Small Farm Conference and Trade Show

Hello Small Farm Enthusiast!

This intensive conference will give you the opportunity to choose from different seminars taught by Extension professionals and industry leaders on a wide variety of agricultural enterprises. A tradeshow representing the many industries servicing small farms will be present for you to visit during Saturday hours.

This year we have planned three Friday Afternoon workshops. These hands-on “In the Field” workshops will focus on Fence and Pasture Management, Specialty Crop Production Techniques, and Woodlands Management.

Saturday’s agenda will provide opportunities for you to attend the informative sessions of your choosing. Saturday’s program will begin at 7:45 am with registration, the trade show, and morning refreshments.

Online registration and session details are available at:

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS - “In the Field”
Meeting at 2:00 pm at 1590 Fife Avenue, Wilmington
for descriptions go to:
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- Fence and Pasture Management
- Specially Crop Production Techniques – hoop house management, irrigation and vegetable grafting
- Woodlands Management

SATURDAY SESSIONS - for descriptions go to:
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Super Session – GAP Session for Fruit and Vegetable Production 9:30 a.m. to Noon
This super session will cover good agricultural practices or ‘GAPs’, which help reduce the risk of on-farm produce contamination. Some of the subjects covered in this 3 hour program will include: Foodborne illness, How contamination can occur, Water safety, Soil safety, Good handling practices, Hands and hygiene, Ideas for traceability on the farm, Records, Standard operating procedures

Attending the OSU GAPs class does not equate to being ‘GAPs Certified’

TRACK 1: FARM MANAGEMENT
1. 9:30 AM: Switching from Labor to Management
   - Dave Marrison, OSU Extension
2. 10:45 AM: Keeping the Farm in the Family
   - Dave Marrison, OSU Extension
3. 1:15 PM: Decision to Lease or Purchase
   - Larry Gearheardt, OSU Extension
4. 2:30 PM: Farm Finances FAQ’s – Panel Discussion with the Experts

TRACK 2: LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
5. 9:30 AM: Expanding the Beef Herd for Profitability
   - Jeff Fisher, OSU Extension
6. 10:45 AM: Poultry Processing
   - Guy Ashmore, Local producer
7. 1:15 PM: Raising Meat Chickens and Turkeys
   - Guy Ashmore, Local producer
8. 2:30 PM: Sheep and Goat Management 101
   - Roger High, OSU Sheep Specialist

TRACK 3: FOOD BUSINESS/MARKETING
10. 10:45 AM: Consumer Trends and Small Farm Opportunities – Stan Ernst, OSU Extension
11. 1:15 PM: Selling Meat, Eggs & Produce
    - Emily Adams, OSU Extension
12. 2:30 PM: Local, Organic, Natural... What do Consumers Really Want? – Stan Ernst, OSU Extension

TRACK 4: FORAGES AND PASTURES
15. 1:15 PM: Hay Quality and Forage Comparison
    - Ted Wiseman, OSU Extension
16. 2:30 PM: Meeting Animal Nutritional Requirements on Pasture – Troyce Barnett, NRCS State Grassland Specialist

TRACK 5: FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
17. 9:30 AM: Fertility Management of Small Fruits
    - Erik Draper, OSU Extension
18. 10:45 AM: Vegetable Crop Nutrient Management
    - Erik Draper, OSU Extension
19. 1:15 PM: Tree Fruit Production—Will It Fit Your Operation? - Erik Draper, OSU Extension

TRACK 6: ORGANIC
20. 9:30 AM: Organic Certification Process
    - Eric Pawlowski & Milo Petruziello, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA)
22. 2:30 PM: Organic Q & A – Guy Ashmore and Bob Henson, Local Organic Producers, & Eric Pawlowski & Milo Petruziello, (OEFFA)

TRACK 7: MISCELLANEOUS
23. 10:45 AM: Using “Free” Labor on Your Farm: Laws You Need to Know – Peggy Hall, OSU Extension
24. 1:15 PM: An Introduction to Aquaponics
    - Laura Tiu, OSU Aquaculture Specialist
25. 2:30 PM: Should you be an LLC? Legal Considerations for Organizing Your Business – Peggy Hall, OSU Extension