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Contact Crawford SWCD Today!

Introducing: 2026-2027 H2OHIO Program Sign Up!

Basic or Precision Nutrient Management Plans: \$10–15/ac
Subsurface Phosphorus Placement: \$20/ac
Manure Incorporation & Utilization: \$35–75/ac
**Overwintering Cover (includes cover crops, wheat,
& perennial forage crops): \$40/ac**

Sign up for the H2Ohio Program for crop years 2026–2027 has begun and will be available through August 15th, 2025. A limited number of acres are available. **Producers who are currently enrolled in crop years 2022–2025 H2Ohio contract and would like to participate in the crop years 2026–2027 program, will need to reapply.** Producers who are interested in participating can come to the office to learn more and sign up. Current soil tests (2022 or newer) are required for program participation. Acres that lie within Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, and Wyandot Counties are eligible for signup. Contact Crawford Soil and Water to sign up to get more information on the H2Ohio Program!

Crawford SWCD Wins Statewide *District of the Year Award*

The Crawford SWCD was awarded the District of the Year Award at the 2025 Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Partnership Meeting in Columbus.

This award recognizes outstanding and innovative SWCD programs and initiatives that have proven successful in reaching out to a variety of audiences, involving new partnerships and spreading the soil and water conservation message. District programs honored with this award serve as models of excellence for other SWCD programs.

Note: Beginning April 21, 2025. The Crawford SWCD office hours will change to 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



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Website: www.crawfordswcd.org
New Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)
2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

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Calendar of Events

April 1: H2Ohio Crop Year 2026-2027 Application Period Open!
April 18: Fish Sale Orders Due
April 23: Area 1 Envirothon, Putnam County
April 25: Fish Sale Pickup 1:30 PM – SWCD East Parking Lot
May 3: Community Cleanup! Contact the Office to Register!
May 9: SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
May 26: SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
June 10: Plentiful Pastures Pasture Walk RSVP Due
June 11: Conservation Camp, Camp Michael 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
June 12: Plentiful Pastures Pasture Walk
– 5:30 PM, Brad and Christine Stahl's Farm
June 13: SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
June 18: Conservation Camp, Camp Michael 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
June 19: SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
June 25: Farmer for a Day, Acres of Adventure 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
July 4: SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Independence Day
July 11: SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
July 14 -19: Crawford County Fair
July 30-31: North American Manure Expo, Fulton County

Pond Weed Management Tips



Did you have issues with weeds in your pond last summer? Maybe you had the floating mats of muck, filamentous algae, that limited the enjoyment and use of your pond. Now is the time to begin treating ponds to control weeds during the summer months. Don't wait until summer months to begin treatment as the weeds have already established and can be harder and more risky to control. Here are a few helpful tips for controlling weeds in your pond.

- 1) Look at storm runoff entering your pond. Where does it come from and what may be mixing with it before entering your pond? Controlling or treating this runoff may reduce or eliminate the issue you are trying to overcome.
- 2) Identify the culprit. Knowing what species of weed you want to control is critical to applying the correct treatment.
- 3) Use the right product at the proper application rate. Many application rates are listed in "acre-feet of water," which can be tricky to calculate.
- 4) Understand the potential hazards. Chemical treatments can have adverse effects, abide by the label precautions for swimming, drinking, fishing and pets. Also, research how the chemical may affect other aquatic life in your pond.

- 5) Consider implementing alternative control measures like barley, straw bales, or grass carp (White Amurs).

Use the following formulas to determine the Acre-Feet volume of your pond:

- **Surface Acres (Rectangular Pond) =**
 $\text{Length} \times \text{Width} / 43,560$
- **Surface Acres (Oval Pond) =**
 $\text{Length} \times \text{Width} \times 0.8 / 43,560$
- **Average Depth =**
 $\text{Sum of all depth measurements taken} / \text{total number of measurements}$
- **Acre-Feet =**
 $\text{Surface Acres} \times \text{Average Depth}$

If you would like assistance with any of the above suggestions or have more detailed pond management questions, please contact the Crawford SWCD office.

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Saturday • May 3rd • 10 AM - 11 AM

Gather your friends, family, youth groups, clubs and colleagues for a great community service while keeping our community beautiful!



Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS, and OSU Extension Staff will be at the following locations:

Bucyrus:
Aumiller Park
Crawford County Fairgrounds

Galion:
Galion Bike Trail

New Washington:
City Park

Volunteers can arrive at their park of choice at 10 AM and receive bags, gloves, and instructions.

Spring Woodland Maintenance



Now that winter is over and milder temperatures are here, many woodland owners relish a return to walking their woodlots. Spring is a perfect time to get out and inventory what management may be necessary for the upcoming year. Items like clearing trails and paths, cutting firewood and removing dangerous "widow makers" are items that are at the top of most lists. Along with those important items, a close look for invasive species should be completed. Most notable in our local woodlands are Bush Honeysuckle and Multiflora Rose. These invasives are easy to ID and locate this time of year as they produce leaves early (mid March), in the spring, before most other species. A quick flag or ribbon marker is a great way to mark these species for removal at a later date. Along with these invasives, locating grapevine needing cut is a good item for your list. Keeping up to date on these maintenance items improves longevity and productivity of your woodlands for years to come. The picture above shows a severe infestation of invasive Bush Honeysuckle, notice the leaf maturity compared to other species. For more information on how to manage invasive species or grapevine, contact the Crawford SWCD.

Plentiful Pastures Pasture Walk

A summer pasture walk organized by the Crawford SWCD in collaboration with local producers and industry experts. A special thank you to the Crawford County Cattleman's Association for sponsoring the meal, and James Farms for donating the water for the event!

Brad & Christine Stahl's Farm

Thursday • June 12, 2025

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

2099 Temple Road • Bucyrus, OH 4482

RSVP by June 10, 2025



Ohio Drainage Rules

With spring rains come the annual floods and problems that can arise from them. The State of Ohio has drainage laws in place, but they can be complex and confusing for many landowners. Keeping in mind a few general rules of thumb can help you better understand drainage law.

- 1) We ALL depend on some form of drainage, regardless of where we live or how much land we use.
- 2) Every citizen has a responsibility to maintain drainage on their property.
- 3) Landowners have a right to "reasonable use" of water on their property and can alter the flow or use of water across or on the property, however that use cannot block or cause unreasonable damages to adjacent property owners.

If you would like more information or have questions about drainage on your property, contact the Crawford SWCD office for assistance.