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GAP for Tobacco Growers

The number of tobacco growers in our area have continued to decline at a rapid pace. Just a few years ago I was holding 4 or 5 GAP trainings. Last year, James Morris and I had one in Adams and one in Brown Counties. The number attended was low, so this year we will offer one training opportunity.

The training will be held on Wednesday, February 19 at Frisch's in West Union starting at 1:00 p.m. If this date does not fit into your schedule you can attend the GAP training at Maysville Community and Technical College on March 4 in the evening.

Please call the OSU Extension Office in Adams or Brown to register for the GAP Training on February 19 no later than Feb. 17. Adams County 544-2339 or Brown at 378-6716.

12th Annual Buy Local Foods Seminar

This has been a informative event over the past several years. This year the event will be on Sunday February 9, 2020, from 1:45-5:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Rural Life (CRL) and the Adams-Brown Diabetes Education Coalition. The location for the seminar is St. George Parish Hall, 509 East State Street, Georgetown, Ohio 45121. No charge but donations are welcome and there is no preregistration required but appreciated. If you have questions contact Julie Kline at 937 515-1807 or Patrick Hornschemeier at 513 752-0647.

Keynote by Dan Remley, Field Specialist, Food, Nutrition and Wellness, OSU Extension, South Centers, Piketon, Ohio. "Food Councils: What They Are and What They Can Do For Your Community"

Followed by workshops and discussions on topics of interest to consumers, producers, and anyone with an interest in food policy.

- ❖ Tools to form a Food Council
Dan Remley and Friends
- ❖ Starting a Rural Food Council : Lessons Learned
Dan Remley, Alisha Barton, OSU Extension, Miami Co., Whitney Gherman, OSU Extension, Marion Co., and Karima Samadi, OSU College of Food and Agriculture
- ❖ The Joys of Free Range Chickens and the Benefits of Free Range Eggs
Christine Tailer, Farmer, Straight Creek Valley Farm
- ❖ Establishing an Animal Welfare Approved Processing Plant
James Linne, Farmer, White Clover Farm
- ❖ Ohio Hemp Laws and Cultivation Practices
James Morris, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, OSU, Brown County Extension



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- ❖ **Successfully Growing Edible Figs in Southern Ohio**
Carrie Taylor, Adult Agriculture Coordinator and Associate Professor, Maysville Community and Technical College

Brown County Master Gardeners Seminars

The Brown County Master Gardeners have been offering these FREE seminars for several years now. They have always, or at least as long as I can remember, been on the third Thursday. This announcement indicates a change in upcoming dates. The times remain as always 7:00 p.m. The sessions normally last about an hour.

Due to scheduling issues this semester at the Mt. Orab campus of SSCC we will be changing the evening we meet starting in February.

The new dates are:

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Christine Tailer – Starting Seeds with Float Beds

Wednesday, March 18 – Bill Pettit – Big Pumpkins Part 2

Wednesday, April 15 – Susan Givler – Straw Bale Gardening

And our last seminar in May will be on Thursday, May 21 at the Community Room in Western Brown High School in Mt. Orab

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.

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.