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**Spring
2026**
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Mission: Providing leadership to educate and assist landowners in the wise management of our natural resources.

National Ag Day 2026: A Celebration of Agriculture and Community

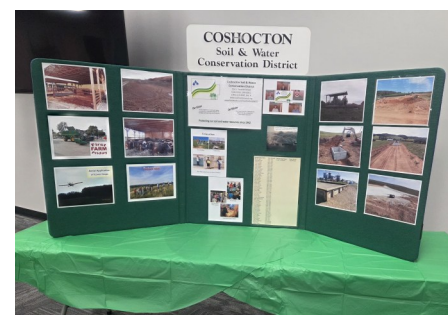
On March 17th, community members gathered to observe National Agriculture Day, a yearly event dedicated to recognizing the important role farmers and agribusinesses play in our daily lives. The celebration highlighted the deep connections within our local agricultural industry and the people who keep it thriving.

The event featured a meal prepared by Schumaker Farms, showcasing locally produced foods in a true farm-to-table style. Attendees enjoyed a relaxed and welcoming environment while visiting with producers, agricultural partners, and other members of the community.

A key part of the program was a presentation centered around the 250th anniversary theme, Agriculture: Together We Grow. Guest speaker Aaron Wilson, Ag Weather and Climate Field Specialist with The Ohio State University, provided an in-depth look at recent weather patterns affecting Ohio agriculture. He discussed temperature and precipitation trends from the past growing season, noting how shifting weather extremes continue to influence planting decisions, crop development, and overall farm management.

National Ag Day is an opportunity to recognize agriculture's far-reaching impact—from producing food, fiber, and fuel to supporting local economies and strengthening rural communities. Coshocton SWCD is proud to support this annual event and honor those who work every day to sustain agriculture.

We extend our appreciation to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this year's luncheon. Your involvement helps shine a light on the importance of agriculture in our community and beyond!



Funding Remains: Soil Testing Cost Share Program Now Extended

Over the past year, Coshocton SWCD has assisted 16 of the 32 enrolled local producers in receiving cost share reimbursement for updated soil tests, some of which had not been updated in over 10 years. Due to remaining available funding, the program will continue on a first come, first served basis and will remain open until all funds have been fully allocated.

The program provides cost share reimbursement to qualified applicants for completing new soil tests. Using H2Ohio grant funding distributed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), applicants may apply at the Coshocton SWCD office to be reimbursed for the cost of soil sample analysis. This program is designed to provide a simple way to assist producers in updating soil tests, while also promoting awareness of proper sampling methods and the interpretation of soil test results.

Eligible acres must be in active production agriculture (row crop, hay, or pasture) as determined by Coshocton SWCD staff. Once an application is approved, participants will have 12 months to collect and submit soil samples for analysis. Only new soil samples will be eligible for reimbursement; samples collected in 2023 or later will not qualify, as they are still considered current.



The cost-share program will reimburse 100% of actual costs based on submitted receipts, up to \$17.00 per soil sample and a maximum of \$2,000 per applicant. Soil sampling procedures must follow the NRCS Nutrient Management Standard (590) which states:

- Samples should be pulled at a depth of 8 inches
- Samples should not represent more than 25 acres per sample. If using Zone management no more than 12 acres per sample. If using Grid management no more than 6 acres per sample.
- For soil test analysis, use laboratories successfully meeting the requirements and performance standards of the North American Proficiency Testing Program under the guidance of the Soil Science Society of America and NRCS.

For more information or to enroll in the program, please visit the Coshocton SWCD office. Applications will be accepted until all available funding has been expended.

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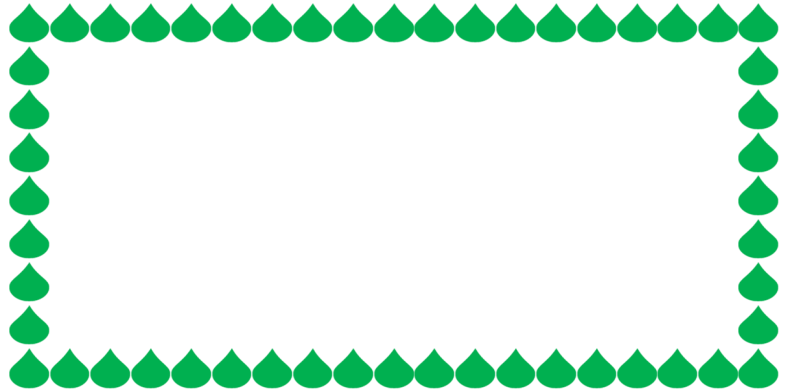
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Walk the Pasture, Grow Your Knowledge

This summer, Coshocton SWCD, will host two pasture walks focused on innovative grazing systems, livestock management, and on-farm water and pasture practices.



June 23, 6:30p.m.: Bruce Stevens-Rock Hill Farms - 17975 TR 65 Coshocton, OH 43812

Plan to explore the various ways Bruce Stevens and family have developed and distributed water, including spring developments with gravity-fed delivery and a pressure system operating off a well. Also, discuss drought challenges and the management of two herds—one owned by Bruce and one by his son, Buster.

August 25, 6:30p.m.: Larry & Todd Endsley-Martin Farm - 25513 TR 322 Coshocton, OH 43812

Hear from Larry and Todd Endsley as they walk through their seven-paddock rotational grazing system, discuss cropland conversion after one year of pasture establishment, explore the flexibility of grazable hay fields, and share winter feeding insights.

Reservations are appreciated but not required. Water and light snacks will be provided. Coshocton SWCD extends a sincere thank you to Bruce, Larry and Todd for hosting! If you would like more information or to receive a postcard for pasture walks, please call us at (740)622-8087 x 4 or email kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net.



2026 Save the Dates:

Pasture Walk June 23	First Farm Friday August 7	Pasture Walk August 25	84th Annual Meeting October 15	Fall Foliage Tour October 17 & 18
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More information on these events will be in later newsletters.

Calendar of Events

May 7
Field Discovery Day,
Wills Creek Dam

May 13
SWCD Board Meeting,
8:00 p.m.

June 1-3
Ohio Envirothon,
Franciscan University

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

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

June 23
Pasture Walk,
6:30 p.m.

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