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Paul & Bill Scott Named 2021 Outstanding SWCD Cooperators



The Outstanding Cooperators chosen this year were Paul and Bill Scott. Ag Credit once again is the sponsor for the SWCD Outstanding Cooperator Award. The Outstanding Cooperator award recognizes individuals who promote the importance of conservation in maintaining the productivity of the land as well as improving soil and water quality.

Paul Scott became an SWCD cooperator in 1974. Since that time, he and his son Bill have continued the family conservation tradition. The Scotts use conservation crop rotation, no-till, cover crops and 4R nutrient management planning to raise corn, soybeans and wheat. They grid sample their soils and variable rate apply lime and nutrients. Over the years they have installed a multitude

of conservation practices including grassed waterways, rock chutes, subsurface drainage, grass filter strips, CRP upland wildlife management, LE CREP riparian plantings and Lake Erie Hay Buffers.

Bill, along with his son Luke, also promote conservation programs to landowners and help to install numerous grassed waterways and other conservation practices for other landowners throughout the county.

Congratulations to the entire Scott Family for being selected as the 2021 Crawford SWCD Outstanding Cooperator!

Conservation Program Sign Up a Huge Success

Crawford County ag producers were well represented among many other producers in the new 10 county H2Ohio Expansion program sign up that ended October 15th. H2Ohio Expansion sign up total for Crawford County included 122 ag producers applying to enroll 114,234 acres into the program. The 10 counties included in the expansion program are Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby and Wyandot. Total sign up for the 10 counties currently stands at 780 applications on 581,000 acres.



The H2Ohio program was introduced by Gov. Dewine to help combat the algal bloom problems in Lake Erie. The H2Ohio Program works closely with local farmers to enhance their conservation management techniques and reduce runoff by providing incentive payments for best management practices completed on their farms. Eligible practices include cover crops, small grains planting, nutrient management practices and manure management practices. Applications may be approved for up to 4 years of funding.

The final H2Ohio Expansion sign up will be held this coming spring 2022 for any ag producers who wish to apply for H2Ohio Program incentives. For more information contact the Crawford SWCD office at 419-562-8280 or visit the Crawford SWCD website at www.crawfordswcd.org.

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Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM.

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Calendar of Events

November 9	Crawford SWCD Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM.
November 11	Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
November 25th	Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26th	Crawford SWCD Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1st	Northwest Ohio Windbreak Sign Up Deadline
December 14th	Crawford SWCD Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM.
December 24th & 27th	Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of the Christmas Holiday

Decomposition Rates

Did you know that Americans generate over 4 pounds of waste per person every day? If that waste isn't recycled, how long does it really stay in our landfills?



Now consider how many of each of these items get thrown in the trash each day, week, month, year..... that is a huge amount! It is never a bad time to start a compost pile, a recycling bin, or making different purchasing choices. If we all do a little, it makes a big difference!

Stormwater Pollutants

Stormwater can carry pollutants directly to our water sources through the storm drainage system. Unlike our household wastewater, stormwater doesn't go through a treatment plant first, but is deposited directly into the closest watercourse, so it is important to keep pollutants out! Here are some fall stormwater tips to help keep our water clean!



1. Fall is the best season to fertilize your lawn, but we must use fertilizers and pesticides responsibly, by only using as needed and always read and follow product instructions carefully.
2. Sweep up grass clippings from driveways, sidewalks, and streets. Don't forget to sweep along the curb.
3. Remove leaves from your gutters, ditches, driveways, sidewalks, streets, and stormdrains.
4. Clean up that pet waste! Pet waste contains nitrogen, phosphorus, and harmful bacteria.
5. Do a fall tune-up on your car, lawnmower and other power equipment, looking for and fixing leaks.

Windbreak Program Available to Landowners

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program (NOWP) is a great opportunity for landowners to establish tree windbreaks in the county to help reduce soil erosion, control drifting snow, and/or improve wildlife habitat. The program is offered through ODNR Division of Forestry and provides assistance with planting windbreaks. SWCD/ NRCS staff will work with the landowner to design the windbreak and determine the type and number of trees necessary. ODNR forestry staff will then plant the trees in Spring 2022. One of the unique aspects of this program is the Survival Guarantee. ODNR will provide the landowners replacement trees at no cost for any that do not survive the first year. The cost for the 2022 Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program is \$0.35 per row foot, cost share is available for the program through the Lake Erie CREP Program, if eligible. Certain eligibility requirements do apply for the NOWP program. Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2021. Contact the Crawford SWCD/NRCS office for more information or for eligibility requirements at 419-562-8280 ext. 3.



2021 Soil Judging Results

In September Crawford County was host to the local county and the FFA District 2 land judging contests. FFA students participated in land judging contests to test their skills in judging the soil for various purposes, including farming and home development. These principles are applicable in future career fields including environmental and agriculture management, natural resource conservation, home building and construction. We would like to thank Bill Scott and Hord Family Farms for the use of the land and for the Crawford County Engineers, Highway Department for digging the soils pits.

District Ag:

1. Northmor
2. Buckeye Central
3. Wynford
4. South Central
5. Margaretta
6. Monroeville
7. Colonel Crawford



FFA District 2 land judging contest
– Hord Family Farms



County land judging
– Scott Farm

District Urban

1. Buckeye Central
2. Wynford
3. South Central
4. Monroeville
5. Margaretta

County Ag and Urban:

1. Wynford
2. Buckeye Central
3. Colonel Crawford

Duane Shawk - Newly Elected

Duane Shawk was elected to the Crawford SWCD Board of Supervisors for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2022. Duane and his wife, Courtney, live in Liberty Township. He is a Commodity Merchant for Kalmbach Feeds and a member of Shawk Brother's LLC where he raises corn, soybeans, wheat and hay in Crawford and Richland Counties. He is diversified in livestock raising cattle, sheep and goats. His conservation practices include cover crops, strip tillage with subsurface application, no-till, buffer strips, soil grid sampling, prescribed grazing, a manure management plan and a manure storage facility. Duane is a member of Bucyrus United Methodist Church and Farm Bureau. He also serves on the Crawford County Cattleman's Board of Directors. Duane is replacing Mark Gwartz of Vernon Township who will complete his term on December 31st. Supervisors are public officials that serve in a voluntary capacity and are responsible for directing the activities, programs and financial resources of the Crawford SWCD. The staff and board welcome Duane as a new member and thank Mark for his service on the SWCD board.

