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Spring 2024

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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.

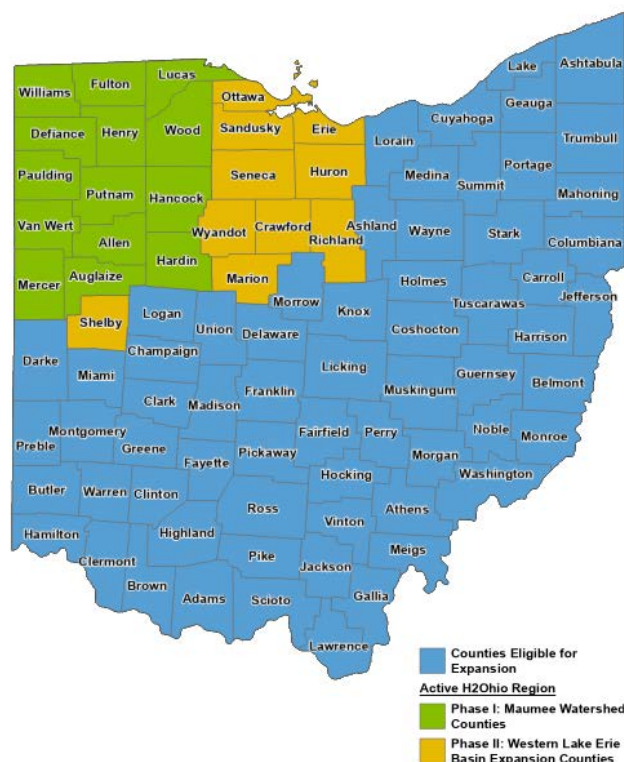
Eligible producers can enroll acreage into a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) and earn a \$10/acre incentive for VNMP development and approval. Producers can also earn incentives of \$10/acre (Basic) or \$15/acre (Precision) for VNMP implementation.

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.



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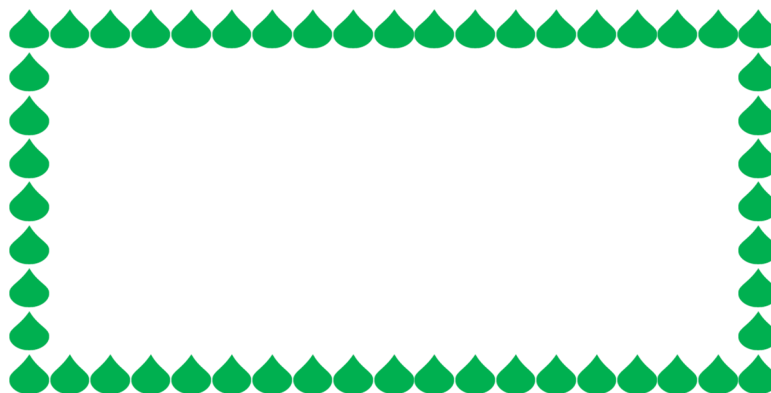


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Annual Ag Day Celebration Luncheon

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

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

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