

# Morrow County SCARLET & GRAY News

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## What are the Facts??

## Information about the OSU Extension – Morrow County Renewal Levy!

On the primary ballot, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, there will be a 0.5 mill tax renewal levy for 5 years to support OSU Extension - Morrow County which includes services and programming in the areas of 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Development and SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education for Morrow County citizens. This is a **RENEWAL!** A **Renewal Levy means NO New Taxes/Increases, even with County-wide Reappraisals of Property Value!!!!** There are some factors that would increase the amount paid but that would be on a property-by-property change as determined by the county Auditor only.

### Why do you need a levy?

In 2009, OSU Extension - Morrow County only received \$6,250 of an annual budget request from the Morrow County Commissioners. This cut is due to the Morrow

County financial crisis and a 1.3-million-dollar county budget shortfall for that year. The Morrow County Commissioners had to make cuts to balance the budget, cutting OSU Extension and other departments. In that budget planning the County Commissioners proposed the levy to help with the budget shortfall. In 2009, OSU Extension passed the first levy to support the OSU office, renewed it in 2014 and then in 2019. It is up for the 5 year renewal.

### Why can't you get funding from Ohio State University?

No OSU tuition, athletics or medical center funds help pay for OSU Extension at the county level. Only county, state and federal Extension funds support Extension office programming. Ohio State University Extension has an agreement with Ohio county governments in which a county must first support OSU Extension financially before

state government and federal Extension funds additionally support the county OSU Extension program. These additional Extension state and federal funds are separate from higher education funding. Approximately, 40% of the educator salaries and benefits are paid by state and federal dollars. OSU Extension - Morrow County is your connection to the trusted resources of The Ohio State University since 1919, but not funding.

### What happens if the levy fails?

Programs and services conducted by OSU Extension - Morrow County, including 4-H will be eliminated unless funds are made available from the county. Last year 2,700 youth received 4-H educational programming. See the additional programming that would be cut as described in this newsletter.

### Can 4-H members participate in another county program?

Ohio 4-H rules state that youth

members are to participate in their county of residence. This is a funding issue, taxpayers in another county do not want to support educational programs for Morrow County youth. It puts the burden on their county commissioners and taxpayer dollars. The same would be for Morrow County taxpayers and the county commissioners, they don't want to pay to help educate another county's youth. The cross-county line 4-H policy is void when there is no Extension program in the county of residence. In short, no Extension program in a county means all 4-H membership opportunities end for the residents of that county.

### Can Morrow County youth take their 4-H projects to the Ohio State Fair?

The Ohio State Fair rules state that youth must be a member of Ohio 4-H or FFA to participate in Jr. Fair Livestock competition. That is also the case for the 4-H horse projects, 4-H small animal projects, and 4-H "still" projects such as clothing, nutrition, robotics, fishing etc. If there is no OSU Extension Office in a county there is no 4-H program in that county and no 4-H projects are eligible to attend the Ohio State Fair Jr. Division competition. Morrow County youth not in FFA could only participate in the Ohio State Fair Open Class Divisions for livestock/horses/dogs.

### Will we have a fair if the levy fails and there is no Extension county funding?

Yes, Morrow County can have a fair! OSU Extension - Morrow County and the Morrow County Agriculture Society are separate entities and are financed separately. Morrow County youth could have the opportunity to participate in the fair as decided by the Agriculture Society, but not as 4-H members. Their 4-H membership and clubs will end if funds are not available to support Extension. Also, no Extension funds pay for the Jr. Fair Coordinators employed by the Sr. Fair Board. 4-H teens and volunteers with a Jr. Fair role would no longer be organized

and supported by Ohio 4-H.

### What's it going to cost me?

Information based on Morrow County appraisal of property in 2009. For a 0.5 mill levy, homeowners would pay approximately \$17.50 per year, per property valued at \$100,000. There are other reductions each property owner could have which would reduce this amount paid.

### How much will the levy provide in funding to the Extension Office?

Because it is a Renewal from 2009 it is valued as a .41 mill levy! Dollars received also change each year because of the constant change of existing 2009 use of land, housing, and businesses. Historically, we have received anywhere from \$300,000 to \$340,000 even though the Auditor lists the next potential amount of as \$406,000. New and reduction of housing on properties and businesses coming and going add to or reduce a renewal levy.

### Isn't this levy just for 4-H?

No, it is for the OSU Extension - Morrow County office which provides leadership to the following program areas: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources (including Master Gardeners), Family and Consumer Sciences (including SNAP-Ed nutrition education), and Community Development.

### Who will receive the funds collected by the levy?

These funds will not go into the county commissioner's fund or another county fund/agency. All the funds collected by the levy must go directly to and used by the OSU Extension - Morrow County office for the citizens of Morrow County!

### Has this been done before?

Currently, twelve (12) other counties across the state are successfully funded by county Extension levies. Noble County has been a levy supported county since 1986.

### Why should I pay for something extra that my taxes should be paying for?

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# What Do You Get from OSU Extension-Morrow County?

Check out the next pages for much more! We are here to meet the needs of our county!

- 4-H Youth Development Programs
  - 4-H Clubs and Camp
  - Projects Participation/ Partnership with Fair
  - 4-H STEM School Programing - K-12 grades
  - Countywide Youth Educational Programing
- Master Gardener Volunteer Programs
  - Gardening Classes
- Agricultural and Natural Resources Programs
  - Pesticide Applicator Re-certification
  - Soil and Hay Testing
  - Quality Assurance Training and Re-certifi-

- cation
  - Yard and Garden Assessments
- Family and Consumer Sciences Programs
  - ServSafe Food Handling Education for Businesses
  - Food Preservation
  - Financial Literacy
  - Pressure Canner Testing and Education
- Community Development Programs
  - Youth Workforce Development
  - Local Business Support
  - Local Agency Collaboration
- SNAP-Ed (Grant Funded Education)
  - Nutrition Education Programs for Youth to Adults
  - How to Manage SNAP benefits

And all The Ohio State University research and educational knowledge! Without OSU Extension in Morrow County

all programs will go away, and youth will not be able to participate in another county 4-H program.

## OSU Extension-Morrow County Programs Offered

- Agriculture Study Bus Trip
- Agronomy Field Days
- Agronomy Research Plots
- Amish Community Health Fair
- Beef Quality Assurance Re-Certification
- Beef Quality Assurance Training
- Beginning and Small Farm College
- Beginning and Small Farm Conferences
- Fertilizer Re-Certification
- Fertilizer Recommendations
- Field Scouting
- Forage Analysis Interpretation
- Forage Sampling
- Fruit Tree Pruning
- Garden Assessments
- Gardening Programing
- Grain Rescue Education
- Horticulture Programing at Local Libraries
- Horse Pasture Management
- Insect Control
- Insect Identification
- Local Foods List and Map
- Local Greenhouse, Garden Center and Nursery List and Map
- Master Gardener Volunteer Program
- Ohio Maple Days
- Participate in Community Resource Fairs
- Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification
- Pesticide Applicator Testing
- Plant Disease Control
- Plant Disease Identification
- Produce Field Walks
- Sit on Local Agency Advisory Boards
- Soil Analysis Interpretation
- Soil Sampling
- Support to local farmers
- Support to local Greenhouse Growers

- Support to local Produce Growers
- Timber Harvesting and Marketing
- Tree Evaluation
- Turf Assessments
- Weed Control
- Weed Identification
- Weekly Agriculture, Horticulture and Natural Resources Blog
- Aging Smart series
- America Saves
- Basic Home Food Preservation - Deciding What's Best For You
- Beat the Heat
- Building a Better Smoothie
- Canner Inspections & Dial Gauge Testing
- Canning and Freezing Meats, Soups, & Stews
- Canning for Newbies
- Citizenship Basics
- Clutter Free Living
- County Your Money Calendar
- Dining with Diabetes Series
- Dining with Diabetes: Take Charge of Your Diabetes
- Dining with Diabetes: Take Charge of Your Diabetes During the Holidays
- Discovering Laughter & My Laughter Recipe
- Eat Right When the Money is Tight
- Eight Easy Exercises for Financial Fitness series
- Financial Education Wheel for Youth
- Financial Technology - Just the Basic Please!
- Financial Wellbeing
- Food Preservation & Food Safety Q&A
- Food Preservation Basics webinar series
- Food Preservation Five webinar series
- Food Preservation for Youth series

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## Renewal Levy

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As you look at your property tax statement, very little of your current taxes go to the general county fund through which Extension was funded before 2009. The county government relies on this little amount of money, sales tax revenue, and investments to run Morrow County. All these annual funds have not met the demand and mandates for these funds.

**Why not use an income tax levy?**

Current Ohio law does not allow us to use income tax levies.

**Will my taxes go up each year?**

This is a Renewal from 2009. Unless the county Auditor changes your property values on an individual basis, NOT countywide reappraisals it will stay the same. We are receiving about the same dollars each year.

**Who decides what the levy money is used for?**

Morrow County citizens, Morrow County program Extension Educators, and the county Extension Advisory Committee (made up of Morrow County citizens) all work together to decide the needs of Morrow County. The needs of our county as well as research available establish programming and where dollars are to be spent. The more dollars available the more programming OSU Extension can provide to a county.

**How has the Extension office changed since the first levy was passed?**

As promised in the first levy we have become a full-service office offering all Extension program areas. We hired Educators to meet the programming needs of our county and expanded our educational impact to reach more audiences. We will continue to survey and assess the needs to help our citizens. Please take our surveys to help decide where dollars will go.

**How are dollars being used for your new office space?**

Several years ago, we moved into the new Ag Credit Agriculture Center. Our OSU Extension office did NOT put any money into constructing this building. Our rent is 40 cents LESS per square foot for our usable space and we have free use of a large education/conference room with additional technology included. While at the Wil-

helm Building, we were paying additional dollars to rent spaces for large education programs. That is no longer an issue at the Ag Credit Building.

**How is a levy campaign financed?**

Money used to support and finance the levy campaign is raised by the levy committee. All costs of the levy campaign are paid with contributions from supporters of OSU Extension - Morrow County only. No taxpayer dollars go into the levy campaign.

**How can I help?**

You can become involved in the campaign by talking to friends, neighbors, and co-workers about the importance of these services to Morrow County citizens. Help is needed to work on campaign promotion and donate to the levy fund through treasurer, Melissa S. Kidwell, 5790 CR. 20, Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338.

**Can someone donate to the operations of OSU Extension - Morrow County?**

For years other moneys, either donated or raised, have financially supported specific programming of the OSU Extension - Morrow County office. This donation would be a tax-deductible donation. Please contact the Morrow County OSU Extension Office for more information.

**What youth can participate in 4-H?**

Youth ages five and in kindergarten to 19 all may join the traditional club 4-H program all year long. 4-H club members live in all townships of Morrow County! Beyond traditional 4-H club membership we offer youth education programs countywide at libraries, parks, and schools. We partner with county agencies, organizations and schools to provide many programs.

**What is OSU Extension - Morrow County?**

OSU Extension - Morrow County has been educating Morrow County since 1919. OSU Extension - Morrow County is your connection to the trusted resources of The Ohio State University. We offer practical information on issues of home, family living, agriculture, horticulture, businesses, community, and well-being that improves your everyday life.



# OSU Extension-Morrow County Programs Offered

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Food Preservation Open House  
 Food Preservation: Dehydrating  
 Food Preservation: Freezing  
 Food Preservation: Water Bath Canning & Pressure Canning  
 Gather Your Gratitude Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Globally Inspired Heart Healthy Cooking series  
 Harvesting and Preserving Produce  
 Healthy Eating for Fast Paced Lives  
 Hydration  
 Hydration and Older Adults  
 It's All About Time Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Keep Your Immune System in Tip-Top Shape  
 Less Stress Meal Prep  
 Low Sodium Heart Healthy Diet  
 Make and Take Uncooked Jams  
 Manage Your Money series  
 Mental Health First Aid-Adult  
 Mix it Up & Shop Smart!  
 Money 101 - Keys to Financial Stability series  
 Occasional Quantity Cooks  
 Outdoor Safety and Survival Youth Program  
 Play Your Way through the Holidays Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Rainbow Eating  
 Real Money. Real World. 8th grade series/simulation  
 Recess Rescue!  
 ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification series  
 Slow Cooker Basics series  
 Snack Attack!  
 Spring Forward 4 Health Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Strong @ Heart Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Sun Safety & DermaScan for Skin Cancer  
 Sustainability and You: What is it and what can I do?  
 Take a Break Email Wellness Challenge series  
 The Science Behind Food Preservation Methods  
 Think Green...it's not just a color Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Trauma Informed Care  
 Trends in Food & Nutrition  
 Unwrap Your Gifts Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Water First for Thirst  
 Zero Weight Gain Email Wellness Challenge series  
 Garden Harvest Benefits  
 4-H Annual Volunteer Trainings  
 4-H Awareness/Member Recruitment  
 4-H Camp Counselor Selection  
 4-H Camp Counselor Trainings (12-24 Hours)  
 4-H Camp For Youth 8 to 14  
 4-H Camp Organization, Planning and Director  
 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp - Youth Ages 5-8  
 4-H Horse and Pony Committee Leadership

4-H New Volunteer Screenings  
 4-H New Volunteer Trainings  
 4-H Project Evaluations  
 4-H Radio Programs  
 4-H Teen Leadership and Citizenship Award  
 Trip Organization  
 4-H Winning Plan for Youth with Disabilities  
 4-H Yoga for Youth  
 Amish Safety Day Educational Event - Poisonous Plants for Livestock  
 Animal Quality Assurance Programs for County, Clubs, and State  
 Assuring The Quality Care for Livestock Test Out Option  
 Birds of Ohio 2nd Grade Program  
 Cattleman Meetings and Help  
 Cooking For Kids Afterschool 6 Week Program - Mt. Gilead  
 Corn and Soybean School Programs  
 Countywide Events Educational Displays  
 Dog Obedience Clinic  
 Earth Day Educational Day for All 2nd Graders  
 EquiSTEP 4-H Horse Project Member Program  
 Family Fun Night - 4-H Activities - Northmor  
 Farm Safety Education for Youth  
 First Year 4-H Member Orientation  
 First Year 4-H Member Quality Assurance for Livestock  
 Fishing For Fun - Building a Fishing Rigg  
 Goat Clinic  
 Grain Safety Education  
 Headwaters Day Outdoor Education Camp - Beavers  
 Headwaters Day Outdoor Education Camp - All About Worms  
 Horse Clinic, Health, Safety and Ethics  
 Individual Instruction for 4-H members with disabilities  
 Job Shadow for High School Student  
 Jr. Fair Board 4-H member Selections  
 Jr. Fair Board Meetings  
 Jr. Fair Board Workdays  
 Jr. Fair Broiler Pool Organization/Distribution  
 Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig Organization and Member Selection  
 Jr. Fair Carcass Contest Organization  
 Jr. Fair Drug Use Notification Form distribution/check  
 Jr. Fair Livestock Interview and Skillathon Organization  
 Jr. Fair Managers Convention with Jr. Fair Board Members  
 Jr. Fair Member/Advisor Fair Entry Education  
 Jr. Fair Participant Quality Assurance Check to Participate  
 Jr. Fair Poultry Department Adult Advisor  
 Jr. Fair Quality Assurance Planning and Material Preparation  
 Jr. Fair Show Programs Development and Show Help  
 Jr. Fair Weigh-Ins  
 July 3rd Food Stand for 4-H  
 Keep America Beautiful Committee Member

Lawn Mower Safety for Youth  
 Livestock Judging Team Education and Contests  
 Livestock Sale Advertisements  
 Livestock Sale Committee Extension Representative  
 Livestock Sale Exhibitor Thank You Card Collection/Check Distribution  
 Livestock Sale Hospitality Food Stand Organization  
 Livestock Sale Small Animal Sale Organization  
 Look Alike Poison Awareness for Youth  
 Morrow County Suicide Prevention Committee  
 Nature Games for 4-H Clubs  
 Nursing Home Visits with 4-H Projects  
 Ohio State Fair Poultry Skillathon Leadership  
 Ohio State Fair Still, Horse, and Livestock Project Member Entries  
 Outdoor Cooking Youth Program  
 Performance Against Standards State Fair  
 Qualifying Shows for Horses  
 Pork Producer Meetings and Help  
 Poultry Clinic  
 Safety Day Educational Day for All 5th Graders  
 Sewing Clinic  
 Sr. Fair Board Extension Representative  
 Swine Clinic  
 Teen Leadership Development  
 The Science Behind Popcorn - Cardington Elementary  
 Tomorrow Center Community Service Partnership  
 Trash Bash 4-H Club Roadside/Area Clean Up  
 Why Trees Matter 2nd Grade Program  
 4-H CARTEENS  
 3D Printing  
 All About Rabbits  
 Animal Biosecurity  
 Basic Computer Coding Using Sphero Bots  
 Basic of Electricity  
 Bike Safety  
 Birds in Morrow County  
 Building Trebuchets  
 Business Advisory Council Action Team Co-Leadership  
 Business Advisory Council participant  
 Cake Decorating Classes  
 Career Coaching  
 Career Exploration Workshops  
 Careers in Welding  
 ChickQuest (Chick Embryology)  
 Civic Engagement  
 Cloverbud Fun Day  
 College and Career Readiness  
 Constructing Art Bots with Youth  
 Cosmic Claws in Space  
 County School Open Houses  
 Creating Circuits  
 Engineering Boats  
 Engineering Careers  
 Engineering Marble Mazes  
 Engineering with Wood for youth  
 Food Science  
 Healthy Soils



How to Care for Chicks  
 Incubating Quail  
 Kinetic and Potential Energy  
 Learning to Code with Indi  
 Let's Get Building  
 Making Music Using GarageBand  
 Morrow County Local Businesses Directory  
 Navigating the Effects of Sugar  
 Ohio State Fair Workforce Preparation Day  
 Leadership  
 Photography Class  
 Picture Editing  
 Pocket Pets  
 Pollinators  
 Public Speaking Coaching  
 Raising Chicks!  
 Raising Pheasants  
 Renewable Energy  
 Saving Money for Youth  
 Science Field Trips for Youth  
 Science Fun with Chemistry  
 Science of Flight  
 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math  
 Youth Camp  
 Slingshot Straw Rockets  
 Solar Energy  
 Solar Systems  
 Sustainability: Corny Polymer Balls  
 Teen Career Advising  
 The Science of Ice Cream  
 The Science of Weather  
 The Water Cycle  
 Trips for Teens  
 Using Dogs to Safely Handle Livestock  
 Workforce Alliance Council Participation  
 Workforce Development Conferences for Teens  
 And any other programs to meet the needs of our citizens!!  
 Programs are offered for FREE or reduced while working with all libraries, schools, groups, parks, farms, other agencies, and businesses!  
 4-H project club members live in all townships of Morrow County!

# AGRICULTURE

## Selover Library 2024 Garden Series

OSU Extension - Morrow County presents the Selover Library Garden Series. The OSU Extension - Morrow County Master Gardeners and Carri Jagger, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, will be teaching a monthly horticulture class at the library.

Classes are open to anyone who wants to learn and will be held at the library at 31 OH-95, Chesterville, OH 43317.

**Tuesday, February 13th @ 6:00 pm:** The Basics of Rain Gardening

**Thursday, March 21st @ 10:00 am:** All About Mushrooms-Growing & Cooking

**Tuesday, April 23rd @ 6:00 pm:** Creating A Spring Flower Arrangement-Demonstration

**Thursday, May 23rd @ 10:00 am:** Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success

**Tuesday, June 25th @ 6:00 pm:** Selecting Hydrangeas for Your Landscape

**Thursday, July 25th @ 10:00 am:** Growing & Using Daylilies in Your Yard

**Tuesday, August 6th @ 2:00 pm:** Fall Is For Planting: Trees, Shrubs, Bulbs & Garlic

**Wednesday, September 25th @ 2:00 pm:** Therapeutic Horticulture

**Thursday, October 17th @ 10:00 am:** Fall

Garden Care: Clean-Up, Seed collecting & Saving

**Thursday, November 21st @ 10:00 am:** Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter Cactus Extravaganza

**Wednesday, December 4th @ 2:00 pm:** Poinsettia, Cut & Live Tree Care

Questions? Email or call Carri at 419-947-1070 or [jagger.6@osu.edu](mailto:jagger.6@osu.edu).

Event Sponsors: Selover Library and OSU Extension - Morrow County.



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### Agriculture, Horticulture & Natural Resources Highlights for the past five years

Below are examples of the agriculture, horticulture and natural resources programs offered throughout the year.

- Planted agronomy research plots in collaboration with Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District for the past five years and the data is published in the Ohio State eFields <https://digitalag.osu.edu/efields>.

- Carri trained a new group of Master Gardener Volunteers bringing the volunteer total up to 21. The Master Gardener Volunteers offer gardening and natural resources classes that are free to the public. Over the last five years they have offered 149 classes that they have taught, Carri has taught or they have invited speakers in to teach at. They have four pollinator research gardens.

- Carri has recertified over 300 private pesticide and fertilizer applicators over the last five years.

- Carri has certified and or recertified over 100 cattle producers for Beef Quality Assurance.
- Two Small Farm Colleges have been held and had over 230 participants.

- Over 1200 questions answered via email, site visit, phone call or walk in during the last five years.

- In collaboration with Morrow County Farm Bureau we offered a Sheep 101 field day with over 30 folks in attendance.

- We offered farm succession planning classes with over 30 folks in attendance.

- Hosted an Agriculture Chemical disposal day where 11,122 pounds of chemicals both liquid and dry were collected. There were 16 pallets that contained 3x3x3 boxes full of chemicals and four pallets of barrels (13 barrels).

We like to meet the needs of Morrow County residents so please if you would like to see a program offered that we haven't offered in a while please reach out to us.

## Perry Cook Memorial Library 2024 Garden Series

OSU Extension - Morrow County presents the Perry Cook Memorial Library 2024 Garden Series. The Morrow County Master Gardener Volunteers will be teaching a variety of topics at this year's monthly gardening series.

Classes are free and open to anyone that wants to learn and will be held at the library at 7406 CR 242, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338.

**February 8th @ 2:00 pm:** All About Alpacas

**March 14th @ 2:00 pm:** Mushroom Madness - Growing and Cooking

**April 11th @ 2:00 pm:** Spring Flower Arrangements - Demonstration

**May 9th @ 2:00 pm:** Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success

**June 13th @ 2:00 pm:** Selecting Hydrangeas for Your Landscape

**July 11th @ 2:00 pm:** Growing and Using

Daylilies in Your Yard

**August 8th @ 2:00 pm:** Therapeutic Horticulture

Questions? Email or call Carri at 419-947-1070 or [jagger.6@osu.edu](mailto:jagger.6@osu.edu).

Event Sponsors: Perry Cook Memorial Library and OSU Extension - Morrow County.



### Upcoming Events:

- April 17th @ 6:30 p.m. @ the AgCredit Building - Timber Harvesting and Marketing** taught by Katie Gerber and Kathie Smith

- May 14th @ 6:30 p.m. Growing Mushrooms at Home - You will learn the basics of growing mushrooms at home and you will get to make a container to grow your own mushrooms.** Price to be determined and pre-registration required. Watch our website and facebook page for more details.

- May 15th @ 6:30 p.m. Pond Clinic @ 3277 County Road 172 Cardington Ohio 43315.** The clinic will be taught by Eugene Braig OSU Program Director, Aquatic Ecosystems. Eugene will be covering moss, algae and weed control as well as general pond management and care. Watch our website and facebook page for more details.

If you would like to sign up for weekly extension Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture updates, they will come directly to you email and you will be able to view timely articles and events that are happening in extension around the state. Please follow this link <https://go.osu.edu/mocoag> or scan the QR Code to subscribe.



## Newborn Calf Care & BQA Re-certification to be held Feb. 27

Dr. Kevin Jacque from the Marysville Veterinary clinic will present about newborn calf care on Feb. 27 at 6:30 pm at the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 5362 US Hwy 42, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338. Topics will include vaccinations, and newborn calf management. This session will also qualify for BQA Re-certification.

The Morrow County Cattleman's will be sponsoring dinner so we ask that you please RSVP with the Extension Office by February 23rd.

Please RSVP to the OSU Extension Office - Morrow County or [jagger.6@osu.edu](mailto:jagger.6@osu.edu).

**Save the Date!**

Ohio State University Extension  
Small Farm Team presents  
**'Sowing Seeds for Success'**  
Small Farm Conference  
Mid - East Career Technical Center  
Buffalo Campus  
Seneca, Ohio  
**April 6, 2024**

More details will be posted on the  
Go Farm Ohio page in the near future.  
<https://u.osu.edu/gofarmohio/>

# OSU EXTENSION CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2024

- 5 Jr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 8 Ohio 4-H Conference Registration Due, Email sent to all volunteers first part of Jan.
- 8 Pork Producers Meeting, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 8 Perry Cook Memorial Library Garden Series: All About Allpacas, 2 p.m.
- 13 Selover Library Garden Series: The Basics of Rain Gardening, 6 p.m.
- 15 Ohio 4-H Scholarship applications due on-line
- 15 4-H Horse & Pony Committee, 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 16 Freeze Drying Fundamentals, 1 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room (RSVP needed)
- 22 Sr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 23 4-H Family Night at Columbus Blue Jackets - Nationwide Arena
- 27 Newborn Calf Care & BQA Re-Certification, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room (RSVP by Feb 23)

## MARCH 2024

- 3-9 Ohio 4-H Week

- 4 Jr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 5 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m., RSVP Required
- 5 Financial Technology: Just the Basics, Please, 6 p.m., Selover Public Library
- 9 Ohio 4-H Conference - Greater Columbus Convention Center (Reg. due February 8th)
- 14 Perry Cook Memorial Library Garden Series: Mushroom Madness - Growing and Cooking, 2 p.m.
- 14-17 Ohio Beef Expo, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
- 21 4-H Horse & Pony Committee, 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 21 County Quality Assurance Test-out, come anytime between 3 - 6:30 p.m. Ag Credit Conf. Rm.
- 21 Selover Library Garden Series: All About Mushrooms - Growing & Cooking, 10 a.m.
- 25 BQA Re-Certification & Certification, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Conf. Rm (Counts for Youth QA)
- 26 CARTEENS - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 28 Sr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds

## APRIL 2024

- 1 Jr. Fair Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 4 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 pm, RSVP Required
- 6 "Sowing Seeds for Success" Small Farm Conference, Mid-East Career Technical Center, Buffalo Campus, Senecaville, OH
- 11-15 Equine Affaire - Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
- 11 Perry Cook Memorial Library Garden Series: Spring Flower Arrangements - Demonstration, 2 p.m.
- 15 4-H Member Enrollments Due!!!! Join 4-H Deadline!
- 15 Ohio State Fair Scholarships Due
- 15 Quality Assurance for First Year Members and their Parent, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Timber Harvesting & Marketing Class - 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 18 Horse and Pony Committee, 7:30 pm
- 20 4-H Dairy Palooza - Mahoning County Fairgrounds, Canfield
- 23 Selover Library Garden Series: Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success, 10 a.m.
- 30 Last Day for 4-H Project Changes/new members

## Comments from the fair booth

Comments that came from the OSU Extension booth at the Morrow County Fair, 2023

**Adult comments**  
 "The Extension office is a wonderful place!! They will help anyone with information and answers all my questions."  
 "4-H, Master Gardeners, Cooking classes"  
 "Through the 4-H program, it allowed me to learn new things by hands on, it has given me so many friends. As a community volunteer, it has allowed me to help youth to develop life skills that are so desperately needed: leadership, agriculture knowledge, and community service."  
 "Great experiences in 4-H as a member and advisor! Lead me to OSU and a degree in Home Ec."  
 "If I have a garden question, I call Carri Jagger."  
 "It is helpful for growth for me and my community."  
 "Educational opportunities for adults and kids"  
 "I got my start in 4-H as a baby. My mom being an advisor - 10-year member - 3-year Extension student assistant - 31 years FCS Teacher"  
 "A place to go for Agricultural needs, soil testing, forestry, help with thins for 4-H and fair. A place to go for good agricultural information. We hold our Draft Horse Club meetings in their building."  
 "I have been involved in 4-H since I was 5 (34 years now) and it has done wonders for me. Educated and confidence building,

and I cannot wait to get my almost 5-year-old son involved in it. And I love seeing Becky every year at the fair!"  
 "Good education close to home."  
 "Information - canning/freezer fruits/vegetable health."  
 "Great education of farm animals - farming - bug and pest control, soil erosion knowledge. Carri Jagger. The environment and so much more. Our County Office is so involved in the county. Thanks for what you do."  
 "Help with all county people if they ask."  
 "Keep me informed on what is going on with the Extension office."  
 "Help with 4-H and making it so the kids can show."  
**Youth Comments:**  
 "4-H info"  
 "They help me learn about quail."  
 "It gives education to students."  
 "Ohio State Extension is important to me because without it there would be no 4-H program."  
 "I am one of the youth Amanda has poured countless hours into through 4-H trips, conferences, facilitation, and more. So many of my successes through high school, college, and now are a direct result of the time she has invested in me. There's no better person than her to be working with the community's youth in this capacity!!"

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