



MEMO

May 11, 2017

TO: CCAO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**FROM: CHRIS ABBUHL, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

SUBJECT: MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will meet twice in the next 30 days. The first meeting is a joint meeting with the Taxation and Finance Committee on Friday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street in Columbus. The agenda for the meeting will be sent separately and is expected to include discussion of provisions in the state budget revising the formula for County Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) and other tax related legislative matters as appropriate.

As a reminder, lunch will be served during the meeting. To have an accurate head count for lunch, please notify Tanya McComas, Administrative Assistant at tmccomas@ccao.org or (614) 221-5627 by May 15 if you can attend.

The second meeting will be held on Friday June 2 and will be a tour of several sites in the Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Network. This is a joint meeting with the CCAO Water Quality Task Force. The detailed agenda is included on the next pages of this memo. Thank you to Tony Bornhorst, Shelby County Commissioner and Vice-Chairman of this committee for making arrangements for this day.

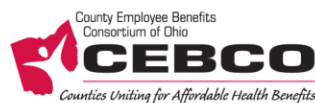
We will need a head count for lunch as well as a count of how many people intend to visit the third farm after lunch that day, which is an optional part of the tour. Again, please RSVP to Tanya McComas to let us know if you can attend.

Thank you for your service to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, I hope many of you will be able to attend both meetings on May 19 and June 2.



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County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and Water Quality Taskforce
Tour of the Demonstration Farms

Agenda
June 2, 2017

- 9:45-10:00 a.m.** **Meet at Kurt Farms**
*4291 State Route 68
Dunkirk, OH*
- 10:00 a.m.** **Welcome and introductions**
*Aaron Heilers, Project Manager
Blanchard River Demonstration Farms*
- 10:15 a.m.** **Tour of Kurt Farms**
Kevin King, researcher with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service will detail his edge of field monitoring at the demonstration farms and from around Ohio. He will share the results of his research so far.
- Chad Penn, soil scientist with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, has developed nutrient removal beds that can effectively remove phosphorus from drainage water. He will share how this conservation practice can be effective in dealing with our legacy phosphorus fields.*
- 11:15 a.m.** **Depart for Kellogg Farms**
- 11:30 a.m.** **Arrive at Kellogg Farms (17392 Twp. Road 50, Forest)**
Demonstration farmers Bill and Shane Kellogg will speak about why they are participating in the demonstration farms and we will view their subsurface nutrient placement equipment and discuss how that has impacted their operation.
- 12:15 p.m.** **Lunch provided**
- 12:45 p.m.** **Depart Kellogg Farms for Stateler Farms**

Blanchard River
DEMONSTRATION
 **FARMS NETWORK**

1:30 p.m.

Arrive at Stateler Farms (6653 Twp. Road 123, Blanchard)

Demonstration farmers Duane and Anthony Stateler will take us on a tour of their swine operation and see conservation practices that are being installed on their farm. Stateler's are also installing a spray irrigation septic system. Experts from Ohio State will talk about why this practice can help in dealing with our water quality issues.

2:30 p.m.

Adjourn