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## Scout Your Fields and Garden

Have you done a walk through recently? Not a drive by and getting a view through the windshield, those don't count. Scouting a field needs closer observation than simply driving by.

There are several insects and/or diseases that could show up and be destructive to your crops. This could be in the field or in your garden. I have had few calls about Japanese Beetles the past few weeks, but I recently seen them on sweet corn. They were feeding heavily on the silk of this corn to the point that they were kind of hard to see. Yeah, that doesn't sound like that makes sense. Here was the situation, they were feeding on the silks on the point of the ear, they are dark in color (both the silks and the beetles) so without a close look, they were not noticeable. Well, not through the windshield anyway.

## Beef Quality Assurance Training

With the Adams Co. Fair going on last week, I thought I better put this in here again. Some people may not have taken the time to read the entire paper with the long hours at the fair and a belly full of fair food.

With the announcement from some of the major fast food companies concerning purchasing beef in the future only from farms that are Beef Quality Assurance certified, we will offer training in the new few months. There will be at least four opportunities to become certified in the coming months. The dates, times and locations are listed below. This will be a joint effort between OSU Extension, local stockyards, local veterinarians and more. As far as OSU Extension is concerned, these trainings will be a joint effort between Agriculture and Natural Resources Educators in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties.

## Company Announces It is Going Vegetarian

Over the years I have referred to topics and/or posts that appeared in a recent edition of the Beef Blog. This one caught my attention and I thought I would share it. This is not the norm for the blog. You can read the entire post and look up more information about it. Here is a short section from the post.

WeWork is going vegetarian.

In an email to about 6,000 employees on Friday, the \$20 billion office rental company announced that it will no longer reimburse employees for meals that include red meat, poultry, or pork and will stop serving meat at company events.

The address for the Beef Blog is <http://thebeefblog.com>



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## **Dates to Remember**

- August 9 Adams County Farm Bureau/Adams Soil & Water annual meeting. Must register by July 26. Meeting on August 9 is at the Ohio Valley CTC on Lloyd Road beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- August 13 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Pre-register at 800-282-1955 or <http://pested.osu.edu>
- August 14 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the Union Stockyards in Hillsboro at noon.
- August 23 Beef and Forage Field Night in Jackson at the OARDC Research Facility on SR 93 about a mile south of SR 32, small charge for the meal that begins around 5:00 p.m. Please call in advance if you wish to attend. More details in next week's column.
- August 28 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the Union Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the United Producers Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m.
- October 25 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the United Producers Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m.