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81st Crawford SWCD Annual Meeting to Be Held August 26th

Please join the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District at their 81st Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, August 26th**. 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 16th.



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 to receive a ballot. Attendees may vote in the Crawford SWCD supervisor election and leave without purchasing an annual meeting ticket.

This year’s program includes the SWCD Supervisor Election, dinner beginning at 6:30 pm catered by Eats & Events by Emily and Mark’s Homemade Ice Cream for dessert, SWCD Conservation Slide Show, and featured speaker, Dr. Jana Houser, PhD from The Ohio State University, Department of Geography.

Dr. Houser specializes in radar analysis of tornadoes and the supercell thunderstorms that commonly produce them by using state-of-the-art mobile technology observations. Her interests include studying the evolution of rotation in thunderstorms just prior to and during the process of forming a tornado. She also studies storm-scale processes that influence tornado production and behavior. Furthermore, she investigates the role that variations in terrain and land cover, which is a proxy for friction, play in tornado evolution, path, and intensity.

Plan to attend by contacting the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District office at 419-562-8280 extension 3.

Come See Us At The Crawford County Fair!

The **168th Crawford County Fair** is **July 20th – 25th** and we hope to see you there! **NEW** this year, our office is tending to the flowerbed on the west side of the Young Riders Horse Barn. Be sure to look for it and enjoy our native pollinator plants (and fun pollinator facts) that we have established. We have been working hard on the flowerbed this year and plan to have it for many years to come!

As always, you can find our booth inside the Old Merchants Building where we will have information on recycling, stormwater, native pollinator plants, and so much more! We will also have information about all the events happening with our office this summer.

Stop out and take a peek at BOTH of our spaces at the Crawford County Fair!

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
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2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 AM

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Calendar of Events

July 3:	Independence Holiday – office closed
July 10:	SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00am
July 20-25:	Fair week - visit our booth in the old merchants building
July 28:	Supervisor Election voting begins
July 30:	Local Work Group planning meeting, 9am – 11am
August 6:	Livestock Handling & Pasture Tour, Wyandot Co., 5:30pm-8:30pm
August 14:	SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00am
August 19:	SWCD Elected Officials Tour 8:30am-2:00pm
August 26:	SWCD Annual Banquet Meeting, Pickwick Place 5:30pm
September 7:	Labor Day Holiday, office closed
September 11:	SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00am

Education Updates and Opportunities

Crawford SWCD Education and Outreach Specialist, Allie Brause, is eager to provide educational opportunities spanning from summer camps to school visits in September! Upcoming summer day camps are full of fun! From building bluebird houses to learning about dairy calves and hanging out with friends, these camps will be memorable! In between camps and school visits, Allie attends various education workshops and trainings to broaden her conservation knowledge and enhance it with available resources. School visits start in September but can be requested anytime. Lesson topics include: Erosion in a Bottle, Ohio's Mammals, Owl Pellets, Water Cycle, Recycling, Natural Resources, Trees, and so much more! Lessons vary by age. To schedule, please reach out to Allie via email at allison.brause@oh.nacdnet.net as soon as possible as her schedule fills up quick. Happy summer!



Conservation Planning Meeting Announced

The Crawford SWCD/NRCS Local Work Group (LWG) will conduct an informational meeting on Thursday July 30, 2026. The meeting will take place from 9-11 am at the Crawford SWCD/NRCS office located at 3111 SR 98 in Bucyrus. The purpose of this meeting is to identify local agricultural and natural resource concerns and issues within Crawford County.

Public participation is requested to assist the LWG identify local agricultural, soil, water and other natural resource concerns and issues, discuss local conservation priorities, and brainstorm potential solutions. The meeting is open to the public. Local residents are encouraged to participate and provide input. The LWG membership consists of federal, state and local government representatives with an interest in conservation agriculture and natural resources who support locally led conservation efforts. To assure adequate seating accommodations, RSVP's are requested by July 17, 2026. Those not able to attend may submit comments to the Crawford SWCD office at 3111 SR 98 Bucyrus or by email to mike.hall@oh.nacdnet.net. Contact the Crawford SWCD/NRCS office at 419-562-8280 ext. #3 for more information or to RSVP.

ODA Farm Chemical Clean Sweep

Safely dispose of farm pesticide and herbicide chemicals only, household chemicals will NOT be accepted. This is a **FREE** service provided by ODA and OEPA to local farmers.

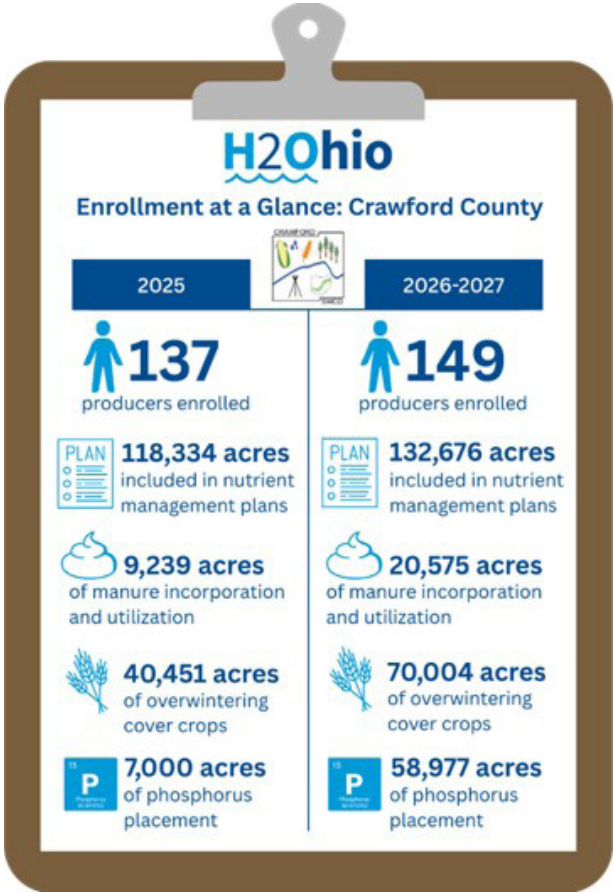
What: ODA Farm Chemical Disposal Day
When: Monday August 3, 2026 9am-3pm
Where: Crawford Co. Fairgrounds
Contact: Crawford OSU Extension 419-562-8731



Successful Conservation Efforts With H2Ohio in Crawford County

As we wrap up the planning process and begin implementing H2Ohio Best Management Practices, we decided to compare previous enrollment numbers to current program year enrollment numbers. While there have been a few tweaks in practice requirements, as well as consolidation of practices, the consensus is that conservation is **increasing** in Crawford County. One practice that has significantly increased is Phosphorus Placement. In short, the meaning of this practice is to either apply zero phosphorus for that crop year, or that all the phosphorus that was applied for that year was directly injected at least two inches deep into the soil. This practice generally leads to less full-width tillage being done on the land. It also places nutrients into the root zone of the soil so that plants can more easily and efficiently utilize the applied nutrients. This generally leads to less nutrient runoff compared to broadcast fertilizer applications, as well as increased efficiency of applied nutrients. These factors are critical to the overall conservation and longevity of the landscape and the farm as a whole.

We would like to thank all the participating producers and consultants involved in the planning process that have assisted in implementing and making the H2Ohio Program in Crawford County successful. Whether it is your first year or sixth year in the program your commitment to conservation is greatly appreciated!



Handling Livestock and Your Pastures Workshop Scheduled

We invite you to attend a late-summer animal husbandry clinic and pasture walk organized by Crawford and Wyandot SWCD in collaboration with industry experts! This event includes livestock handling and movement techniques led by John Yost, PhD from The Ohio State University Extension/CFAES-Wooster (ATI). Pasture management strategies with Hannah Ziegler, SWCD Nutrient Management & Grazing Technician, Jarrod Hittle ODA State Grazing Specialist, and ODA Grazing State Administrator, Bob Hendershot. The discussion will include animal husbandry as it relates to moving livestock across paddocks and within barns, rotational grazing strategies for all levels, how to manage pastures during droughts and floods, and forage species for warm and cool season grass pastures. A light meal and materials for your reference will be provided. Located in Wyandot County, south of Joe & Deann Funkhouser's Farm at 19459 State Highway 37 Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Look for the event signs! RSVP by August 4, 2026 by calling Crawford SWCD at 419-562-8280 ext. 3 or Wyandot SWCD at 419-731-0020. Thank you to our meal & water sponsors: Wyandot County Cattlemen's Association and Shane Coppler, Fort Royal Farms (Carey, OH) for helping make this event possible. See you there!

