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New and Small Farm College

For several years the New and Small Farm College has been offered in Southern Ohio. This program is geared toward people looking to purchase or maybe they already own a small farm. What to do with the farm is addressed in this program.

The program will discuss goals, mission statements, where to get assistance, record keeping, liability concerns, legal issues with ponds, fences and more. Then some of the more specific enterprises will be discussed.

For more information call the OSU Extension Office in Ross County at 740-702-3200. The registration deadline is Jan. 21 and the cost is only \$150 for the eight week class. The first session is on Thursday, January 30 and will be each Thursday until March 19. A light meal is offered at 6:00 p.m. each night with the program beginning at 6:30 and going until 9:00 p.m.

Beef 509 Program to be Held in February

If you are in the beef industry and often have questions about how the industry works as a whole, this class may be just what you are looking for. I attended this class 15 years ago and would recommend it to anyone that wants a better understanding and awareness of beef production. The following was in the Beef Cattle Letter about a month ago. This explains the details about the class.

Beef 509 is the result of a partnership with the Ohio Beef Council, Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation, The Ohio State University Extension and The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences. The Ohio Beef Council (OBC) will hold its Beef 509 educational event at The Ohio State University. The Beef 509 program is held to raise the awareness level about the beef that is produced and what goes into producing a high-quality and consistent product.

The 2020 program will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, February 22 and 29, 2020. The part of the program held on February 22 will include a live animal evaluation session, harvest demonstration, rumen function and nutrition discussion, an animal disposition and carcass value presentation, a grid pricing discussion, a quality assurance overview and a review of current issues. Attendees will also have the opportunity to use what they have learned to evaluate cattle and then purchase them in an auction simulation at a level that will net a profit when value is determined at the packing and market retail sectors.

In the second session on February 29, attendees will participate in a demonstration on carcass grading as well as fabrication. There will also be a discussion on manufactured meat, and an update on the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and the Ohio Beef Council. The program will conclude with a review of the results from the combined sessions. It is critical to attend both sessions as participants are assigned to teams that work together throughout the program.



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For more information or to register, visit ohiocattle.org, call the OCA office at 614-873-6736 or contact Kagney Collins at the Ohio Beef Council at kcollins@ohiobeef.org.

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 30 First night of Small Farm College in Chillicothe. Program will be on Thursdays from 6:00 until 9:00 starting January 30 through March 19. Program cost, including a light meal each night, is only \$150. Call 740-702-3200. Registration deadline is January 21.
- Feb. 5 Ohio River Valley Agronomy Day at the Mason County Extension Office starts at 9:00 a.m. Call 606-564-6808 to register for this free program.
- Feb. 6 Session 4 and the wrap up to the Estate Planning Workshop at Frisch's. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. Call OSU Extension at 544-2339 to register.
- Feb. 10 Pesticide Exams at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Pre-register at <http://pested.osu.edu> or call 800-282-1955.