

2019 NW Ohio Small Farm Conference: Presentation Titles and Descriptions

Presenter(s)	Presenter(s) Title	Presentation Title	Presentation Description
#1 – Amy Stone	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Lucas County	Invasive Species to Know as You Grow in the Green Industry	Invasive species including plants, animals, insects and diseases can have an enormous impact both environmentally and economically in our industry. Learn about the top pests that should be on your radar, quarantines that are currently in place, and management options
#2 - Chris Penrose	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Morgan County	Grazing Systems for Grass Fed Livestock	This session will cover basic pasture management principles and forage species selection to consider for marketing grass fed livestock.
#3 – Brad Ellerbrock & Eric Richer	Hops Producer, Ohio Hops Union OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Fulton County	Hops & Malt Barley Production	Want to diversify your farm with two in demand, local crops? In this session Brad will discuss basic startup and production opportunities and concerns as experienced on his 2.5 acre hops yard. In the second part of the session, Eric will discuss possible winter (malting) barley considerations for those wishing to add this cereal grain to their operation.
#4 – Sam Custer	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Darke County	Your Farm & Family Goals: Mission Critical Business Plan	Is everyone on the same page and heading in the same direction? Avoid that surprise with goals that family and farm can agree upon. A mission statement will give boundaries and a business plan is the reality check.
#5 – Jamie Walters, Nila Clementson, Sherri Rager, Laurel Hopkins	Paulding County Master Gardeners	Discovering Pollinators, Bees, and Butterflies	Youth will have the opportunity to learn about options to start their own apiary, discover how to increase pollinators including monarch butterflies in their own backyard.
#6 – Curtis Young	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Van Wert County	The Insects You Want	Often the reaction when you see an insect maybe what should I do to get rid of them. Don't reach for the spray just yet! There will be plenty of beneficial insects that you will encounter in horticulture. This session will cover ID, how to attract beneficials, and the pros and cons of releasing beneficials as a means of management of other insects.
#7 – Julia Barton	Transition Consultant, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA)	Transition to Organics	Want to learn about how to transition your farm operation to Certified Organic? This session will address the why, how and what of the organic transition process for row crops, produce and livestock. If you have been

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			thinking about organic transition, bring your questions and concerns.
#8 – Garth Ruff	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Henry County	Understanding Meat Quality	When direct marketing meat, producing a quality product is key. In this session learn how decisions made on the farm effect the quality of the end product.
#9 – Beth Scheckelhoff	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Putnam County	Extending the Growing Season	Understanding the differences between row covers, low tunnels, caterpillar tunnels, high tunnels, hoop houses and greenhouses, their uses and which might be right for you. The session will also include some examples of crops to consider for each season extender.
#10 – Peggy Hall	OSU Extension Ag Law Field Specialist	Opportunities to Sell from Home and Farm	Are you ready to make your first sale? What are the rules and laws related to selling home or farm products? The session will review the state and local requirements that focus on food safety, product identity, and consumer protection.
#11 – Patrick Troyer	Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD	Redefining Waste	Youth will have the opportunity to discover how to reduce, reuse and recycle their own homebased products to create a vermicomposting operation. Find information out about building your compost structure, types of worms and ordering options.
#12 – Chris Penrose	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Morgan County	Hay Making 101	This session will cover the basics of haymaking, including harvest management, hay quality factors, timing, managing and reducing hay making losses, storage, and feeding of hay.
#13 - Dan & Marta Ulry	Owners/operators of Ulry Farms LLC	Diversification and Sustainability: Keys to Livestock Production	Dan and Marta Ulry, in addition to their family raise sheep, poultry, and beef on their small farm in Johnstown, Ohio. Join the Ulry's as they discuss the successes, failures and decisions they have made regarding enterprise diversification, sustainable practices, and profitability as they market their farm products to the consumer.
#14 – Michael Leonard & OSU CFAES	Chair of Ag Studies, NSCC OSU CFAES Student Services	College Opportunities in Agriculture	Join agriculture program staff from NSCC and OSU College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences to explore college opportunities.
#15 – Jacqueline Kowalski &	OSU Extension Educators, Agriculture & Natural	Micro Greens and Hydroponics	Ever considered growing micro greens? Interested in growing fruits, vegetables or ornamentals without soil?

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Beth Scheckelhoff	Resources, Summit and Putnam Counties		Learn about growing crops in a variety of hydroponic systems and soilless medias. The importance of plant selection, water quality and growing environment will also be discussed.
#16 – John Mueller & Jeff Dick	ODNR Service Forester Dick’s Maple Farm, OSU Extension 4-H Field Specialist	Woodlot Management with a Little a Sugar	Do you have land with wooded areas on them? Do you want to get more out of your woodlot? Join John Mueller as he discusses invasive species control, habitat improvement and timber harvest. Additionally, Jeff Dick, will discuss the basics to making real Maple syrup from trees in your own woodlot or landscape.
#17 – Peggy Hall	OSU Extension Ag Law Field Specialist	Ag Law Issues: Risks, Liabilities, Protection, and Law	An overview of current issues that affect agricultural businesses. How might business risk affect your personal assets? Learn how laws and legal strategies protect the business, products, and your customers.
#18 – Jim Jasinski	IPM Coordinator, OSU Extension	Best Production Practices for Pumpkins	Join Jim to discuss species selection, thoughts for your first pumpkin crop, disease management and other best management practices for achieving great pumpkins, gourds, and squash.
#19 – Hannah Hettinger	Product Specialist, Purina Animal Nutrition	Feeding Your Small Farm	Going to the feed mill can be overwhelming with numerous products and diets available. Learn what it takes to economically and efficiently feed your livestock, whether it be poultry, small ruminants, or even equine.
#20 - Sarah Noggle	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Paulding County	The Dirt on Soil – Become a Soil Sleuth	Youth will work in teams to discover what healthy soil looks like and conduct tests to determine the overall soil health. Using tiny robots that react to their environment, teams will design, build and test a 1:64 scale no-till planter that disrupts the least amount of soil when planting, minimizes equipment drag and reduces soil compacting. By the end of the activity, you will understand how properly maintained soil can help reduce agriculture’s carbon footprint.
#21 – Wayne Dinius	Fulton County Beekeeper	Beekeeping 101	Wayne Dinius has had a passion for beekeeping and research for the past 29 years. Wayne will discuss start up needs, costs, hive location, bee care, honey harvest, pollination, along with the new and upcoming challenges of beekeeping. Bring your questions. Wayne says “the

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			bees have been good to me, so I want to be good to them.”
#22 - Eric Richer	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Fulton County	Staying in the Black with a Farm Business Budget	Having a plan means having a budget. “It’s in my head” is not good enough. Budgets can help identify risks on variable revenue and expenses. If it’s new or old to the business, it needs a budget.
#23 – Bruce Clevenger	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Defiance County	Farm Business Record Keeping: An Income Tax Return and More	Knowledge is power for your farm business. Your record keeping system is the way to navigate decision making. Finding a system that can do more than a tax return is priceless tool in the toolbox.
#24 – Jacqueline Kowalski	OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Summit County	Planning for Vegetable Production	Preparation and having a plan can save a lot of headaches when it comes time to plant, grow, and harvest produce. Learn how this preparation can translate in successful vegetable growing season.