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Certificate for Fertilizer Application

I have talked about SB 150 several times over the past few months. This is the bill, now law, which addresses the application of commercial fertilizers. With the recent issues on Lake Erie and the Toledo area, things may speed up a bit on this issue. We will be offering training and the opportunity to get a certification in the coming months.

For individuals who already hold a pesticide license this will be combined with that training and there will be no additional fee for obtaining this certificate. Like the pesticide license, it will be good for 3 years before you will need re-certified. For those who need this, but do not have a pesticide license, there will be the same \$30 charge for the 3 years that pesticide license holders currently pay. I have more details about who needs this certification next week.

Beware of Yellow Jackets

There are lots of festivals and fairs yet to go in the coming weeks. Last week during the Highland Co. Fair I noticed a few yellow jackets around a trash can when I dropped in a Pepsi can. It is the time of the year that Yellow Jackets are looking for sugar. They can be dangerous, particular with drinks that come in cans. They may actually crawl into the can and when you tip the can for a drink you could get a sting. Be cautious, especially with kids to try to prevent a sting.

Shrimp Harvests Opportunities

People are always looking for something new. The next two weekends may offer that opportunity. Lots of us like to eat shrimp, but raising shrimp is a different story. Local harvests are the next two weekends.

It is hard to believe, but this will be the 12th Annual Shrimp Harvest at the Ratliff Farm. The dates have been set for two Saturdays. The dates are September 13 and 20. Both days will get started around 11:30 p.m. with the actual harvesting of the shrimp. The sale of fresh shrimp will begin around 1:00 p.m. at the farm located on John Woods Road, which can be accessed from US 62 between Ash Ridge and Macon, or from SR32 just west of the Adams/Brown County line. Be sure to bring your coolers with ice for the safe transport of the shrimp to your home.

Farm Bill Meetings

There will be several opportunities to attend a Farm Bill Meeting in the coming months. For the most part these meetings will be after the first of the year in January through March of 2015. However the Dairy portion will need to be taken care of before that. I believe the dairy decisions will need to be made in November. The plan is to have 3 meetings in the 10 counties that make up the Ohio Valley EERA (Extension Educational Research Area). We are looking at one meeting in Jackson. The other two will be in West Union and somewhere in the Hillsboro area. The meeting dates will be in October.

The Jackson date is October 9. The meeting in West Union will be on Thursday, October 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Frisch's in West Union. YOU NEED TO PRE-REGISTER by calling the Adams Co. Extension Office at 544-2339. The location for the Hillsboro area meeting will be at the Farm Service Agency starting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22. To register for this meeting, please call the Highland Co. Extension Office at 393-1918.

Keep in mind these early meetings are just for the Dairy Producers in our area. Regardless of which meeting you plan to attend, please pre-register at least 2 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Farm Science Review Tickets

LAST DAY to buy tickets at the OSU Extension Offices is September 15. Farm Science Review tickets are available at all of our OSU Extension Offices while supplies last. The FSR is September 16-18 this year and the ticket prices remain the same. Ten dollars at the gate or you can get them for \$7 in advance at the Extension office, or other locations that offer the advanced purchase of tickets. For more information about the Farm Science Review go to <http://fsr.osu.edu>

Dates to Remember

September 16-18	Farm Science Review
September 22 -27	Brown County Fair

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