

# Auglaize County ANR

## News from OSU Extension

# February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

## Free RFID tags are still available

In further support of their effort to transition to 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for official identification for cattle and bison throughout the U.S., the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making 840 RFID tags available free to cattlemen and veterinarians. In Ohio, both the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and the Ohio Department of Agriculture have been approved to distribute these free tags while they last.

The RFID tags can be used in breeding and market cattle. There are both white “840” button tags and orange “840” calfhood vaccination (OCV) button tags available. All RFID tags are low frequency tags. Veterinarians may receive both white and orange tags, while cattle producers may only receive the white 840 tags.

A Premises Identification Number (PIN) is required to order the free RFID tags. To obtain a PIN, scan the QR code found in the fact sheet linked here to access PIN registration on the ODA website, or call them at 614-728-6220.

Find more details about receiving free RFID 840 tags in Ohio, see this fact sheet.



To request free RFID tags contact Tiffany at the Ohio Cattlemen's Association office (614-873-6736) or the Ohio Department of Agriculture-Division of Animal Health at 614-728-6220.



# WILDLIFE REPORTING TO ODNR in 2024

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Every year the Ohio Division of Wildlife ask for public reporting of target species in Ohio. These observations help evaluate population size of treated species and guide conservation efforts. This year the species that are of special interest to the Department of Wildlife are:

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|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| - Wild Turkey    | - Badger                         | - Bald Eagles (Nesting) |
| - Barn Owl       | - Black Bear                     | - Bobcats               |
| - Feral Swine    | - Fisher <i>aka "Fisher Cat"</i> | - Gray Fox              |
| - Porcupine      | - River Otter                    | - Ruffed Grouse         |
| - Sandhill Crane | - Snowshoe Hare                  | - Weasel                |

If you spot any of the species, dead or alive, this year we welcome you to make a report. Reporting is simple and only requires entering the species, the location, the date, and the number you observer into a short online survey.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/987f2ade0037405ea9ff1819aab040a8?portalUrl=https://gis.ohiodnr.gov/portal>

All reports can be anonymous and up to 3 images of the sighting can be attached. Thank you for doing your part to track our wildlife populations.

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## 2023 to 2024 Ohio Cropland Cash Rent Survey

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The Ohio State University Cash Rent Survey in now live. This information is collected to create accurate reports on rental values across the state. If you are currently involved in a land leasing agreement, we encourage you to complete the survey either in person at the Auglaize county extension office or online by either the QR code or web link below. No names, details of the lease agreement, or farm locations are needed for the survey. The only information collected is the 5-year average yield on the ground, what your agreed rent was for 2023, what your planned payment for 2024 will be, and what county are you operating. This information is utilized by many landowners and renters around the state, and we thank you for providing the data that makes this statewide reporting possible.



[https://go.osu.edu/ohiocroplandvaluescashrentssurvey23\\_24](https://go.osu.edu/ohiocroplandvaluescashrentssurvey23_24)

# Ohio Corn Performance Test (OCPT) 2023 Results

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The Ohio Corn Performance Test (OCPT) was started in Ohio in 1972. The purpose of OCPT is to evaluate corn hybrids for grain yield and other important agronomic characteristics. Results of the test assist farmers in selecting hybrids best suited to their farming operations.

## Growing conditions

Overall, the first part of April saw cold and wet conditions, which led to a slow start to the planting season. Drier conditions in late April opened a window and allowed producers to get a start on planting. Planting progress in May started slow, but better conditions facilitated planting progress by the second half of the month. USDA reports recorded on May 7<sup>th</sup>, showed 11% of corn was planted, May 14<sup>th</sup> 26% was planted, and on May 28<sup>th</sup> 89% of Ohio's corn was planted. In some areas of the state, the end of May and early June became abnormally dry, which resulted in crop variability and emergence issues. During the growing season, most of the 2023 crop's progress was behind the pace of 2022 season and the 5-year average in Ohio. Delayed crop maturity, dry down, and late harvest was the result.

Rainfall for the 2023 growing season was variable; minimum of 14.6 inches in Greenville to a maximum of 21.7 inches in Hebron. Growing degree day (GDD) accumulation was below average for the entire growing season at the OCPT sites this year. The average temperature was 4.5°F below average in June, and 1.5°F was below average in July and August. By the end of June, OCPT sites were 225 GDDs below normal, and by the end of September GDDs were 340 below average when most corn should have normally reached black layer.

## Summary of results

Despite a slow start of the season, fluctuating temperatures, variable precipitation during grain fill, and disease pressure at most sites OCPT yields exceeded expectations. Averaged across hybrid entries in the early and full-season tests, yields were **298 Bu/A** in the Southwestern/West Central/ Central region, **261 Bu/A** in the Northwestern region, and **271 Bu/A** in the North Central/Northeastern region.

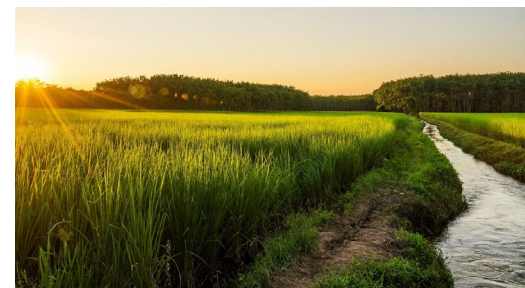
<https://ohiocroptest.cfaes.osu.edu/corntrials/> or [PDF 2023 full report here.](#)

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## Local Agriculture and Natural Resources Events & Deadlines

### OSU Extension

- **Certified Livestock Manager Webinar**
  - **Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am to 11:30 am
  - **Topic:** Manure Safety and Emergency Responses
  - 1.5 CLM continuing education credits
  - No Cost, Register for zoom link @ [go.osu.edu/CLM](https://go.osu.edu/CLM)
- **Cover Crop round table**
  - **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm to 8 pm
  - **Topic:** Mechanical termination, timing, and considerations
  - No Cost
  - **Location:** the Auglaize county extension office
- Local Dairy Luncheon
  - **Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** from 11 am to 1 pm
  - **Topic:** Strategies for attracting and retaining labor for the farm
  - No Cost, Lunch included
  - **Location:** Speedway Lanes, 455 N. Herman Street New Bremen
- Hardin County Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)
  - **Feb 19<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
  - **Topic:** Enhances herd profitability through better management
  - No Cost, Register @ [go.osu.edu/hardinBQA](https://go.osu.edu/hardinBQA)
  - Will provide certification Training need for selling cattle at auction
  - **Location:** Hardin County extension office 1021 West Lima Street Kenton
- Weeds University
  - **Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9 am to 4 pm
  - **Topic:** Weed identification and control –  
Speck with state experts and local educators
  - **Cost:** \$40 , lunch included
  - Attendees will receive commercial pesticide applicator credits  
and 2024 weed control guide
  - **Register:** at the Auglaize extension office
  - Limited to 1<sup>st</sup> 30 attendees
  - **Location:** Auglaize County Administration building basement meeting room,  
209 South Blackhoof Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio
- Water Quality Wednesday
  - **Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am to 11 am
  - **Topic:** Drainage Water Management and Wetland Management
  - No Cost, Register @ [go.osu.edu/WQW24](https://go.osu.edu/WQW24)



## Farm Service Agency

- Livestock Indemnity Program, the payment application and notice of loss deadline is **February 29, 2024**
- Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage deadline for enrollment is **March 15, 2024**

## Other state and regional events

- **Feb 13-14** In-person: Growing a Resilient Future with Cover Crops Conference & MCCC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

<https://web.cvent.com/event/918152dc-815a-4af4-8e1e-fc93d73ac243/websitePage:f6597df9-3100-44ee-b7f9-b576b27111e1>



- **Feb 19-20** In person: Heart of America Grazing Conference, Cincinnati, OH

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/greenacresfoundation/1047356>

- **Feb 22** In-person: Ag Women Engage Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/wia/conference.html>

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