

CONVERSATION

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FARMER MEETING

#ROOTSNOTIRON



Come and learn from well-known speaker and farmer Blake Vince. He will discuss his 1200 acre corn, soybean and wheat operation all while managing an overwintering cover plus the benefits it provides.

Tuesday, December 5th, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Ottawa K of C Hall

Light Dinner
Provided!



No RSVP needed!
Questions or for more information contact
Putnam SWCD at 419-523-5159

BLANCHARD RIVER CLEAN-UP PROJECT

ORGANIZED BY PUTNAM PADDLE COMPANY
AND PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER

OCTOBER 21, 10 AM - 1 PM
MEET AT ARROWHEAD PARK, OTTAWA OHIO
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NEW H2Ohio Sign-Up going on for crop years 2024 & 2025. Check out the below practice options. If interested, reach out to the office and we can get you started. If you are a current producer, you will need to let us know you want to sign up for the new program. You will not be auto enrolled.



H2Ohio Practice Overview

An approved Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) is required for all cropland enrolled in H2Ohio.



Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) Basic or Precision

\$10/Ac. for Basic VNMP - (<25 Composite Samples)

\$15/Ac. for Precision VNMP - (Grid <6ac. or Zone <12ac.)

- Soil tests must be no older than four years.
- Phosphorus rates shall not exceed more than a two-year recommendation, per Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations
- VNMP may be developed by an ag retailer, independent crop consultant, or producer.



Overwintering Cover - \$40/Ac.

- Establish crops that provided overwintering cover according to NRCS Appendix A.
- The Overwinter Cover can be harvested as a grain or forage.
- Overwintering Cover must be maintained until March 15 of the contracted crop year.
- 50% of the mixes must be overwintering species for cover crops.



Subsurface Phosphorus Placement -\$20/Ac.

- All phosphorus applied must be placed.
- Fields that receive broadcast applications of phosphorus fertilizer are not eligible for this practice until the applied nutrients are utilized through crop removal.
- Producers may be eligible for payment when recommendations are made for the field, but nutrients are not applied.



Manure Incorporation & Utilization

\$35/Ac. for dry manure or litter

\$60/Ac. for all liquid manure

\$15/Ac. Bonus - fields that have a field average of less than 25 ppm Mehlich-III

- All manure applications must be completed by November 1
- Manure application may be achieved through 9 different methods and timings of applications.

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Interested in attending the National No-Till Conference? The district is sponsoring farmers from Putnam County to go and will reimburse their registration costs. (value of around \$500)

HELP THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY

Common Milkweed is the sole host plant for Monarch butterflies. This particular plant is lacking on the landscape and has a direct effect on Monarch populations. **Our office is collecting milkweed pods till Nov 12th.** It is best to pick them when they are dry, gray or brown in color. If the seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked. Collect the pods in paper bags. Harvesting pods from milkweed plants do not have any effect on the population of the established milkweed areas.



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