

Conservation In Action

Spring 2024

Your Soil & Water Conservation Specialists!

Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

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Mission: Providing leadership to educate and assist landowners in the wise management of our natural resources.





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H2Ohio Program available to Coshocton County Farmers

Governor DeWine's water quality initiative providing cost share to develop Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (VNMP) is being expanded statewide. There will also be additional cost share for implementation of the VNMP if the producer wishes to do so.

The following documentation will be needed to sign up:

- · Maps of all fields that will be included in the plan
- Soil test results, no older than 4 years, with a maximum of 25 acres per sample
- An email address

Sign up will begin on April 22, 2024 and will continue until the allotted acreage is exhausted. Coshocton County has been allotted 5000 acres with a cap of 500 acres per producer. Plans may be written by an ag retailer, an independent crop consultant, or by the producer. **Coshocton SWCD will be administering the program locally and will not be writing plans.**

Please Contact Zach Wallace at Coshocton SWCD, (740)622-8087 x 4 with program questions.



SWCD's New Arrivals

Left: Samantha and Kyle Daugherty's son Scott was born in November, pictured with his sister Mackenzie (age 2).

Right: Michaela Savage and her husband Austin welcomed their son Hayden in March.

At the time this was printed, Kelsey Saylor and her family were awaiting the arrival of a baby girl, due any day!





Overview for Ohio Producers

H2Ohio was first made available to producers in the Western Lake Erie Basin in 2019. Since then, more than 2,600 producers have enrolled 1.8 million acres into voluntary conservation practices that are improving Ohio's waters.



H2Ohio is Governor DeWine's statewide water quality initiative designed to address complex issues impacting Ohio's waters. Launched in 2019, H2Ohio uses a comprehensive approach guided by science and data to reduce algal blooms, stop pollution, and improve access to clean drinking water by supporting best farming practices, road salt runoff reduction, litter cleanup, dam removal, land conservation, and water infrastructure revitalization.

OVERVIEW

Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) H2Ohio program is designed to reduce nutrient runoff by incentivizing producers to implement science-based, proven best management practices (BMPs) on the farm.

ODA's incentive program was first made available to producers in the Western Lake Erie Basin and is now expanding to counties statewide. ODA has a close partnership with SWCDs across Ohio to provide technical assistance, administer program contracts, and assist producers in implementing BMPs.

BENEFITS

H2Ohio provides producers cost-saving benefits with financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices that are proven to improve soil health and water quality.

Eligible producers can enroll acreage into a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) and earn a \$10/acre incentive for VNMP development and approval. Producers can also earn incentives of \$10/acre (Basic) or \$15/acre (Precision) for VNMP implementation.

ELIGIBILITY

Agricultural, row-crop producers who farm outside of the Western Lake Erie Basin.

HOW TO ENROLL

Please visit your local Soil and Water Conservation District for more information.



For more information visit h2.ohio.gov/



Pasture Walks Scheduled

There are two Pasture Walks planned for 2024. The first is on **Tuesday**, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rick Haines farm and the second is Tuesday, August 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Travis Hahn farm.

The address for the June Pasture Walk is 29392 County Road 22, Warsaw, OH 43844 and it will feature beef cattle management. The August Pasture Walk address is 23794 County Road 93, Fresno, OH 43824. This date will highlight goat production. There will be signs posted to help you find the

farm for both events. We hope you will join us for these events where you will hear directly from the landowners about their operations and get ideas to use on your farm. Reservations are not required. If you would like more information or to receive a postcard for pasture walks please call us at (740)622-8087 x 4.

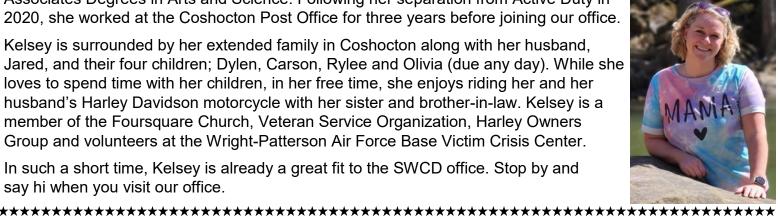
Welcome Kelsey Saylor

Please welcome the new face at the office, Kelsey Saylor. She accepted the Administrative Assistant position in January. Kelsey spent her childhood living in Coshocton County and joined the U.S. Navy when she was 16 years old. She left for boot camp after graduation in 2010 and traveled the world during her 11 years of Active Duty and 3 years and counting as a Navy Reservist. During her service, Kelsey obtained two

Associates Degrees in Arts and Science. Following her separation from Active Duty in 2020, she worked at the Coshocton Post Office for three years before joining our office.

Kelsey is surrounded by her extended family in Coshocton along with her husband, Jared, and their four children; Dylen, Carson, Rylee and Olivia (due any day). While she loves to spend time with her children, in her free time, she enjoys riding her and her husband's Harley Davidson motorcycle with her sister and brother-in-law. Kelsey is a member of the Foursquare Church, Veteran Service Organization, Harley Owners Group and volunteers at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Victim Crisis Center.

In such a short time, Kelsey is already a great fit to the SWCD office. Stop by and say hi when you visit our office.



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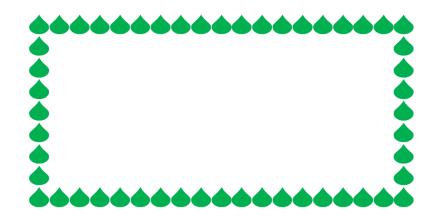
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Annual Ag Day Celebration Luncheon

Tuesday, March 19, was National Ag Day and agriculture was the center of attention at the Ag Day Celebration Luncheon at the Pavilion at Lake Park with 103 attendees. Schumaker Farms catered a delicious meal for the event. Special thanks to Farm Credit Mid-America for paying for meeting facilities and to the Coshocton SWCD for supplementing the cost of the meal for participants.

Emily Marrison from OSU Extension welcomed guests and served as emcee for the event. Leah Allan And Brianna Karr from River View FFA recited the FFA Creed for those attending. The theme for the event was "Nurturing our Soil, Water, and Air."

The guest speaker was Amy Porteus of LB Porteus Farms. She spoke about the new beef raising facility that the Porteus family built to replace their 50 year old beef lot. The new facility was built to maximize cow comfort while minimizing the labor and carbon footprint. It is designed to house 900 animals with the same amount of labor as the old facility that

housed 200. An automated system feeds the cattle and they have solar panels on site to provide most of their electricity. They are also using relatively new technology to reduce the emissions from their manure storage.

The annual luncheon is hosted by Farm Credit Mid-America, OSU Extension, and the Coshocton SWCD.



Calendar of Events

April 19 Tree Sale Order Pick Up, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

> **April 24** Area 3 Envirothon, Perry County

May 8 SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

June 12 SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

June 18First Farm Friday Volunteer
Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

June 25Pasture Walk, 6:30 p.m.

July 10 SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.