

# Auglaize County ANR

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## 2023 Precision U Webinars

A different approach to farming is on the horizon as automated technologies are becoming available. The 2023 Precision U event will focus on “Automating Agriculture: The Future of Farming.” The event will be online with three Zoom webinars. Topics include regulation of autonomous equipment

in Ohio, adoption on the farm, and the Ohio Rural Broadband Initiative. CEUs for Certified Crop Advisors will be offered. For more information, visit [go.osu.edu/PrecisionU](https://go.osu.edu/PrecisionU)

**Please plan to join us for one or all of these events!**

**January 10th**, 9AM – Ag Automation in Ohio, Free

**January 17th**, 9AM – Automation on the Farm, Free

**January 24th**, 9AM – Ohio Rural Broadband Initiative, Free

# Soil Health Webinar Series

Join the OSU Extension Agronomic Crops Team 2023 Soil Health Webinar series for a Thursday morning series about soil health. You won't want to miss out on this year's line-up of farmers and academic experts covering a wide range of soil health topics as they dig below the surface to investigate new developments in soil health and soil management. Featuring a variety of speakers from Ohio and beyond, all sessions are 8:00-9:00 a.m. with time for Q & A:

**February 2, 2023.** *Know your Biologicals and What They Can (or Cannot) Do for You* by Dr. Mark Licht, Iowa State University. Separate fact from fiction and learn about the types and potential applications of biological crop inputs. CCA credits available: 1SW.

**March 2, 2023.** *Intercropping & Soil Health* by Lucas Criswell, No-till Producer. Are you interested in relay cropping on your farm? Lucas Criswell will share his

A banner for the 2023 Soil Health Webinar Series. It features a black background with a large, stylized image of hands holding soil with earthworms. The text "2023 Soil HEALTH Webinar Series" is prominently displayed in white and blue. Below it, the tagline "Share Your Ideas with the World" is written in a smaller font. At the bottom, there are three circular icons: a briefcase, a dollar sign, and a bar chart. The text "Webinar Series" is written in a white box. At the bottom right, the URL "http://go.osu.edu/soilhealthweb" is provided. On the left, the text "Join us online the first Thursday of the month" is written in white.

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experience with relay cropping on his family's operation in Lewisburg, PA. CCA credits available: 1NM.

**March 30, 2023.** *Soil Health & Water Quality* by Dr. Vinayak Shedekar, The Ohio State University & Dr. Will Osterholz, USDA-ARS. Learn more about the impacts of cover crops and no till systems on Ohio water quality. CCA credits available: 1SW. There is no cost to attend these programs, but registration is

required. Register at [www.go.osu.edu/soilhealthweb](http://www.go.osu.edu/soilhealthweb) 1-hour of CCA CEU credits are available for each session. If you attend all four webinars, you will obtain 3 hours of credits for Soil and Health Management and 1 hour of Nutrient Management. CCA credits are only available to those attending the live webinar programs. (OSU cannot grant credits for any recorded sessions).

## What Happened to the Ag Breakfast



The ag breakfast will resume quarterly this year, the planning will begin this month. I have struggled to get this program back on its feet since covid shut us down and digital programming has moved in. In wanting a successful program for our community, I have reached out to our very knowledgeable and trusted friend Jeff Stachler, His advice was to reach out and ask what you want to learn about. I will be returning to the 8:00am start time. There will be a breakfast provided followed by the program. If you would like to participate in picking topics for discussion, please email me at [Hampton.297@osu.edu](mailto:Hampton.297@osu.edu), If you would like to remain anonymous with your suggestion, there is a one question survey you can fill out by going to [go.osu.edu/agbreakfastsurvey](http://go.osu.edu/agbreakfastsurvey).

# Some simple truths about life in the country and on the farm

Author Dr. Andrew Griffith University of Tennessee, Edited by Jamie Hampton



When I read this short article from Dr. Andrew Griffith, I had to share it with you all, the humor is refreshing and enjoyable.

Here are some simple truths about life in the country and on the farm.

- The fact that the neighbors bull comes to visit on a regular basis does not mean your cows are prettier than his or that your grass is better than his. It probably means your bull does not know what he is doing, or he is just not doing it well!
- A field full of broom sedge does not qualify as a good stand of grass, but there may be some city folk that would like to take their picture in the field of golden grass this winter when it snows.
- A well-conditioned or fat cow is not always a good thing. If she is still four times the size of her calf at weaning then she qualifies as a delinquent mother, because she is better at taking care of herself than she is of her offspring.
- Not all bales of hay are better than a snowball, but all snowballs have a moisture value.
- Just because a person owns land, drives a tractor, has cattle and feeds hay does not mean they are a cattle producer. It simply means they own all those things. Being a cattle producer requires a little more effort.

## Winter Bass Fishing



Some think that living in the north would slow down the time you can get out and cast a line. There are some advantages to learning to fish cold waters, one being that you can have the lake all to yourself and if you are dressed for it you will enjoy the day. Fletcher Shryock of Ohio says that some of the best days that he has had in Ohio is fishing winter patterns, there are not a lot of bites, but when you find them there are usually several in one location.

The biggest change is how you chase them and what bait you will use. You will need to slow down, but not to slow, the fish are still hungry. Fishing later in the day usually is better because the water is a little warmer. During the winter months you can expect to find bass in deep water.

You can expect to catch on average larger bass in the winter.

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# Welcome to Our New Water Quality Associate!



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## Jocelyn Birt

My name is Jocelyn Birt, and I am so excited to be the new Water Quality Extension Associate. I grew up right here in St. Marys, Ohio and currently reside just outside of Spencerville. I graduated from St. Marys Memorial High School back in 2017. During that time, I took the Tri-Star career program for Veterinary Technology. I graduated in July 2020 with a bachelor's degree in Technical and Applied Studies with a concentration in Agriculture from Wright State University Lake Campus.

During that time, I helped do a lot of research on Grand Lake St. Marys, in-lake littoral wetlands, e. coli monitoring, saturated buffer systems, filter strips, treatment trains, etc. I have gained a lot of laboratory experience during my time with Wright State University. After college I went on to do more laboratory work at Charles Rivers labs in the Formulations department. I also Interned with OSU Extension for Auglaize and Darke counties Agriculture and

Natural Resources program back in 2019, so you could have seen me around during that time.

I enjoy being out in nature, hiking, riding bikes, kayaking, gardening, and of course walking our dogs. I also partake in beekeeping with my grandfather. My partner Travis and I have 3 dogs and a variety of poultry at our house. Becoming more self-sustaining and pollinator friendly are goals of ours. We are building our own greenhouse, composting, creating pollinator houses, and will be planting a variety of pollinator habitat.

I plan on specializing on edge of field and in-field conservation practices, BMP's, soil health and any other needs you might have for me. I look forward to meeting and working with you all here soon.

# January Events



## Auglaize County Events:

- January 11<sup>th</sup>, New Pesticide Applicator Training
- January 13<sup>th</sup>, Cover Crop Roundtable Discussion at Happy Daz in Wapakoneta at 8:30 am.
- January 18<sup>th</sup>, Western Ohio Dairy Luncheon at Speedway Lanes in New Bremen, lunch at 11:00, Presentation at 12.
- January 26<sup>th</sup>, New Fertilizer Applicator Training at Speedway Lanes in New Bremen, Contact Ryan McMichael to register
- February 7<sup>th</sup>, New Fertilizer Applicator Class

## Nearby Happenings:

- January 17<sup>th</sup>, Mercer County Pesticide and Fertilizer Recertification , Contact Ryan McMichael at [mcmichael.33@osu.edu](mailto:mcmichael.33@osu.edu)
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>, West Ohio Agronomy Day, contact Matt Schmerge to register at [Schmerge.1@osu.edu](mailto:Schmerge.1@osu.edu)
- January 25<sup>th</sup>, New Pesticide Applicator Class in Mercer County, Contact Ryan McMichael to register
- January 31<sup>st</sup>, Shelby County Pesticide and Fertilizer Recertification Training, Contact Matt Schmerge to register



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