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 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Small Farm College in Adams Co.

The Small Farm College is scheduled to start next week in Seaman on Wednesday, January 16. This 8 week course is designed for people who have a small farm, or plan to have a small farm that they may be unsure of what they want to do in the future. More details are available online or by calling the OSU Extension Office at 544-2339 or <http://adams.osu.edu>

GAP for Tobacco Producers

I have scheduled two GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) meetings for the afternoon of February 28, 2019 and March 5, 2019. I hope that growers will have contracts by that date, but if the recent pattern over the last few years holds true, that may not be the case. Mason County will host a meeting at Maysville Community College on Feb. 28 at 6:00 p.m.

The GAP trainings will be at the Frisch's restaurant in West Union starting at 1:00 p.m. Please come early enough to order your food and eat prior to the start of the meeting. The meal is on your own as there is no charge for this training, and we are thankful that Frisch's does not charge us to use the room. The one thing that Frisch's ask of us is to let them know how many will be attending a few days in advance so they can schedule staff accordingly, so please call ahead and register at least a week prior to the date. Call Barbie at the OSU Extension office at 544-2339 or stop by the office.

There are a few more dates scheduled for GAP the following week. We will be in Gallia County on March 4 in the evening. On March 5 we will again be at the Frisch's in West Union at 1:00 p.m. That same evening we will be in Georgetown and on March 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Georgetown. Contact the Brown Co. Extension office to sign up for the meetings in Georgetown at 378-6716.

You will be required to bring your GAP card to the class. From my understanding, everyone must be present to get credit for attending. The person with the card must be present.

BQA Certification

We have held four BQA certifications for cattle producers during the fall of 2018. We offered two at the Union Stockyards in August, one at United Producers in September and another in October. If you attended one of those and have not yet received your card, please call the Ohio Cattlemen's Association at 614-873-6736 and ask for the BQA Coordinator Stephanie.

We do have another BQA program scheduled for later this month. It will be on January 22 at the Union Stockyards in Hillsboro. Call Janet at 937-393-1958 to sign up for this program. There will be a meal at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive early so you can be finished eating by 6:30 p.m.

Ohio Tobacco Museum

In 2019 the fundraiser will be held the same as it has been in the past two years. The Scioto Ribber will cater the meal, and you can choose steak, ribs or chicken with the purchase of your ticket. The



location will be the Ripley Elementary School Cafeteria and the date will be April 13, 2019. Tickets will be available soon, and remember we only sell 300 tickets. You can contact me for more information at dugan.46@osu.edu or call 937-544-2339.

Dates to Remember

- January 10 Adams Co. Cattlemen's Educational Meeting. The meeting will begin at Frisch's at 7:30 p.m. Meal is on your own, so please come early enough to eat prior to the meeting. Dr. Steve Boyles will present on feeding in muddy conditions, and he will offer certification for Transportation Beef Quality Assurance. Free and open to public. Please call 544-2339 at least one week prior to register if you plan to attend.
- January 14 Pesticide Testing at noon at the Old Y Restaurant. Pre-register at ODA by calling 800-282-1955 or online at <http://pested.osu.edu>
- January 16 Small Farm College will begin. This is an 8-week course offered from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. This OSU Extension event will be in the round room at North Adams High School. Registration material will soon be available at the OSU Extension offices throughout Ohio including the Adams County Office. Materials are available online today. Go to the OSU Extension Website, <http://adams.osu.edu>
- January 22 Beef Quality Assurance Certification. Union Stockyards with the meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 or once everyone is finished eating, so please do not come at 6:30 to eat. Call Janet at 393-1958 to register.
- January 23 Fertilizer and Pesticide re-certification at Frisch's in West Union. Fertilizer starts at 10:30 a.m. with pesticide beginning at noon. Please pre-register by Jan 16 for this class by calling Barbie at 544-2339.
- January 31 Fertilizer Certification for commercial and private applicators in Georgetown in the Administration Building on the Brown Co. Fairgrounds from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. More details to come.
- Feb. 5 2019 Southern Ohio Specialty Crop Conference at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio. Go to the conference website at <http://go.osu.edu/swohfvsc> or call the Warren County Extension office at 513-695-1311 if you have additional questions. I have registration materials in the Adams Co. Extension Office.
- Feb. 5 Ohio Beef School in Adams Co. will be Frisch's in West Union at 7:00 p.m. RSVP
- Feb. 6 Ohio River Valley Agronomy Day at Mason Co. Extension Office in Maysville. Free program that begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Fertilizer and Pesticide re-certification at Frisch's in West Union. Fertilizer starts at 5:00 p.m. with pesticide beginning at 6:30 p.m.. Please pre-register by Jan 31 for this class by calling Barbie at 544-2339.

- Feb. 21 Adams County Cattlemen Education meeting at Frisch's at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be meeting nutrient needs with poor hay and plenty of mud, plus the importance of good quality minerals.
- March 12 Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College.