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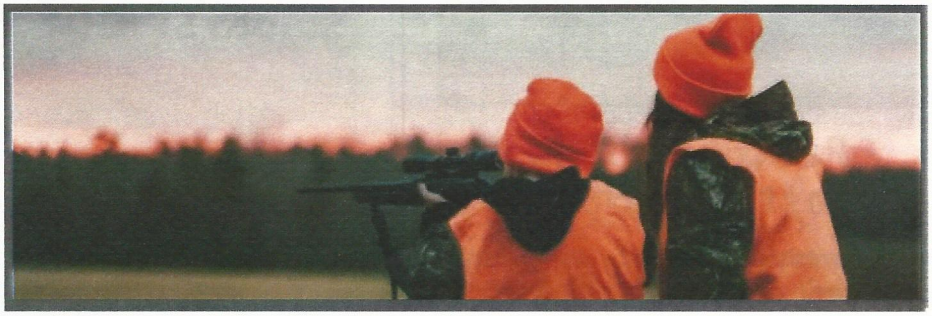
UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Tree Planting
Saturday, November 7th 10AM
Lucasville Community Park
459 Robert Lucas Rd,
Lucasville, Ohio
Join us for an opportunity to learn the steps of planting trees from various natural resource professionals.
This is a family-friendly event, no past experience necessary.

Hunter Ed Course
Saturday, November 7th 8AM
3605 Frederick Road
Wheelersburg, Ohio
Our hunter education program is designed for every age and ability. We'll help you understand where and when it's legal to go for the game you want.
Call to register 740-259-9231

Rooted in Resources for Landowners and Managers
Saturday, November 14th
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
OSU South Centers
1862 Shyville Road
Piketon, Ohio 45661
Join us to learn how to care for your forests, wildlife, ponds, and soil.
Find more info on page 2

80th Annual Meeting
Friday, November 20th 5pm
Scioto County Fairgrounds
Join us to celebrate 80 years of service! Find our invitation on page 2.

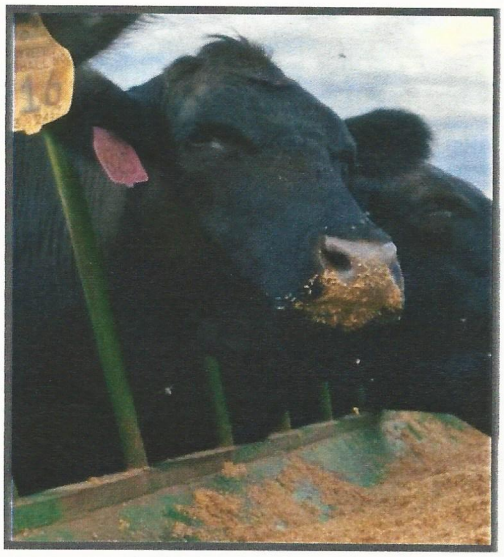


Ohio Gun Season

The two-day youth gun season is Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22. The statewide seven-day gun season is open from Monday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 6. An additional two-day gun season for all hunters is Dec. 19-20, followed by late-season muzzleloader hunting Jan. 2-5, 2027.
Hunters are required to have a valid hunting license and deer permit before heading into the field. The deer management permit is valid for antlerless deer only. Either-sex permits may be used to harvest antlered or antlerless deer. Both permits are available throughout the hunting season, until Feb. 7, 2027. Find more details in the 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
Hunting licenses and deer permits may be purchased on the free HuntFish OH mobile app. App users can view maps of public hunting areas, see the current hunting regulations. Licenses and permits may also be purchased online through Ohio's Wildlife. Licensing System at huntfishoh.gov or at any license sales agent.

Through license and permit sales, hunters fund much of Ohio's conservation work. Those funds, combined with sales taxes on hunting equipment administered to the Division of Wildlife, make possible Ohio's wildlife research, wildlife management, habitat restoration, land acquisition, and wildlife education work.
Ohio hunters generated $1.9 billion in economic spending in 2022 and supported 12,000 jobs, according to a report released by the Wildlife Management Institute, Responsive Management, and Southwick Associates. The research found that 5% of Ohio's adults, about 500,000 individuals, participate in hunting, with 91% of those hunters taking part in deer hunting. Each hunter spent an average of $3,500. Firearms were used by 83% of hunters, a bow by 72%, and many used both. (ohiodnr.gov)

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Feed Analysis Test Packages

Feed analysis test is a crucial laboratory analysis that determines the nutrient levels (protein, energy, fiber, minerals) in animal feed. We can help you balance livestock rations, identify nutrient gaps, prevent health issues, and calculate the economic value of your feed. Our tests analyze moisture, crude protein (CP), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF), Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF), fat, ash, and minerals (Ca, P, Mg, K, S).

Basic packages start out at $35.
Call or stop by for more details

Soil Tests

The Conservation District offers a variety of soil tests for your crop, pasture, hay ground, gardens, lawn and more. A soil test can go a long way in determining the current pH and nutrient levels of your soil, helping you to apply the proper amounts of fertilizer.

BIG PROPERTY?
NO PROBLEM.



LET US TAKE THE SAMPLE FOR YOU



Scioto SWCD's 80th Annaul Meeting

Scioto Soil and Water Conservation District is celebrating 80 years of conservation services on Friday, November 20th. Scioto SWCD was created with a county wide vote in 1945. The district was formed in 1946 and has been serving the county's natural resource conservation needs ever since.

The Conservation District is a county office led by an elected Board of Supervisors and has been tasked with the mission of serving Scioto County residents and landowners to 'conserve, maintain, and improve Scioto County's natural resources'.

The District is funded by the Scioto County Commissioners, is supported by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and is partnered with the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service locally to help implement conservation efforts and programs throughout the county.

We are meeting at the Midway Venue at the Scioto County fairgrounds at 5pm. Enjoy a catered meal and a presentation on eight decades of natural resource conservation.

Registration is required by phone (740-259-9231).



Saturday
NOVEMBER
7

Starting at10am

Lucasville Community Park
459 Robert Lucas Rd,
Lucasville, OH,45648

Questions?
Contact:AarenPatton,
patton.576@osu.edu,
740-529-5006

Lucasville Community Park Tree Project

OnNovember 7th, come visit the Lucasville Community Park to help with the planting of a variety of trees! At this community-driven event, you will have the chance to learn the steps of planting trees from various natural resource professionals, while also being able to enjoy the scenery of the local park. This is a family-friendly event, and no past experience is necessary. Join us for a fun day at the park!



Wildlife Spotlight
Canada Goose

Before 1950, Canada geese (Branta canidensis) were only known as migrants and winter visitors to Ohio. In the early 1950s, the Ohio Division of Wildlife initiated a program to establish resident flocks within the state. These introduction efforts were immediately successful.
The Canada goose is a large gray-bodied bird with a black head and a long black neck. The best field mark is the large white cheek and throat patch. The sexes are alike. The size of this goose varies considerably - some are the size of a large duck and others are two to thee times larger. At least 10 distinct subspecies exist.

These monogamous breeders begin breeding the first weeks of March, and may continue as late as June in colder areas. Incubation only lasts 23-30 days. Most clutches are laid before April 15 and the majority of young geese hatch before May 10. Clutch sizes range from 2-9 eggs; 5 is average. The young geese attain flight after eight to nine weeks, and the family groups normally remain intact into autumn.

Thanks to wildlife management efforts by the Division of Wildlife of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Canada goose is now living in Ohio year-round. Several large lakes and marshy areas have permanent flocks of thousands of geese. They migrate by day and night in noisy, V-shaped formations. The song is a loud honk. They typically feed on plant matter and aquatic invertebrates. (ohiodnr.gov)



Orphaned or injured Wildlife?

In the spring and early summer, when wildlife reproduction is at its peak, you may have the good fortune of observing baby animals in the wild. Often, the babies you see will be unattended by a parent. Unless something seems amiss, keep your distance and leave them alone. Human intervention is always a wild animal's LAST hope for survival, NEVER its best hope.

If you see open wounds or other injuries, or you know in fact that a young wild animal has lost its parent, consult a local wildlife rehabilitator or our Scioto county wildlife officer:
Tyler Fields (614) 565-9064

Do not attempt to capture or feed wildlife until proper, expert guidance is provided to you. Also, limit contact with the animal to reduce stress and the possibility of it becoming habituated. It is illegal to keep wildlife without a rehabilitators permit. Rehabilitators go through extensive training on how to raise and treat young and injured wildlife. Leave it to the professionals and you'll greatly increase the animal's chance of survival.
Visit Ohiodnr.gov for more information



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US TODAY!

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