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## Jay Hendren, Ag Comedian, will Speak at the 77th Crawford SWCD Annual Meeting

All are welcome to join the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District at the 77th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 31st. This event will be held at The Pickwick Place, 1875 N Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$16.00 and they must be reserved by August 22nd.

The Crawford SWCD supervisor election will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:45 p.m. All owners and occupiers of land at least 18 years of age or older within Crawford County are eligible to vote for SWCD board supervisors. Eligible voters can register at the door in order to receive a ballot. Voters may vote in the Crawford SWCD supervisor election and leave without purchasing an annual meeting ticket.

This year's events at the meeting include the SWCD Supervisor Election 5:30 - 6:45 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm catered by Special Occasions and Mark's Homemade Ice Cream for dessert, SWCD Conservation Slide Show, featured speaker Jay Hendren, SWCD Outstanding Cooperator Award sponsored by Ag Credit, and affiliate members' recognition.

Ohio farmer, Jay Hendren, is returning to our annual meeting after 16 years, drawing from his experiences as a farmer to tickle the funny bones of audience members across the country. Jay's humor is good clean fun — it's good natured while having a commonsense analysis. He tends to discuss everyday topics with a bizarre twist. Jay's take on farm life is original and free from offensive language or topics; it is comedy that can be enjoyed by all ages. You'll get a kick from his hilarious stories about growing up in a family of farmers.

Plan now to attend by contacting the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District office at 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, Ohio at 419-562-8280 extension 3, or get your tickets from one of the ticket sellers in your neighborhood.

## Forestry Workshop

The 2022 Crawford SWCD Forestry Workshop will be October 22nd from 10AM to noon. We will have Marty Michel, private forester, speaking on timber stand improvement, marketing, and controlling invasive species. ODNR Forester, Katie Gerber, will also be speaking on the various programs available for forestry assistance. This workshop will be held outdoors and participants are to dress according to weather conditions. This tour will require participants to traverse uneven terrain and hills. The woodlot is located at 1349 Olentangy Rd, Galion (See map for location). Please RSVP by October 21st to the Crawford SWCD office by phone at 419-562-8280 ext. 3.



Due to reasons beyond our control, the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District had to begin a new Facebook page. You can find it under Crawford SWCD. We hope you are able to find the new page and rejoin us!

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Phone: 419-562-8280	
Website: <a href="http://www.crawfordswcd.org">www.crawfordswcd.org</a>	
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)	2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM.
<b>SWCD Staff:</b>	<b>Board of Supervisors:</b>
Mike Hall, Chairperson	Nahan Brause, Chairperson
Adam Speigel, Vice-Chair	Diane Awbrey, Secretary
Dave Paynter, Secretary	Larry Leonhardt, Treasurer
Ben Stuckey, Fiscal Agent	<b>NRCS Staff:</b>
Megan Brown, Technician	Brad Van Voochis, District Conservationist
Derek Beat, Technician	Kelby Fetter, Soil Conservationist
H2Ohio/Ag Tech	Duane Shawk, Nutrient Management Tech

### Calendar of Events

July 12th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 5:30 PM
July 18th-23rd: Crawford County Fair! See us in the Old Merchants Building!
August 2nd: SWCD Supervisor Candidate voting begins in office
August 9th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 5:30 PM
August 18th: Ohio No-till Field Day 9 AM Sunny Slopes Farm
August 30th: Manure Field Day 9 AM Scott-Reinhard Seeds
August 31st: Annual Meeting 5:30 PM Pickwick Place
September 5th: Office closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday
September 13th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 5:30 PM
October 10th: Office closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday
October 11th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 5:30 PM
October 22nd: Forestry Workshop 10 AM

## Spring Conservation Tillage Survey Results

The Crawford SWCD completed their annual cropland tillage survey for Crawford County. For this survey, each year a predetermined route is driven throughout the county. At known points along this route crop and tillage information is recorded. Data collected at each point is compiled and compared to previous years to determine trends in crop, tillage and planting methods. This survey has been completed using the same points/fields since 1987, with the exception of slight changes due to construction of US 30.

Soybeans were the crop most planted this spring at 52.2% (+4.1% over 2021) of the row crop acres, followed by corn at 36.9% (+3.8%) and wheat at 7.1% (-1.1%). The latest figures show that 59.7% of row crop acres were in conservation tillage - either no till, >30% residue after planting or growing wheat - this spring. The survey revealed 80.2% of soybeans planted with >30% residue while 26.5% of the corn acres were planted in >30% residue.

Soybeans topped the no tillage category with 30.8% (-9.6%) of soybeans no tilled. No till corn acres continue to increase from 3.5% in 2020 to 9.3% in 2021 to 14.5% in 2022.

For more information or more detailed survey data, contact the Crawford SWCD office at 419-562-8280 extension #3.



*For three years in a row, no till planted corn acres continue to increase in the county. This year 14.5% (+5.2%) of the corn acres planted were no tilled. No till and conservation tillage methods improve soil health and help reduce soil erosion on cropland.*

## Manure Nutrient Management Field Day

Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District, in conjunction with Crawford-OSU Extension, will be hosting a Manure Nutrient Management Field Day on August 30. The event will be held at the Scott-Reinhard Seed's Warehouse at 2030 State Route 4, just south of Bucyrus. The day will start at 9 am with a line-up of speakers. Jenifer Yost, a Research Soil Scientist with USDA-ARS from Temple, Texas will be speaking about soil health and the benefits of swine and dairy manure. Dr. Scott Shearer from The Ohio State University will showcase some of the latest technologies being researched and developed. Other topics will include utilizing poultry litter, learning to understand your manure analysis, cover crops, and the latest on H2Ohio, EQIP, and spreading regulations. Field trials with both liquid and dry handling and spreading equipment will be showcased in the afternoon.

Please reach out to the Crawford SWCD for questions or to register by August 26th.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

Burkhart Farm Center, Ag Credit, Scott-Reinhard Seeds, and Hord Livestock.

### Summer Stormwater Tips!

Here are some tips to keep your lawn looking great this summer while keeping our local waterways healthy and clean!

- When mowing your lawn, keep the blade set to 3 ½ inches.
- Remember lawn fertilizer is best applied in the spring and fall here in Crawford County.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn to help naturally fertilize it.
- Clean up animal waste regularly.
- Keep grass clipping off street and sidewalks so they don't end up in the storm drain.

Follow us on Facebook for more stormwater tips all year round!

## 2022 Crawford SWCD Supervisor Candidates



Eric Hanes would like to be on the board of supervisors because he is always willing to learn about new conservation practices such as increasing soil health to help the family farm as well as other farms become more resilient and sustainable as agriculture continues to evolve. Eric and his wife Mackenzie reside in Chatfield Township, near the family farm in which he is very active on. Eric assists with the family excavating business as well when help is needed to construct waterways, blind inlets and other conservation practices. On the farm, they practice minimum tillage, some no till and cover crops, as well as participate in H2Ohio. When Eric is not farming, he is a Farm/Crop Insurance Producer for CSI Insurance. Eric is also the current President of the Crawford County Farm Bureau.

Braxton James would like to be on the board of supervisors because he is always willing to learn, especially about the agriculture industry. He would like to help others learn more about agriculture and be more active in the community. Braxton is an electrician apprentice when he is not working on the farm. He lives in Sandusky Township where the family farm is located. The conservation practices their farm has used over the years includes cover crops, no-till, and water ways. They participate in the H2Ohio Program, Manure Management Program and the Nutrient Management Program.



Ben Stuckey would like to be on the board of supervisors because "I enjoy refining proven methods of conservation and finding new ways to care for the land that we all depend on and love. Serving on the Board of Supervisors is an opportunity to work with the Crawford SWCD staff and the landowners and producers of Crawford County to support the efforts of conservation throughout our community." Ben's family farm practices no-till and minimum tillage, cover crops, planting green, Hay Buffer Program, waterways, and low disturbance manure injection. Ben is a dairy farmer and lives in Holmes township with his wife, Meredith, and their daughter, Maren. He volunteers and is active at his church.

## Crawford Hosting Ohio No-Till Field Day

Are you interested in the potential of growing organic crops with no-till? And saving input costs? Rick Clark, who farms 7000 acres near Williamsport, Indiana, will be the keynote speaker at the Ohio NT Council Field Day being held on August 18 (Thursday) at Sunny Slopes Farm in Crawford County. Rick is a nationally prominent speaker and has slowly transitioned the Clark family farm to organic standards. Cattle are a key component of the regenerative farm. The Field Day location is: 4565 Zeigler Rd, Bucyrus, OH 44820. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. and end about 4:00 pm.

Cody Beacom, Bird Agronomics, will plant a dozen cover crop strips so participants can see both top growth and root growth for different mixes. He and David Brandt will join Rick for a panel discussion, answering your cover crop questions. Other speakers and program details will be announced.

The Ohio No-till Council is sponsoring 3 field day events on August 18, 20 and 23. Three opportunities to learn the latest information about soil health, cover crops and a whole lot more. For more information or to register for any field day go to <https://ohionotillcouncil.com/2022/05/23/save-the-date/>.