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## **Lady Landlord Program**

I get calls from time to time from widows who still have the farm that their late husband took care of. He may have been farming up until the time of his passing or he had retired and was leasing or renting it out to another producer. In either case, he “took care” of it. In many instances, the lady now needs to know more of how to deal with the farm for the future, and in some cases that is right now.

If that is your situation, you may want to look at this program coming up in Wilmington in the next couple of weeks. If this is your situation, but it is not urgent, you may want to contact me. I can help you with some things, but I would like to also know if you would be interested in a program like this in the coming months here in Adams County. Please call the OSU Extension Office and let Barbie know you would be interested in a Lady Landlord Program. If there is enough interest, I will try to pull such a program together. Here are the details for the upcoming program in Wilmington.

A Lady Landlord program is set for Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Clinton County Extension Community room, 111 S. Nelson Ave., Wilmington, Ohio 45177 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon. This interactive workshop is intended to provide women landowners with the confidence, skills, and resources necessary to interact with tenants, and ensure the integrity of their land is preserved for future generations.

Topics for the day will include addressing the risks of leasing, verbal versus written leases, nuts and bolts of a lease, communicating with your tenant, negotiation process and skills, factors that affect the rental rate and more.

This workshop speakers include Peggy Hall, Director of the OSU Agricultural & Resource Law Program, Beth Scheckelhoff, Tony Nye, and Chris Bruynis who serve as County Extension Educators.

Cost for the Lady Landlord program is \$5.00. RSVP with payment to OSU Extension, 111 S. Nelson Ave, Suite 2, Wilmington, OH 45177 office by October 26, 2018. Please visit [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu) for a registration flyer or contact Tony Nye with questions by calling 937-382-0901 or emailing me at [nye.1@osu.edu](mailto:nye.1@osu.edu)

## **More on Frosted Forages**

I have had some phone calls and questions concerning frosted forages that I have written about for the past couple of weeks. It seems Johnsongrass has had a very good year. It is everywhere and it had lots of growth. Yes, it is a weed that we DO NOT want, but it does have nutritional value and can be decent feed. However, it is on the noxious weed list and it spreads like crazy.

As far as having it in an area where livestock are grazing, it has some danger issues. As I have said in the past couple of weeks, it can be toxic after a frost. It has can cause issues when we are extremely dry in a drought. Well that is not a problem in 2018, however, just so you know, it does take up



nitrogen, and can be an issue when other grasses are short and struggling, Johnsongrass will be lush. Livestock will feed on it, and it can be fatal. We are not in a drought in Southern Ohio, so let's focus on the frosted issues.

We have had some light frosts, some areas may have seen colder temperatures than others, but the entire area has most likely been below 32 degrees. When Johnsongrass is frosted on it damages the cells of the plant. This would also occur when mowing the plants, so mowing and immediate feeding would also pose a risk to livestock. When the cells of the plant are damaged, they release a gas. This is what causes the problem. Once the plant is completely dried the risk is gone. Do not rush this, as a less than dead plant could still have risks. This is especially true with younger plants. Older plants could be white and appear dead, but new shoots may come from the ground until we get cold enough to kill the plant. These new shoots, if in a grazing area, could pose a threat in a week or two when we get another frost. In a hay situation, make sure the hay is dry and wait at least a couple of weeks before feeding.

### **Dates to Remember**

- October 25 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the United Producers Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m. Call 393-3424 to register prior to the event. Meal starts an hour prior.
- November 19 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Third Monday versus the normal second Monday of the month due to Veteran's Day on November 12. Please pre-register at <http://pested.osu.edu> or call the Ohio Dept. of Ag at 800-282-1955.