

# ANR Newsletter

News from Seneca County Extension/ ANR Extension Education

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June Edition

## Becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer



**Research shows that people who volunteer live longer, are more physically active, and are happier!**

### Master Gardeners

Do you have a love for gardening or plants? Is *Horticulture* your favorite hobby? Are you looking for a new and exciting volunteer opportunity? Master Gardeners is the right program for you! There are plenty of Perks of joining the Master Gardeners Program: training, volunteering, educational programming, new friends and fun field trips. As a Master Gardener Volunteer you can be involved in so many things including the Seneca County Fair. As part of The Ohio State University Extension, the mission of the Master Gardeners program

is to fulfill the duties of Extension; research, education and communication. The Seneca County Master Gardeners Program is currently taking care of flower beds at the Fairground, doing educational presentations at the Seneca County Fair, participating in Grow Ohio and making a positive impact on our community. We are currently accepting applications to join the Seneca County Master Gardeners Program. If you are interested in joining, please email me at [buurma.20@osu.edu](mailto:buurma.20@osu.edu) or call the

office at 419-447-9722. The cost is \$125 for access to the training and classes, the training manual, a t-shirt and a name tag. Along with that each new member in training will need to complete certain hour requirements that we help you achieve.

September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at the Food Court in the Seneca County Fairgrounds is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Open House of the Seneca County Master Gardeners Program.

# Beech Leaf Disease Update



Beech Leaf Disease is an ever-growing problem affecting American Beech Trees in Ohio and surrounding areas. Beech Leaf Disease or BLD first appears as dark, interveinal bands of the leaves (as pictured above). This discoloration is best seen by holding the leaf up to the sky and looking through it. When identifying an American Beech Tree, they are often recognizable because of their smooth gray bark and alternating leaves. Their leaves have serrated margins which can be another tool used to identify this tree. The advanced symptoms can be seen as shrunken, curled leaves with a leathery texture and 2/3 of the leaf will have these bands. You may be wondering *But what is causing this?* The presence of nematodes or microscopic worms are the cause of the

dark banding of the leaves and subsequent damage to the Beech trees. Although it has not been confirmed in Seneca County, it is moving west across the state.

If you suspect you are seeing Beech Leaf Disease, please call the extension office at 419-447-9722 or ODNR Division of Forestry at 614-593-2569

For more information on Beech Leaf Disease:

<https://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/2179>

<https://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/1585>

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/forestry/forest-health/insects-diseases/Beech-leaf-disease>  
[Beech Leaf Disease PDF](#)

## Tiffin-Seneca Farmers Market Informational Speakers from June



This month we had our first Informational Speaking event at the Tiffin-Seneca Farmers Market. We had a good turn out for our speakers and encourage everyone to come out on July 29<sup>th</sup> for our next speaking event. In case you were wondering *What even is this event-* here is an explanation:

Each month The Ohio State University Extension-Seneca County in conjunction with the Tiffin-Seneca Farmers Market will be hosting Informational Speakers at the Ohio State University Extension-Seneca County's booth located in the parking lot next to the Commissioners Office in Tiffin on Madison Street. Each speaker will start at the top of the hour during their time slot. All speakers, topics and times are released 1 month prior to the event. This is a free event, and we provide tables, chairs and other information that may be needed.

If there is a topic you are interested in hearing about, want to become a speaker or have any other questions please email Pressley at [buurma.20@osu.edu](mailto:buurma.20@osu.edu) or call the office at 419-447-9722

# Market Reports

All of the following information was collected from the USDA and NASS

## **Overall April Reports:**

### **April Prices**

Prices received by Ohio Farmers for the month of April were down in the following areas: Wheat, Milk, Eggs and Hogs.

Prices received by Ohio Farmers for the month of April were up in the following areas: Corn, Soybeans, Broilers, Cattle,.

### **Winter Wheat & Hay**

As of June 1, expected bushels per acre is up 0.2 bushels from last month but down 2.1 bushels from last year.

### **Meat Animals**

Commercial red meat production is down 4% from April of last year. Beef production was down 11% from 2022. Cattle slaughtered was down 10% from last year and the average live weight was down 19 pounds since 2022. Veal production was down 21% and calves slaughtered were down 22%. Pork production was down 4% and head slaughtered was down 3%. Lamb and mutton production was down 11% from April 2022, head slaughtered was down 6% and the average live weight was down 6 pounds.

### **Milk**

April milk production was up 1.9% from 2022 and the production per cow was also increased. The average price of milk cows were up \$150 from April 2022. The average price of milk is down \$4.70 per cwt.

### **Chicken and Eggs**

Total layers in Ohio was down 2% and egg production was down 3% from 2022.

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## As of June 25<sup>th</sup> 2023: Crop Progress

55% of the **Winter Wheat** *matured* which is up from the 49% 5-year average  
1% of the **Winter Wheat** *harvested* which is down from the 3% 5-year average  
78% of the **Oats** *headed* which is up from the 72% 5-year average  
99% of the **Hay Alfalfa** *1<sup>st</sup> Cutting* which is up from the 84% 5-year average  
98% of the **Other Hay** *1<sup>st</sup> Cutting* which is up from the 73% 5-year average  
25% of the **Hay Alfalfa** *2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting* which is up from the 17% 5-year average  
11% of the **Other Hay** *2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting* which is up from the 10% 5-year average  
Corn crop condition ranked 1% Very Poor, 3% Poor, 30% Fair, 61% Good and 5% Excellent. Soybean crop condition ranked 1% Very Poor, 4% Poor, 29% Fair, 61% Good and 5% Excellent. Winter Wheat crop condition ranked 5% Poor, 35% Fair, 53% Good and 7% Excellent. Oat crop condition ranked 2% Poor, 31% Fair, 66% Good and 1% Excellent. Pasture and Range crop condition ranked 1% Very Poor, 9% Poor, 36% Fair, 53% Good and 1% Excellent.

## As of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023: Chicken and Eggs

May egg production is up 4% from 2022. Egg-type chicks hatched up 2% and broiler-type chicks hatched down 1%. Table egg layers are down, total layers are down and eggs per 100 layers are down from 2022. Total egg production by type is down since 2022. 3% of total layers are being molted by June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8% has completed molt by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is down since 2022.

## As of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023: Milk Production

May milk production is up 0.8%. 252 per 1,000 head milk cows in Ohio, this is up from 2022. 1945 pounds of milk per cow in Ohio, this is up from 2022. 490 million pounds of milk produced in May 2023 in Ohio; this is up 1.7% from 2022.

## Upcoming Events

July 29<sup>th</sup> is the next speaking event at the Tiffin-Seneca Farmers Market. Below are the speakers and topics.

9am- Pros and Cons of Raising Poultry with Pressley Buurma from The Ohio State University Extension

10am- Poison Hemlock and Wild Parsnip Invasion with Pressley Buurma from The Ohio State University Extension

11am- Tree Identification with Linda Rose from the Seneca County Parks District

12pm- Ohio Farm Bureau- What we do with Ohio Farm Bureau

Seneca County Fair is July 24-30<sup>th</sup>

JULY 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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Are you interested in joining The Ohio State University and Extension, Representatives from the City, County and State, Company Representatives and other area Farmers to talk about the season? Fill out **THIS** form or email me at [buurma.20@osu.edu](mailto:buurma.20@osu.edu) or call at 419-447-9722



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