



# Ag NEWS AND VIEWS

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*For Crawford County's Agricultural Producers and Stewards of the Land*



*Farmers Helping Farmers*

## Farmers Helping Farmers group will speak at the Crawford SWCD and Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

All are welcome to join the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District and the Crawford County Farm Bureau for their combined annual meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. It will be held at The Pickwick Place, 1875 N Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$10.00. They must be reserved by September 5th.

The Crawford SWCD supervisor election will be begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:45 p.m. All Crawford County residents who are a minimum of 18-years of age are eligible to vote in the SWCD election. Residents can register at the door in order to receive a ballot. Any eligible voter may vote in the Crawford SWCD supervisor election and leave without purchasing a ticket. Non-resident landowners may vote by filing a notarized affidavit (SEL-8) form certifying land ownership prior to registering to vote.

This year, the Farm Bureau business meeting will be held from 5:45 – 6:20 pm and will include minutes, policies, & trustee elections. All Crawford County Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be

catered by Kountry Katering with baked steak and chicken cordon bleu, hash brown casserole, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee. A combined SWCD conservation slide show and Farm Bureau slide show will run during the dinner hour.

This year's featured speakers are the Farmers Helping Farmers group; the group that organized the Kansas wildfire victims' assistance. In March of 2017, deadly wildfires swept through the west. Farmers everywhere felt for the plights of the impacted ranchers and looked for ways to help. A large group from Crawford County joined the efforts and helped to organize a hay and supply drive and traveled to Ashland, Kansas, to rebuild fence. Several of the team members who served will share their perspectives on the experience and reflect on lessons learned from the project.

The events following dinner include the SWCD outstanding cooperators award sponsored by Ag Credit, Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program buffer award, affiliate members' recognition, the Farm Bureau recognitions and awards, and the Crawford SWCD and Farm Bureau election results.

Plan now to attend. Contact the SWCD office at 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, Ohio at [419-562-8280 extension 3](tel:419-562-8280); the Crawford County Farm Bureau office at [1-800-327-6055](tel:1-800-327-6055); or get your tickets from one of the ticket sellers in your neighborhood.

### Crawford SWCD & Crawford Co. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Tickets are on Sale Now

Tickets for the 2017 Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District and Crawford County Farm Bureau annual meeting cost \$10.00. They may be purchased from the following individuals: Ben Ackerman, Nathan Brause, Megan Brown, Tom Daiber, Alex & Brandie Finney, Annie Gosser, Mike Hall, Jason Hartschuh, Paul E. Hartschuh, Rose Hartschuh, Janel Hord, Marvin James, Becca Kocher, Matt Lutz, Sandy Lyons, Liz Miller, Tom Miller, Floyd Reinhart, Morgan Scheffler, Joyce Schimpf, Mike Shell, Mark Shumaker, Charles & Sandi Stockmaster, Zach Stuckey, Louise Ulmer, Brad Van Voorhis, Ashley Weaver, the Crawford SWCD office, and the Crawford County Farm Bureau office at 1-800-327-6055.

You can also reserve your tickets for pick up at the door by mailing your payment to the SWCD office with a note stating for whom the tickets should be reserved. Tickets must be reserved by September 5th.

## Neighbor to Neighbor Conservation Series

Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a workshop series which will highlight a few unique operations around our county in the Conservation and Ag fields! Join us for one or all of the workshops. Each evening will begin at the farm/residence and last no more than two hours. Each will offer information, a tour, and a chance for questions and answers.

### • The Buzz on Bees

- Tuesday August 15th at 6:30 P.M.
- 2767 Brokensword Rd, Bucyrus
- The Miller Family will be sharing with us all about their current 30 hive honey bee operation. You will have the chance to learn about basic bee keeping, exploring a hive, honey extraction, bottling and get a chance to tour the honey kitchen!
- There will be an opportunity to purchase their honey products.

### • The Edible Landscapes

- Tuesday September 19th at 6:30 P.M.
- 2255 Shafer Rd, Bucyrus
- Bruce and Joyce Clinger will be sharing with us all about their edible landscape and small space gardening. We will have a chance to tour the farm and see how they provide fresh, organic small fruits and vegetables.
- There will be an opportunity to purchase their produce.

### • Small Scale Livestock Production

- Tuesday October 17th at 6:30 P.M.
- 980 Brokensword Rd, Sycamore
- Mike and Angie Hall will be sharing tips on successfully raising livestock on a small scale. Their farm base is on pastured, grass-fed livestock, consisting of meat goats, poultry and swine. Learn how to raise livestock on small acreage that is affordable and delicious.

Contact the Crawford SWCD for questions or to register for one or all of these workshops, by calling our office at 419-562-8280 ext. 3, emailing [diane.sand@oh.nacdnet.net](mailto:diane.sand@oh.nacdnet.net) or stop in at 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus. Registration is due the Friday before each workshop date.

The spring series dates will be February 20th, March 20th and April 17th-topics to follow at a later date.

## Crawford SWCD Supervisor Election to be Held on September 12th

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in the Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, firm, or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. Contact the Crawford SWCD office for more information and the proper forms.



This year two (2) supervisors will be elected to the Crawford SWCD Board of Supervisors.

These are three-year terms of office commencing January 1, 2018. The candidates for election are Donna Conley, Larry Leonhardt, Adam Spiegel and Andrew John Wyderka. The terms of Rose Hartschuh and Tom Miller expire on December 31st, 2017.

The election will take place on September 12, 2017 at the Crawford SWCD office from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and at the annual meeting held at The Pickwick Place, 1875 North Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Residents just have to register at the door in order to receive a ballot.

Those unable to vote on September 12th may vote by absentee ballot beginning August 22nd. Contact the Soil and Water office at 419-562-8280 extension 3, or check our website at [www.crawfordswcd.org](http://www.crawfordswcd.org) for details.

## Plan Now for Fall Cover Crop Success

Now is the time to be planning your fall cover crop lineup – where are they to be planted, what is being planted and when will it be planted - are all questions to be answering now.



What is the next year's cash crop that you are planning in those fields? If the next crop is soybeans, cereal rye is the front running cover crop. Plant cereal rye at a rate of 1 bushel per acre if drilling or for broadcast applications (including airplane or high clearance applications) rates should be increased to 1 ¼ bushel. For those who like a little variety, try mixing in 2-3 lbs/ac brassicas (rapeseed, turnips, radish, etc.) or 4-5 lbs/ac clovers with your cereal rye cover crop, use the higher rate if broadcasting. Cereal rye can be planted through October, if adding clover or brassicas to the mix planting should be completed by mid- September.

If your next crop is corn, consider planting legumes such as clovers, hairy vetch or peas. Red clover and crimson clover are popular clovers to plant and should be planted at 12 and 9 lbs/ac respectively. Hairy vetch can be planted at 15 lbs/ac and winter pea at 35-40 lbs/ac. If you want variety, combinations of these three do very well together. If mixing two cut the rate of each in half and if mixing all three cut it in thirds. These cover crops are best drilled or broadcast and incorporated after soybean harvest and before mid-September. As with any legume, inoculants are required and should be used. Make sure that the inoculant you use is for the cover crop you have selected, there is a difference. Most seed coated products contain the proper inoculant in the coating but making sure is still a good idea.

An important issue to consider when planning cover crops is your current herbicide program. Herbicide carryover can be a serious issue with cover crop establishment. Check the label or refer to your agronomist to determine what effect your herbicide program could have on establishing your cover crops. This is especially critical if you are applying the cover crop into a standing crop, prior to harvest, that may

have enough residue left to kill a young cover crop seedling. A little investigating and planning in this area can prevent a disaster later. This a must do item in selecting your cover crop species to plant.

If you have further questions or if you are interested in starting a cover crop program on your farm, contact the Crawford SWCD/NRCS office at [419-562-8280](tel:419-562-8280) ext. 3. Some producers may be eligible to receive incentive payments to plant cover crops this fall. Call for eligibility requirements.

## LAST CHANCE for Fall GLRI Grant Opportunities

Landowners may still receive incentive payments for the following practices through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant in the Sycamore Creek and Brokensword Creek Watersheds in Crawford County. Eligible landowners may receive incentive payments for completing conservation practices on their farms that target reduced nutrient and sediment losses from crop fields. Incentive payments are based on 90% of the cost to install, not to exceed certain maximum payments. The following practices and associated incentives are eligible:

- Cover Crops - \$40/ac max incentive, 150 acre maximum, must be winter hardy.
- Grid soil sampling - \$20/ac max incentive
- Blind Tile Surface Inlet - \$2,500 max payment.
- Drainage Water Management - \$300/ac max incentive, \$6,000 maximum, includes tile.
- Phosphorous Reduction practices - \$30-\$40/ac maximum, may include tile main repairs

Interested individuals should contact the Crawford SWCD office at [419-562-8280](tel:419-562-8280) for more information. Certain eligibility requirements do apply. Don't hesitate, call today, funding is limited as we wrap up this grant.



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**Calendar of Events**

August 8th: Spotlight on WQEL at 9:00 A.M.  
 August 9th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 4:30 P.M.  
 August 15th: Neighbor to Neighbor: The Buzz on Bees, 6:30 P.M. 2767 Brokensword Rd, Bucyrus  
 August 17th: Look for our office in the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Parade  
 September 4th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Labor Day Holiday  
 September 7th: High School Forestry Contest, Camp Michael  
 September 12th: Spotlight on WQEL at 9:00 A.M.  
 September 12th: Crawford SWCD Annual Meeting  
 September 13th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 4:30 P.M.  
 September 19th: Neighbor to Neighbor: The Edible Landscapes, 6:30 P.M. 2255 Shater Rd, Bucyrus  
 September 21st: County Soil Judging – Crawford County  
 September 28th: District Soil Judging – Crawford County  
 October 9th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Columbus Day  
 October 10th: Spotlight on WQEL at 9:00 A.M.  
 October 11th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting at 4:30 P.M.  
 October 17th: Neighbor to Neighbor: Small Scale Livestock, 6:00 P.M. 980 Brokensword Rd., Sycamore.  
 \*Contact the office by the end of November to obtain old cooperators records, prior to 1990 that pertain to your land.