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## Small Farm Conference

For several years the Small Farm Conference called “Opening Doors to Success” was on the campus of Wilmington College the second weekend in March. The conference was very successful there, but this year the location has moved a bit east. This year the conference will be at the OSU South Centers near Piketon. The location is Shyville Road which is less than a mile east of US 23 on SR 32 about 25 miles from Peebles.

This year the program will be on Friday March 29 and Saturday March 30. Registration materials are available online or in the local OSU Extension Office.

The program on March 29 includes Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA) Training starting at 9:00 a.m. and goes until 5:00 p.m. The Trade Show is open at 5:00 until 6:00. At 6:00 p.m. the programming will be Hops Workshop—Getting the Whole Picture.

Saturday is a full day of programs. Registration is open at 8:00 a.m. and the opening comments will be at 9:00 a.m. The Trade Show opens for the day at 8:30 a.m. The sessions will begin at 9:30. There are four sessions in each track. The tracks include: Horticulture, Aquaculture, Forestry, Livestock, Soils, Marketing, Farm Management and more. There are so many sessions that you may not know which you want to attend.

Here are some of the sessions that will be available: Bramble Production, Vegetable Production in Tunnels, Fertigation/Irrigation, Container Fruit Production, Fish and Shrimp Production, Chainsaw Safety, Mushroom Production, Marketing Timber, Proper Foot Care of Sheep and Goats, Creative Marketing, Ag Law, Tax Implications on Small Farms, Tractor Maintenance, Sprayer Calibrations and more.

## Farm Bill Discussions

The explanation of the 2018 Farm Bill will be offered during county meetings in the coming weeks. At this time no date has been set. Watch for dates, times and locations of meetings in the area.

The 2018 Farm Bill will require Ohio farmers and landowners to make decisions about enrollment in commodity safety net programs in 2019 for crop years 2019 and 2020. After that an annual decision will be made. Farms that do not make a decision will be enrolled in the program they enrolled in during 2014.

## 2019 Perennial School

The Perennial School will be celebrating year 25 on April 11, 2019. This annual event will be at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$40 for the entire day if you register prior to April 1. Registration after April 1 is \$50. Registration includes a



continental breakfast, catered buffet lunch and handouts. To register go to [Clermont.osu.edu](http://Clermont.osu.edu) or call 513-732-7070. Payable by cash, check or money order to "OSU Extension Clermont." Please return registration form with payment to PO Box 670, Owensville, OH 45160 by April 1. Sorry no refunds.

### **Dates to Remember**

March 23 Adams Co. Cattlemen's Banquet.

April 13 Ohio Tobacco Museum Reverse Raffle at Ripley Elem. School. Tickets still available.