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Winter Newsletter

February 2016

Eastern Ohio Grazing Council

February 25-Carrollton Ponderosa

Basic Pasture Scoring-Part Two

Plant Physiology

March 24-Carrollton Ponderosa

Basic Pasture Scoring-Part Three

Weed Control

Field Scouting Techniques and Tips

April 28-Carroll County

Peter Harrison Farm

Getting Started in Rotational Grazing

May 26-Stark County

Sandy Solomon Farm– Topics TBD

June 18-Carroll County

Soil Health Field Day combined with CPP

Benefits of soil health and practices

July 28-Columbiana County

Nickel Farm– Topics TBD

August 25-Harrison County

Location and Topics TBD

September 22-Carroll County

Watering Systems

Conservation Stewardship Program

October 27-Jefferson County

Fall Forage

Solar Power System

Crop Production Partnership

February 18-FFA Camp Muskingum

OSU Extension Program: Tri-County Agronomy Day Pesticide Recertification and Fertilizer Certification

March 17-Harrison County

Soil Testing & Variable Rates

Cover Crop Termination

Handing Down the Family Farm

April 21-Tuscarawas County

Tour of Operation

Wildlife Damage

Cover Crop Termination

June 18-Carroll County

Soil Health Field Day combined with EOGC .
Benefits of soil health and practices.

July 21-Jefferson County

Contour Strips

Grassed Waterways

Weed Control

Pest Management

August 18-Mahoning County

Tour of Operation

Seed Selection

Planning for Fall Cover Crops

September 15-Stark County

Using Cover Crops for Forage

Manure Management

Changing your Crop Rotation

Backyard Food Production

March 1*

Low Tunnel Demonstration & Construction

Starting from Seed

Garden Types & Layout

April 5*

Rain Barrel Workshop

Rain Garden

Soil Testing

May 3*

Beginner Beekeeping

Pollinator Gardens

Insect Control

Bat Houses

June 7*

Canning

Properly Watering

Identifying Nutrient Deficiencies

Composting

July 4-9 Harrison County Fair Week*

Topics TBD for the week

September 6

Location & Topics TBD

*held at the Harrison County Fairgrounds

Welcome Matt to Harrison County



Matt Stooksbury comes to us from a small town in Morrow County, Ohio. He attended Wilmington College where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Agronomy. Also, Matt was a four year starter for the Quaker football program and was involved in other organizations such as: Collegiate 4-H, Aggies and Catalyst. After graduation, Matt went to work for the largest egg producing farm in Ohio. Now he is excited to begin his career with the Harrison SWCD. Matt will be performing CAUV compliance checks and assisting landowners with any educational or technical assistance needed.

So far, Matt has enjoyed meeting many new faces within the organization and landowners within the county. He is looking forward to meeting many more as he fulfills his duties.

HSWCD Tackles CAUV

For nearly a year Harrison Soil and Water Conservation District has been performing CAUV compliance checks throughout Harrison County. The Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program lets farmland owners have their parcels taxed to its value in agriculture rather than their full market value. In Harrison County alone there is over 110,000 acres enrolled in to CAUV.

This year, HSWCD has performed site checks on nearly 17,000 acres. "We are off to a great start!" says Technician, Matt Stooksbury. Site checks are a great way for the staff of HSWCD to be able to build relationships with landowners of Harrison County.

This program is greatly beneficial to farmers, but to qualify they must meet certain criteria set by the State of Ohio. If considering applying for CAUV you can do so at the county Auditor's office. Applications must be submitted between the first Monday in January and the first Monday in March.

Looking Through the Lens

Photo Categories:

- **Wildlife Wonders:** wildlife of Harrison County, large or small
- **Faces of Agriculture:** faces of those who embodied agriculture
- **Scenic Overlook:** landscapes highlighting the beauty of Harrison Co.

Photo Guidelines:

- Photos can be color or black and white
- Pictures must have been taken during the year of 2015 or 2016
- Prints can be submitted as a 4x6 to the SWCD office or a digital copy by email (keila.telfer@hswcd.org) **by June 17, 2016**
- Each participant is limited to 3 entries per category
- Photos must be taken in Harrison County
- Winning photos will be displayed at the Harrison SWCD annual meeting and Harrison SWCD has the right to use photographs on any printed or digital material.

Each Submission Must :

- Include Name, Phone Number, and Category of Photo
- Photos must be free of watermarks or logos.

Final judging will be voted upon at the Harrison County fair July 4th-9th.



USDA Conservation Programs for 2016 Now Available in Ohio

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) now has 2016 Federal conservation program funds available for Ohio farmers and forestland owners.

Farmers and forestland owners may apply for funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at any time throughout the year, but application selections for funding are made at specific times. The first 2016 application deadline is **February 19**.

EQIP provides financial assistance for conservation management and structures (practices) and technical assistance to develop a conservation plan. The conservation plan and practices help agricultural producers and forestland owners improve the natural resources on their property. These practices also benefit the public by improving water quality, reducing soil erosion, improving soil health, wildlife habitat, and conserving energy. Landowners should make an appointment with their local NRCS office as soon as possible to begin the conservation planning process. The Harrison & Jefferson County NRCS office is located at 104 Firehouse Lane, Hopedale, Ohio 43976. You may reach Beth Krupczak, NRCS District Conservationist, at [\(740\) 937-2500 ext. 130](tel:7409372500) or email her at beth.krupczak@oh.usda.gov. General program information is available on the NRCS Ohio website at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov.



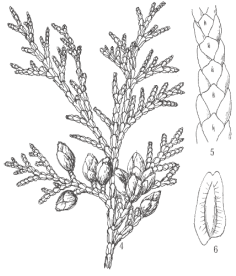
Dedicated EQIP funds are available for conservation practices targeting On-Farm Energy, Organic Systems, High Tunnel Systems, Honeybee and other wildlife habitat, as well as several landscape-based initiatives, including:

- Livestock EQIP – Livestock farmers statewide (includes pastured livestock)
- Cropland EQIP – Crop farmers statewide EXCEPT those farming in the Western Lake Erie Basin Watershed (future 2016 EQIP funding will be available for crop farmers in this watershed)
- Forestry EQIP – Private forestland owners statewide
- Southern Ohio Appalachian EQIP – Pasture operations in Adams, Athens, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington Counties
- Cerulean Warbler Regional Conservation Partnership Program RCPP (EQIP) – Tree planting on reclaimed mined land in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, and Washington Counties.

Additional EQIP funding will be available in 2016 for other landscape-based initiatives and priority natural resource issues. NRCS will post announcements of these future 2016 EQIP application ranking deadline dates on the Ohio NRCS website at <http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Tree Seedling Sale

Evergreens



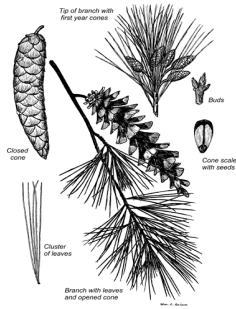
American Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis: Survives in a variety of conditions, long lived, medium sized. Makes for great windbreaks, animal habitat, and privacy.



Colorado Blue Spruce

Picea pungens: Slow growing, long lived, with dense foliage. Good for wind breaks, animal habitat, privacy.



Eastern White Pine

Pinus strobes: Occurs in a variety of conditions, prefers acidic, moist, deep soils. Good for bird nesting sites, windbreaks in younger trees.

Shrubs and Small Trees



PawPaw

Asimina triloba: Quick growing, small tree, prefers shade when young but not when older, produces maroon flowers in spring, browse resistant leaves. This tree produces large edible fruit. Can be difficult to establish but the payoff is well worth it.



Persimmon

Diospyros virginiana: Slow growing, medium sized tree, very versatile to site conditions. Consistent edible fruit production, high wildlife use, bright yellow fall color, white flower.



American Plum

Prunus americana: Fast growing, small tree/ large shrub, tolerates wide variety of soils and sites, prefers being open grown. Pale pink flowers in spring, medium sized edible fruit, very good animal habitat and food sources, can form thickets



American Hazelnut

Corylus americana: This large shrub prefers well drained sites, flowers early so will only have large nut crops every 4-5 years, prefers full sun. It is great habitat for birds but also provides edible nuts to humans. This tree is an important food source for a wide range of wildlife from grouse to deer.

Shrubs and Small Trees (continued)



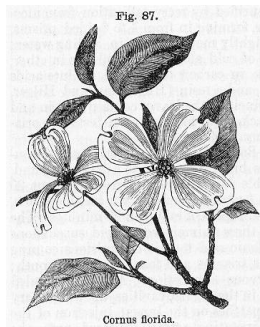
Domestic Apple

Malus domestica: This small tree will be medium lived and prefers soils that are well drained. It will produce an edible fruit that is mostly used to feed wildlife.



Bartlett Pear

Pyrus communis 'Bartlett': Grows at a fast rate but is long lived. This small tree grows best in slightly acidic and well drained soils. Produces an edible fruit.



Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida: Slow growing, pink to white flowers in spring, red berries in fall, prefers well drained soils, and is shade tolerant. This is an ornate tree that can add color to any area.

Large Trees



Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum: Medium sized, fast growing, prefers well drained soil, and tolerates shady conditions. Many species of wildlife will utilize this tree, it is prized for syrup and timber production.



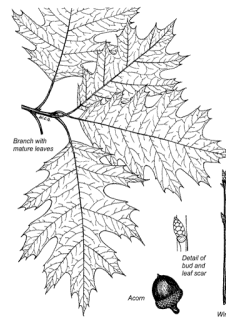
Red Maple

Acer rubrum: A little smaller than the Sugar Maple, this tree prefers more sunlight, It is adaptable to a wide range of soil types and areas with use as a shade tree and a source of seeds for wildlife.



Chinkapin Oak

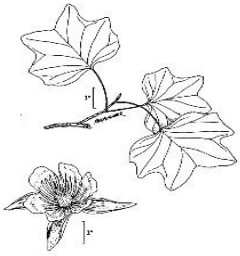
Quercus mmuehlenbergii: Small to medium sized for an oak, slow growing and long lived, prefers well drained sites. A member of the white oak group, this tree is very attractive to wildlife for its nut production, the acorn is one of the sweetest. The leaves look similar to the chestnut, and chestnut oak.



Red Oak

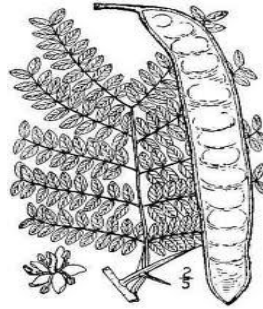
Quercus rubra: Medium to large tree, long lived and fast growing, somewhat tolerant to shade and drought but not flooding. Widely grown and can be an important timber species, as well as an important source of food for deer.

Large Trees (continued)



Tulip Poplar

Liriodendron tulipifera: A tall quick growing tree, prefers deep well drained soils. It is an important tree in timber production and also a very nice landscaping tree. This tree has a large showy yellow flower in the spring.



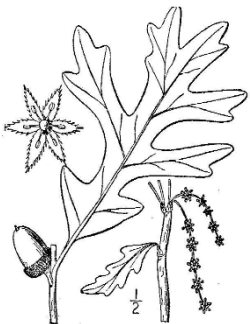
Honey Locust (thornless)

Gleditsia triacanthos var. Inermis: Medium sized, quick growing, tolerant of most situations. This variety is thornless and provides a much nicer version to plant around a house. Seeds are used by squirrels, deer and some birds.



American Chestnut

Castanea dentate: Can grow very large, and grows quickly, tolerant of shade, and drought, but sensitive to wet sites. What we are offering is pure American chestnut that has been propagated from trees found still growing in the United States. The wood is very rot resistant. The nuts are very good to eat and utilized by wildlife. While they might succumb to blight after several years, the opportunity to plant this important part of history is something not to be missed.



White Oak

Quercus alba: Can get to massive proportions, long lived, grows best in the open with moist but not wet soils, resistant to drought. Acorn production will occasionally have bumper crop, commonly seen throughout the Midwest, utilized by wildlife as a food source.



Swamp White Oak

Quercus bicolor: This medium white oak, grows quickly, prefers wet sites, and open areas. This tree produces large acorns regularly, eaten by many wildlife species especially waterfowl.

The Harrison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Annual Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale is going thru March.

We are offering 19 different species of tree seedlings. The fish sale will offer 9 species for stocking ponds, including many gamefish, grass carp, and minnows.

This year, we are also selling rain barrels and the rain barrel sale will be followed by a workshop to build your rain barrel in April. More information to follow.

When selecting trees to order, be sure to consider your site conditions and the tree descriptions. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our office for recommendations.

Additional order forms and more information are available at hswcd.org or by calling the Harrison SWCD at 740-942-8837.

No Refunds on orders that do not get picked up at the times listed.

Tree & Fish Sale Order Form

Fish Orders

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Largemouth Bass 2-3"		\$.85/each	
Hybrid Bluegill 2-4"		\$.85/each	
Catfish 4-5"		\$.75/each	
Perch 2-3"		\$.80/each	
Crappie 2-4"		\$.85/each	
Shell Cracker (Red Ear) 2-4"		\$.85/each	
Flathead Minnow 1-2"		\$.10/each	
White Amur 8-11"		\$14.00/each	
Japanese Koi 6-8"		\$12.00/each	
		TOTAL DUE	\$

Fish Order Deadline: Friday March 25

Fish Order Pickup: April 5, 11 am to Noon

Limited quantities available. Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Seedlings and plants are quality stock. Harrison SWCD offers no guarantee of survival due to weather and planting conditions not under our control.

Tree Orders

Item (All come in packs of 5)	Cost	Quantity	Total
American Hazelnut	\$8		
American Plum	\$8		
Arborvitae	\$8		
Blue Spruce	\$8		
Flowering Dogwood	\$8		
Honey Locust (thornless)	\$8		
Bartlett Pear	\$8		
Persimmon	\$8		
Red Maple	\$8		
Red Oak	\$8		
Sugar Maple	\$8		
Swamp White Oak	\$8		
Tulip Poplar	\$8		
White Oak	\$8		
White Pine	\$8		
Domestic Apple	\$10		
Chinkapin Oak	\$10		
Pawpaw	\$12		
American Chestnut	\$12		
Tree Shelters (Pack of 5)	\$10		
		TOTAL DUE	\$

Tree Order Deadline: Friday March 25

Tree Order Pickup: April 14-15, 8 am-4 pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Make orders payable & mail check to:

Harrison SWCD

538 North Main Street, Cadiz, OH 43907

Deadline for all orders is March 25th

All sales final, no refunds

A Special Thank You to the Commissioners

We would like to thank the Harrison County Commissioners Dale Norris, Don Bethel, and Bill Host for their financial support and dedication to Soil & Water Conservation. The financial assistance from the county will be matched by state funds which enables the district to better aid and provide assistance to the landowners and residents of Harrison County.

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