

OSU Extension | Fairfield County
**2026 FAIRFIELD COUNTY
 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

We sustain life.



The following is an Agricultural & Natural Resources needs assessment for OSU Extension in Fairfield County. The purpose of this survey is to gain insight into how our office can better serve the needs of the agricultural community in Fairfield County. Completion of this survey is voluntary, and all responses will remain anonymous. All data will be reported in aggregate.

I am a... Full-time Farmer Part-time Farmer Hobby Farmer Ag Industry Professional Consumer Horticulture
 Commercial Horticulture Other _____

I grow the following crops & livestock (please list acreage and numbers of animals raised each year)

CROPS

- Row Crops (corn, soybeans)_____acres
- Fruits/Vegetables _____acres
- Greenhouse/Nursery_____acres
- Hay/Forage/Pasture_____acres
- Timber_____acres
- Other_____ (describe) & _____acres
- Do Not Raise Any Crops

LIVESTOCK

- Beef Cattle_____#
- Dairy Cattle _____#
- Equine_____#
- Poultry_____#
- Sheep/Goats_____#
- Swine_____#
- Other_____ (describe) & _____#
- Do Not Raise Any Livestock

What types of Extension programs would be of interest to you? (Check all that apply).

Crop Management

- Row Crop (corn, soybeans, wheat)
- Fertilizer / Nutrient Mgmt
- Forage / Hay / Pasture
- Weed / Insect / Disease Mgmt
- Not Applicable or No Interest
- Other_____

Commercial Horticulture

- Grape Production
- Greenhouse / High Tunnel
- Tree Fruit Production
- Small Fruit / Bramble Production
- Vegetable Production
- Weed / Insect / Disease Management
- Not Applicable or No Interest
- Other_____

Consumer Horticulture

- Annual Flowers
- Bee Keeping / Pollinators
- Bramble / Small Fruit Production
- Community & School Gardens
- Composting / Soil Mgmt
- Greenhouse / High Tunnel
- Lawns
- Nuisance Wildlife
- Perennial Flowers
- Shrubs & Trees
- Tree Fruit Production
- Vegetable Gardens
- Not Applicable or No Interest
- Other_____

Farm Management

- Agritourism
- Budgeting
- Business Planning
- Direct Food & Ag Marketing
- Estate / Succession
- Insurance / Risk Management
- Leasing / Custom Rates
- Legal Issues

Farm Management (continued)

- Marketing / Outlook
- Record Keeping
- Tax Management
- Not Applicable or No Interest
- Other_____

Livestock Management

- Beef
- Dairy
- Equine
- Goats / Sheep
- Poultry
- Small Scale Livestock (backyard)
- Swine
- Not Applicable or No Interest
- Other_____

Natural Resources

- Aquaculture
- Oil & Gas
- Pond Management
- Water Quality
- Wildlife Management
- Woodland Management
- Not Applicable or No Interest
- Other_____

Specialized Programs

- Agronomy School
- Farm Safety
- Fertilizer Certification & Recertification
- Landowner/ Tenant Relationship
- Local Foods / Farm Markets
- Master Gardener Program
- New Technologies
- Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalis Program
- Pesticide Certification & Recertification
- Regulatory Updates
- Small Farmer Education
- Tractor Safety Certification
- Women in Agriculture
- Other_____

When would be the best time during the day to attend a program? (Check all that apply).

- Morning Afternoon Evening Does not matter

What days of the week would you prefer to attend programs? (Check all that apply).

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
 Friday Saturday Sunday Does not Matter

What are the best ways to distribute information to you? (Check all that apply).

- Direct Mailing E-Mail Facebook Instagram
 Newspaper Radio SnapChat Twitter
 Webpage Other_____

What do you value or enjoy about the current Fairfield County Extension **Agriculture** programs and services?

What specific programs, events, trainings and/or communications would **strengthen** OSU Extension's image and mission in our community?

Name one or more subject areas of **agriculture/natural resources** that you believe OSU Extension could better address. How could this be accomplished?

What are some **barriers** that may be keeping OSU Extension from being more effective?

Please provide any additional suggestions or comments below.

My City/Township is: _____

Please return survey to:

OSU Extension – Fairfield County
831 College Ave, Ste D, Lancaster, OH 43130

An online version is available at:

go.osu.edu/fairfieldagsurvey