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Hemp Informational Meeting

The HOT TOPIC right now in this area is HEMP. With the plots in the ground near the Adams County Airport, we do have something to see. This crop was planted way past the normal date for the crop to mature, however it will give us something to start with.

There have been lots of questions about growing hemp in Ohio. Those questions are wide open. Some want to know about actual production, some want to know about markets, some want to know about the budgets, some want to know about the permits, and on and on. As I said a week or so ago in this column, there are many more questions than there are answers.

Here are some of the questions that I can answer. First of all there are no pesticides labeled at this time. Second, hemp can be grown for CBD oils, grain or fiber. Third it is not marijuana.

Do you want more answers? If you answered yes, here is the opportunity to ask and hopefully get more answers than I provided above. I have scheduled an informational meeting for Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center on Lloyd Road in the cafeteria. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Due to this being new to everyone, I have no idea how many may want to attend. Space is limited to 150 people. For that reason you will be required to PRE-REGISTER by Friday, September 27 by calling the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. The number is 544-2339.

The meeting will feature Dr. Bob Pearce from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Pearce has been to Adams County a number of times over the years. Dr. Pearce and I have done tobacco research together and he has headed up the GAP trainings for most of the tobacco growers in recent years. Dr. Pearce is still a tobacco specialist, but he is also heading up the Hemp Program at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Pearce will discuss the research done in recent years at UK in producing hemp. Planting rates, fertilizer rates, weed control and much more.

The second part of the program will feature David Miran, Executive Director of the Hemp Program with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. David will cover rulemaking and licensure requirements for producing hemp in Ohio.

This should be a very informative meeting and a great opportunity to ask questions and get some answers. I stress some answers because we do not have all of the answers just yet. Keep in mind extension is involved in research and then we relay information to farmers. It will take a few years to get up to speed on some of the issues that farmers will face with this crop that has not been legal in Ohio for several decades. This meeting will give everyone a start to build on.

With that said, again, I have no idea how many people to plan for so pre-registration is a must. Showing up to a full room and not being able to get in to see or hear would not be good, so please call ahead. Register by 4:00 on Friday, September 27. Call the OSU Extension office at 544-2339.



Jr. Fair Beef BBQ

As always, the Adams County Junior Fair Beef BBQ will be held on the first Thursday in September. This year that falls on September 5 and will be held at the Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center on Lloyd Road.

The meal will be dine-in or carryout. An adult meal will consist of 2 sandwiches and sides, while the children's meal only has one sandwich with the sides. Corbitt Phipps will always recommend the adult meal. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will go until 7:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 5 Adams County Jr. Fair Beef BBQ at the Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center. Carryout or dine in starting at 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Pesticide exams at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Pre-register at <http://pested.osu.edu> or call the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture at 800-282-1955. **Note:** for October and November the exam dates will change to the third Monday of the month due to Columbus Day and Veterans Day falling on the second Monday of both months.
- Sept. 14 Adams Co. Cattlemen Feeder Calf Show at Adams Co. Fairgrounds.
- Sept. 17-19 Farm Science Review. Tickets are available at the OSU Extension Offices.
- Sept. 23-28 Brown Co. Fair
- Oct. 1 Hemp Informational Meeting at Ohio Valley CTC at 6:30 p.m. Must pre-register by calling 544-2339 no later than September 27. Space is limited.