

CONVERSATION

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Putnam SWCD and Putnam County Farm Bureau will be hosting their Annual Meetings together again. Join us for an evening full of board elections, food, and socialization. This exciting event will take place on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the American Legion in Continental. Tickets are \$10/each and can be purchased at either office during business hours or from board supervisors. You can also fill out the form below and mail it to the office to reserve your spot. All registrations need to be returned by August 15th.

The election of two board supervisors will start on August 2nd and run through August 31, 2023. Voting can occur anytime during those dates at our office during normal business hours or at the Annual Meeting from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to come into the office - absentee ballots can also be requested by contacting the office.

Candidates running for Board Supervisors are: Craig Pothast, Terry Schroeder and Michael Weller. Full bios will be available on our website under Events tab.



Doors open at 5:00 p.m. - Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Putnam SWCD at 419-523-5159 or Farm Bureau at 877-775-7642 to purchase tickets or have any questions.

Registration for Annual Meeting

Name: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Phone Number: _____ # of Tickets

Please send in with payment to 1206 E. Second St. Ottawa, OH 45875
 Checks can be made out to Putnam SWCD. We will be checking people in at the door by the name given above. (No physical ticket needed)

Women for the Land Upcoming Workshops

Saturday July 22: 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Prairies field trip day. We will be going to different established prairies around the area. Points of discussion include establishment, wildflower mixes, maintenance, where to buy seed, and costs involved.

Saturday August 19 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Are you a landowner that rents farm ground? Come join us for an informational session on supporting longevity for your soils, rent agreements, and cost-share programs that might benefit you. Bring any other questions you might have.

The following program times are yet to be decided.

Saturday September 16

Escape to the Forest: Do you own a woodlot and/or want to know how to identify some common invasives in them? Join us for a field day where we will visit three different woodlots of different ages. Our forester will share how to manage woodland in different stages of growth.

Saturday October 21

Wonderful Wildlife: We will be looking at ways to attract wildlife to your home. Bird feed and feeders, bird and animal nesting boxes and how to manage them will be some of the topics shared.



2023 POND CLINIC

Thursday,
JULY 27TH
6:00 P.M.

Sycamore Lake Winery
9660 Mayberry Rd.
Columbus Grove, OH 45830

- Pond Design
- Weed & Fish Management
- Wildlife
- Safe Drinking Water

Join us on the patio to get all your pond questions answered.
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For more details contact the Putnam SWCD office at 419-523-5159.



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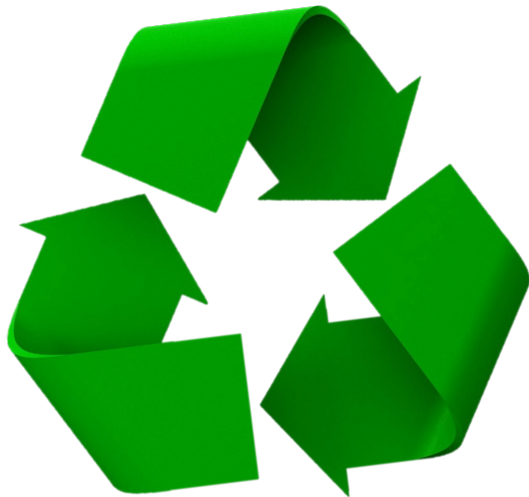
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RECYCLING NEWS



Putnam County Recycling Bins will be moving to a drive thru in one of the back buildings in the Ag Complex. This will happen sometime mid-end of July. Bins will continue to be located where they were for the fair. Use the drive closest to the railroad tracks across from the Car-E-It's back parking lot. Follow the drive back past the first set of buildings. You will then turn to the left and go through a gate opening. There is a sign on a telephone pole to tell you where to turn. They will be open normal hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. &
1st & 3rd Saturday 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Jeff Duling (Putnam County) will host the first Ohio No-Till Council field days on August 17th. It will be located on his family farm: 13079 Road 10-L, Ottawa, Ohio. The program will start at 8:50 a.m. and end about 4 p.m.

Would you like to have a highly functioning healthy soil? Our opening speaker, Adam Daugherty, will share his experiences on how to get a healthier soil to maximize crop yields and ecosystem services. As a Farm Production and Conservation Specialist with the US DA-NRCS in Tennessee, Adam has helped farmers succeed.

Jeff Duling will share the history of the Duling Farm and current regenerative practices. One of those practices is applying manure in season. Glen Arnold, OSU Field Specialist, will describe how liquid manure is applied to a standing corn crop, extending the time available for application and saving on nitrogen cost.

Do you have questions? We'll have a panel, including long-time no-tillers Les Seiler and Bill Richards (plus Adam and Jeff) to provide answers. After lunch, demonstrations in the field will include: eight cover crop strips (Cody Beacom, Bird Agronomics); Soil properties (Jim Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Specialist); and Analyzing soil functions (Adam Daugherty). Cargill RegenConnect is sponsoring an Ice Cream Break.

Jerry Grigar will share how strip-cropping and cover crops on his continuous no-till fields have increased yield far above county average. He recently retired as State Agronomist for NRCS in Michigan. The program will close with an update of H2Ohio by Terry Mescher, Program Coordinator for H2Ohio, ODA.

Early registration (by Aug. 12) is \$50 per person (\$25 for students); on-site: \$75. Register online at: www.ohionotillcouncil.com or by mail. Check payable to Ohio No-till Council. Send to: Bret Margraf, Seneca Conservation District, 3140 South S.R. 100, Suite D, Tiffin, OH 44883.

A graphic for 'DULING FIELD DAY' featuring a calendar page with a red pushpin on August 17th and the text 'OHIO NO-TILL COUNCIL'. The graphic has a tan background and a dark border. The word 'AUGUST' is written vertically on the left. The calendar shows the 17th, 18th, and 25th. The text 'DULING FIELD DAY' is at the top in large, bold, dark red letters. At the bottom, 'OHIO NO-TILL COUNCIL' is written in white on a dark green rounded rectangle.

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**Upcoming
 Events**

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| July 21 | SWCD Board Meeting |
| August 10 | Pesticide Collection
Fairgrounds — Gate 5 |
| August 17 | Duling Field Day
(Registration through Ohio No-Till Council) |
| August 18 | SWCD Board Meeting |
| August 31 | SWCD Annual Meeting |
| Sept. 19-21 | Farm Science Review
(Registration through OSU) |
| Sept. 22 | SWCD Board Meeting |



- Appointments are now being taken for 2023 program implementation. **All** participants must come in to verify Spring practices.
- \$10/acre Bonus for early seeded Overwintering Cover Crops. Must be planted by Sept. 30th.
- New Sign-Up details for 2024 — 2026 will be released soon!