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Small Farm Conference

The Annual Small Farm Conference will be held at Wilmington College again this year. This event has become popular for several local small farmers. The event will be held on March 13 and 14 this year.

The Friday format is to be held outside at the College Farm. This will include fencing and pasture management, tunnels and grafting for high quality vegetables, and woodlot management with chainsaw safety.

On Saturday there are seven tracks with various topics under each. The tracks include: Farm Management; Livestock Production; Food Business/Marketing; Forages and Pasture; Fruits and Vegetables; Organic and Miscellaneous.

For more information, including registration materials, go to <http://clinton.osu.edu>

Farm and Family Night

The 6th annual Farm and Family Night will be held on Tuesday, March 10 this year. Free tickets are available at most local OSU Extension Offices. Farm and Family Night is held at Maysville Community and Technical College and it begins at 5:00 p.m. For more information go to our website which is simply (the name of the county) followed by (.osu.edu) like brown.osu.edu

This event has a huge list of sessions to choose from. Everything from livestock, forages, cover crops, farm management, alternative crops, technology (drones), aquaculture (raising fish), poultry production, agribusiness, and more.

Tobacco GAP Programs

I am running this portion again this week because several people are apparently unsure if they need to attend GAP again this year. Please share with fellow growers if you can.

One of the topics that came up was the fact that some growers think they do not need GAP training this year because they attended a program last year. EVERYONE will need it again this year. Another subject came to light in Tuesday's GAP session, the GAP card. I have had several calls from growers who have lost their card. In the past GAP Connections has issued a new card at no charge, but starting in April that will change. In the future a replacement card will cost \$13.



All of the GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) programs require pre-registration. This is primarily so we can provide seating for everyone. Space is limited, so call early if you have a preference for which program you wish to attend. These programs are all listed at www.gapconnections.com. If you have not previously been certified or registered with gap connections, please log on to the web site and do so prior to attending one of these sessions.

Remember to call and pre-register at the Adams Co. Extension Office at 544-2339. Barbie will handle all registrations for the GAP programs. She will need the following information when you call: name of each person attending, your county, and a phone number to contact in the event of bad weather.

The current scheduled programs are: March 11 (2 sessions) at Southern Hills CTC Board Office at 10:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m.; on March 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Frisch's in West Union at 1:30 p.m. and at Manchester High School at 6:30 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Fertilizer Education Call Brown Co. Extension Office (Cindy) to pre-register at 937-378-6716. Thursday, March 12 at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro at 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 18 at North Adams HS in the round room at 6:00 p.m.; and Monday, March 23 at Southern Hills CTC Board Office in Georgetown at 1:00 p.m.