

Ohio County Farm & Home News

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2017 CAIP COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Ohio Co. Cattlemen's Association has begun taking applications for the "2017 CAIP (County Agricultural Investment Program)". Applications may be picked up at the Extension Office starting April 3, 2017. Applications **must** be returned by noon on April 28, 2017.

Projects must have been completed by the applicant between the dates of November 1, 2016 and October 30, 2017, to be eligible for cost-share. All documentation for reimbursement, associated with eligible projects, must be turned in to the Extension Office by noon on October 31, 2017.

All receipts must be dated between November 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. This means you must purchase items for capital improvement projects or other reimbursable items at least 1 month before the reimbursement deadline. Purchases must use either check or credit/debit card. No cash purchases allowed!!!!

If you would like details on what is eligible to be cost-shared in each program, you can go to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy's website at: www.agpolicy.ky.gov. Click on "KADF Programs" in the green bar, then click on "KADF Program Portal", then select "County Agricultural Investment Program". This will give a listing of the 10 different programs eligible for cost-share for 2017.

The 10 cost-share program areas for 2017 are:

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| * Agricultural Diversification | * Forage & Grain Improvement |
| * Large Animal | * Poultry & Other Fowl |
| * Small Animal | * Value Added & Marketing |
| * Farm Infrastructure | * Fencing & On-farm Water |
| * Technology & Leadership Development | * On-farm Energy |

If you are unable to access the website or do not have internet capabilities, come by the Extension Office and we will print the materials you need.

All applicants should read the rules and eligible items closely, as some programs have prerequisites. If you have questions, contact one of the members of the Ohio Co. Cattleman's Association Cost-Share Committee or the Extension Office.

"COME BIRD WITH ME IN MY GARDEN" – May 6th

The Ohio Co. Homemaker's Garden Club will host Mrs. Sharon Sorenson for a program on bird watching in our backyards, on Saturday, May 6th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The program is open to the public and will be held at the Ohio Co. Extension Center in Hartford.



Mrs. Sorenson and her husband have been avid bird watchers for over 50 years and have presented professional programs in 48 states in the U.S. The focus for her discussion on May 6th will be on birds in our yards and gardens, where she will also provide facts about biology or physiology of the birds. She will discuss how to identify birds found around our yards/gardens, while we learn where to see the birds; whether in brambles or high in the canopy of the trees. Mrs. Sorenson's programs are always color-filled presentations containing over 300 color pictures of birds. Her programs make learning-by-coincidence fun and funny!!!!

This program is being sponsored by the Ohio Co. Homemakers Garden Club and is free to anyone interested in attending.

2017 KY GRAZING SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN WESTERN KY

The Kentucky Grazing School will be held April 25-26, 2017 at the U.K. Research & Education Center in Princeton, KY. This two-day program runs from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and includes hands-on exercises, such as building rotational grazing systems, assessing pasture production and building small paddocks for grazing. Classroom discussions will cover topics, such as, benefits rotational grazing, portable/seasonal watering systems, how to build and use temporary fencing, growth of grass and legumes in response to grazing, animal management in grazing systems, fence chargers for effective grazing, and many other important topics related to grazing management. Emphasis will be on spring and summer grazing management for all ruminant species (beef, dairy, sheep & goats).

Past participants have ranged from new to experienced grazers and all have gained new information or skills to implement on their operations. All past participants have indicated that attending motivated them to make changes to their grazing systems to improve their operations.

Pre-register for the grazing school is required, as enrollment is limited to the first 45 who pay the registration fee. The \$50.00 registration fee includes all materials, grazing manuals, breaks, and lunch both days. To register, contact Jacob Brandenburg, with U.K. Animal & Food Sciences, at (859) 257-7512 or Jacob.brandenburg@uky.edu. Program and additional information can be found the UK Forage Website at <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/welcome.htm>.

"SPRING FLOWER & GARDEN JAMBOREE" MAY 13TH

This will be the third year for the Ohio County Homemaker's Garden Club "Spring Flower & Garden Jamboree", to be held on Saturday, May 13th at the Ohio Co. Extension Workshop Center in Hartford. The plant sale will run from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

This year's event will include a wide variety of landscape and garden plants, as well as flowers from local gardeners. There will also be beautiful hanging plants grown by a local greenhouse, information on lawns, flowers, vegetables and landscape plants and you can get your questions answered by experienced gardeners. We will also have a community yard sale items.

This program is always fun and exciting, offering a wide assortment of yard and garden plants/flowers that will beautify any landscape. I hope everyone will come out and support the Ohio Co. Homemaker's Garden Club on May 13th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 25-26 - KY Grazing School; U.K. Research & Education Center, Princeton
- April 27 – Green River CPH Sale; Kentuckiana Livestock Market; 6:00 p.m.
- May 6 – "Come Bird with Me in My Garden" Program; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 10:00 a.m. till noon
- May 13 – Ohio Co. Garden Club "Spring Flower & Garden Jamboree"; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

For more information about any of the above programs, contact the Ohio Co. Extension Office.

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