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## Estate Planning Workshop

A year ago I started discussing the plans for an Estate Planning Workshop. Unfortunately there were several factors that came into play and put this on hold for a while. I believe I am pretty close to being able to announce dates for this event. At this time I am close to offering the program as a 2 –day program, with the program being offered in a couple of locations each day. The thought is that this program will be offered at one location in the afternoon and another location in the evening in late March and early April. I hope to have more details about this in this newspaper next week. In the meantime, who should consider attending this workshop? The answer to that question is YOU!!!!

Good Estate Planning is something most people would just as soon avoid because it is basically making plans for what you wish to take place when you die. However, a good estate plan should be a well thought out and even better communicated plan. Many times those heirs remaining are left to divide assets and this often does not end up well. Communication with all involved usually helps families avoid some of the stress and ill feelings due to “not understanding why mom and dad did that”.

So often people see “Estate Planning” and think that is for more seasoned (older) people. I will grant that in many cases we do have a more mature crowd at these events, but maybe that should not be the case. Estate planning is more than just a Will that explains how to divide up assets. It should also be looked at as a plan. A plan on what needs to be done in the event of an untimely death of someone in their 20s, 30s, 40s or 50s. Someone who still has dependent children may be the group that needs this more than any other group. It is one thing to fight over great grandmother’s candy dish, but when there are young children left behind to be raised and put through school, who would you want to do that if an accident was to take both you and your spouse? If not both of you, can the remaining parent make it work? Is there a life insurance policy in place to assist? Is there a plan? DO YOU HAVE a plan?

There are lots of strategies and options when it comes to an Estate Plan. Some of this may also be looked at as financial planning. This workshop will get you started, but not finished. This workshop is designed to provide you with more knowledge of some of the options, strategies, loop holes, and cautions when developing your estate plan.

## GAP Training Opportunities

GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) is required of all tobacco producers who plan to market tobacco through a contract with a tobacco company, to the best of my knowledge. If you plan to raise a crop in 2016 you will need this training.



The remaining dates are March 7 at the Southern Hills Career Center Board Office at 2:00 p.m.; at North Adams High School at 6:30 p.m. and then on March 8 at Southern Hills Career Center Board Office at 10:00 a.m. There is no charge for this training, but space is limited. To reserve a seat you need to call Barbie at the Adams Co. Extension Office to register at 544-2339.

### **Small Farm Conference in Wilmington**

It is hard to believe how quickly February is going. Time is ticking on getting registered for this outstanding event coming up in just a couple of weeks. The 2016 Southwest Ohio Small Farm Conference and Trade Show will be held on March 11 and 12. There will be sessions on Friday March 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. covering Meat Goat Management and Micro Irrigation Essentials and Management. Saturday will begin with the trade show and registration at 7:45 a.m. with the programs beginning at 9:30. There are several sessions to choose from throughout the day. The tracks, with several sessions geared toward these subjects, include: Marketing, Livestock Production, Business Management, Women in Agriculture, Crop Management, Thinking Ahead, and Miscellaneous.

Registration deadline is March 4. For registration information and a complete list of the sessions go to your local OSU Extension Office or log onto <http://agmr.osu.edu/small-farm-programs>. For those who do not have internet access, and would like to register, you may also contact any of the three local OSU Extension Offices in Adams, Brown or Highland Counties. Phone numbers are: Adams (937) 544-2339; Brown (937) 378-6716 and Highland (937) 393-1918. My cell is (937) 515-2314 and my email is [dugan.46@osu.edu](mailto:dugan.46@osu.edu)

### **Dates to Remember**

- Mar. 7      GAP for tobacco producers will be held at Southern Hills CTC Board Office in Georgetown at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339.
- Mar. 7      GAP at North Adams HS at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339.
- Mar. 8      GAP at Southern Hills CTC Board Office at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration required and seating is limited. Call Barbie at 544-2339.
- Mar. 8      Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at your local OSU Extension Office.
- Mar. 11     Three hour Fertilizer Certification for those without a pesticide license at Wilmington College in Boyd Cultural Arts Center. To register contact Tony Nye at Clinton Co. Extension Office at 937-382-0901 or go to <http://pested.osu.edu>