The number to call is 378-6716 and please call before noon on March 27.

Dicamba Training Sites

In the past few weeks, I have included information about the changes that have taken place for using the new technology for Dicamba resistant soybeans. This technology is available from a few companies and they are now requiring training in order to use these products in 2018.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has made Dicamba a restricted use herbicide. Restricted use pesticides require an applicator license. This is a private applicator license that we offer testing on the second Monday of each month for, and the pesticide re-certifications that are happening in the next few days. With that said, OSU Extension will discuss the use of dicamba in the upcoming trainings, but it will not be the companies require this year.

Here is a list of remaining trainings that I have seen recently. There may be more, but this is current as of February 16 for those fairly close to our area. This the link to register for trainings, <http://pested.osu.edu/DicambaTraining>

Friday, February 23 starting at 8:00 a.m. in Kelly Center at Wilmington College
 Thursday, March 1 starting at 9:00 a.m. in Circleville at Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church
 Thursday, March 1 starting at 2:00 p.m. in Circleville at Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church
 Thursday, March 8 starting at 9:30 a.m. in Mount Orab at Countryside Inn



Brown Co. Master Gardener Monthly Program

The next Brown Co. Master Gardener program is coming up Thursday, March 15, 2018. The Garden seminar hosted by OSUE Brown County Master Gardener Volunteers will feature Carrie Taylor, Horticulturalist at Maysville Community and Technical College, discussing Gardening on a Small Scale. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107 at the Mt. Orab campus of Southern State Community College. As always all seminars are free and open to the public.

Farm and Family Night

The tickets for the Farm and Family Night are now available at all OSU Extension Offices in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties. Tickets are free and needed for the meal, but not the educational sessions. The Farm and Family Night will be at the Maysville Community and Technical College on Monday, March 5. This is a change from previous years. The time is also a little different with the meal offered from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. You may pick up the schedule along with your tickets.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 22 GAP for Tobacco producers at Frisch's in West Union starting at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required by February 21. Space is limited so register early with Barbie at 544-2339.
- Feb. 22 GAP for Tobacco producers at Maysville Community and Technical College in the evening. No pre-registration and it begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Brown Co. Cattlemen Annual Banquet.
- Feb. 28 Brown Co. Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-cert at Southern Hills Board Office at 11:00 a.m. Must Pre-register.
- Mar. 2 Highland Co. Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-cert at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 11:00 a.m. Must Pre-register.
- Mar. 5 Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College.
- Mar. 15 Brown Co. Master Gardener Monthly Program at SSCC in Mt. Orab.
- Mar. 16-18 Ohio Beef Expo in Columbus at the State Fairgrounds.
- Mar. 16 Agriculture is Everyone's Business at Southern State Community College Patriot Center in Hillsboro. Tickets are required.
- Mar. 28 GAP for Tobacco at Southern Hills CTC in Georgetown at 7:00 p.m. Call Cindy at 378-6716 to register by noon on March 27.