



Carroll Soil and Water Conservation District

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Spring/Summer Events

April 11th @ The Carrollton Library **Backyard Homesteading Workshop**



6:00PM—Get your garden going with a workshop sure to help you start the season right. Topics will include Raised Bed Construction, Successful Seed Starting, Companion Planting, and Peas & Leafy Greens.

April 25th @ Miller Ridge Farm **Eastern Ohio Grazing Council Pasture Walk**



6:00PM—Join us at this Carroll County Beef Operation. Topics will include Pasture Renovation and Seeding Methods & Equipment. Meal will be provided.

May 9th @ The Community Garden **Backyard Homesteading Workshop**



6:00PM—Find some ideas at the community garden at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. Topics will include Effective Transplanting, Weed ID and Management, and Keeping Wildlife OUT.

May 23rd @ Bargar Farms **Eastern Ohio Grazing Council Pasture Walk**



6:00PM—Join us at this Harrison County Beef and Sheep Operation. Meal will be provided.

June 5th @ Dover Public Library **East Central Ohio Forestry Association**



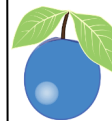
7:00PM—Frank Skalak, ECOFA Member, will be presenting on Costa Rica Forests.

June 27th @ Valdinger Farms & Fence **Eastern Ohio Grazing Council Pasture Walk**



6:00PM—Join us at this Carroll County Beef Operation. Topics will include Spring Development, Solar Water System, and Fence Construction. Meal will be provided.

June 13th @ Springhill Blueberry Farm **Backyard Homesteading Workshop**



6:00PM—Learn from the berry growing experts at this local farm. This workshop will include information on starting and growing berries as well as marketing the products.

July 3rd @ Dover Public Library **East Central Ohio Forestry Association**



7:00PM—Dean & Ruth Varian, ECOFA Members, will be presenting about Conservation Easements: The Good, Bad, and Ugly.

July 25th @ Maple Stone Farm **Eastern Ohio Grazing Council Pasture Walk**



6:00PM—Join us at this Columbiana County Beef and Poultry Grazing Operation. Meal will be provided.

The SWCD Office will be Closed:

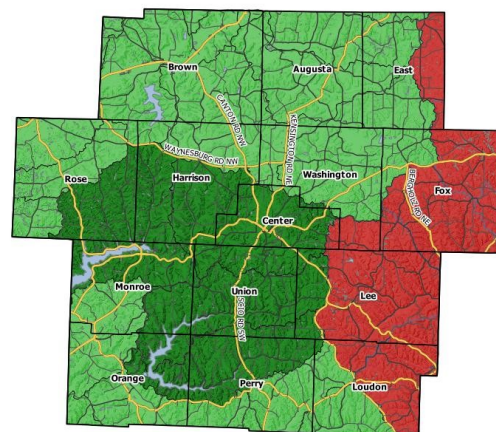
May 27th, 2019— **Memorial Day**

July 4th, 2019— **Independence Day**

Cover Crop Program

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) will be continuing their cover crop cost share program for 2019. Fields that are located within the MWCD in Carroll County can receive approximately \$12 per acre cost share regardless of seeding method or termination method. The MWCD includes both the dark green and light green areas on the map. The red area is not in the MWCD.

Participants may attend one of the scheduled sign up days to fill out applications so that fields may be ranked to determine funding. Please allow at least two hours to attend an informational meeting about the program requirements and to complete applications. Be sure to bring field maps or location information to sign up. The sign up days will be held at the Carroll SWCD office on:



Monday, June 10th, 2019 at 9:00AM

Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at 5:00PM

Monday, June 17th, 2019 at 9:00AM

Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 5:00PM

No RSVP is necessary for the above dates. If you are unable to sign up on one of these days, please call Carroll SWCD at 330-627-9852 ext. 4092 to make an appointment. All applications must be completed by June 28th, 2019. Visit www.carrollswcd.org/crop-production-programs for information about cover crops.

Soil Testing Program

The Carroll Soil & Water Conservation District will be offering soil testing as a service to agricultural producers in Carroll County. District staff will collect samples after being provided a list of fields by producers. A list of terms regarding the program is given below:

- Soil samples will cost \$20 per sample, payable to Carroll SWCD.
- Payment is due when number of samples are determined, prior to testing.
- Fields over 20 acres will require multiple samples and will be determined prior to testing.
- A minimum of five (5) samples will need submitted to participate in program.
- Samples will be pulled as staff time allows, during either the spring or fall of the year.
- Penn. State University laboratory will be used for testing.
- Results from the lab will be provided to the producer following submission.
- Producers may request a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) with additional recommendations specific to their farm at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE.
- Manure samples (if requesting NMP using manure as fertilizer) will be the responsibility of the producer to submit to a lab and provide results to Carroll SWCD.
- Participation in this program grants Carroll SWCD permission to maintain soil test information and utilize it for educational purposes. (Any public use of information will always have specific location and producer information removed.)



If you are interested in having soil samples pulled for your farming operation, please contact our office.

Equipment Rental Program



NEW: Great Plains No-Till Seeder

This machine is great for those looking to plant native grasses or “fluffy” seeds with minimal soil disturbance. Utilize full width seeding with no rows for better soil coverage resulting in reduced weed pressure. This machine also has three boxes with the ability to plant three seed types at different rates.

A 65 min. HP tractor is needed to operate this seeder and rental rates start at \$15 per acre with discounts available.



John Deere 1590 No-Till Drill

This machine is great for drilling soybeans with the least amount of soil disturbance. A grass seed box is attached and can be used for single species seedings as well.

An 80 min. HP tractor is needed to operate this drill and rental rates start at \$15 per acre with discounts available.



Haybuster 107 No-Till Drill

This machine is great for all types of forage and grass seedings. There are three individual seed boxes with the ability to drill three seed types at different rates.

A 65 min. HP tractor is needed to operate this drill and rental rates start at \$15 per acre with discounts available.



Three-Point Cone Spreader

This machine is great for spinning seed over the top of the ground at a quick rate. There is a 25 ft. spread pattern and the ability to reach places that drills and seeders are not able to reach.

A 30 min. HP tractor is needed to operate this spreader and rental rates start at \$25 per day.

Discounts available for the 2019 season include a \$3 per acre discount for a current conservation plan, \$2 per acre discount for 40% or greater residue, and \$1 per acre discount for current soil tests. Implementing these conservation practices could save you \$6 per acre in addition to the savings that a no-till planting system provides. The equipment is rented on a first-come, first-serve basis throughout the season. If you are interested in renting equipment or would like more information please contact Joe at 330-627-9852 ext. 4093.

Passion for Pastures: *Solutions for Management*

Join Carroll Soil & Water Conservation District and Straight A's RanchCity.com at a beginner grazing workshop to teach techniques on how to get the most production out of your pastures. Your registration to this free event will include a dinner ticket, a forage stick, and a chance to win free fence supplies from Gallagher!



Topics for the meeting will include:

Increasing Forage Production

Kevin Swope, USDA NRCS

Pasture Fertility

Katelyn Valdinger, Carroll SWCD

Pasture Renovation Methods

Joe Mayle, Carroll SWCD

Creep Feeding in a Pasture

Heath Mineer, Nutrena

Simple Tools: Water & Fence Supplies

Shawn Woods, Straight A's

Heavy Use Pads/Winter Feeding Area

Kevin Swope & Shawn Woods

When:

May 16, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 PM

Come early to eat— doors open at 5:00 PM

Where:

GPS Address:

Straight A's RanchCity.com

2250 Alliance Rd NW

Malvern, Ohio 44644

Info:

A meal will be provided. You must call to register for a dinner ticket.

RSVP to Straight A's:

(330) 868-3772 by May 10th, 2019



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Big Tree Contest: American Beech

Carroll SWCD is looking for the biggest beech tree in Carroll County! Do you have it on your property?



"American Beech, easily recognized from a distance by its smooth, steel-gray bark and tapering surface roots at the base of its trunk, is present throughout all of Ohio. This tree is a favorite of children and teenagers who love to carve their initials onto its large smooth trunks. Many beech trees are partially hollow and provide excellent den sites for various wildlife. Its small, triangular nuts are relished by both mammals and birds in autumn." — ODNR Division of Forestry.

If you are interested in entering the contest, please call our office at 330-627-9852 ext. 3 to sign up. All trees entered in the contest will be measured for size this summer and entries are limited to one per family. The first, second, and third place winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting this fall and will receive a prize. The deadline for entries is August 16, 2019.

Who has the tallest corn in the county?



New for 2019, Carroll SWCD will be having a tall corn contest at the annual meeting this fall! Local corn growers have the opportunity to bring a dug-up plant to the meeting to be judged against all contestants for height. The plant must be from a field in Carroll County and there is a limit of one entry per family. If you are interested in competing in the contest, be on the lookout this summer for your best plant and look for an annual meeting invitation in the mail for more details.

Please visit www.carrollswcd.org/crop-production-programs or call 330-627-9852 for more info.

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Kevin Swope, Resource Conservationist (ext. 4091)



Do You Have Daffodils?

Every year, Carroll SWCD, with the help of community volunteers, passes out daffodil bulbs at the county fair to promote the county flower. We are now collecting daffodil bulbs at our office for those who wish to redistribute some of their bulbs. You may drop off daffodil bulbs at our office anytime in the marked bin located on the porch. Contact our office with any questions.

EMAIL LIST:



If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please send your information to katelyn.valdinger@carrollswcd.org or call our office at 330-627-9852 ext. 3 to be put on the email list.

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