

Ohio Farm Bureau *Update*



Young ag professionals award winners

HUMMEL IS 2022 OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

John Hummel of Canal Winchester is the winner of Ohio Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer



Hummel

Award for 2022. The contest is designed to help young farmers strengthen their business skills, develop marketing opportunities and receive recognition for their accomplishments. Contestants are judged on the growth of their farm businesses and involvement in Farm Bureau and their community.

Hummel is the fifth generation to carry on the farming tradition in his family. He, along with his wife and two sons, reside and farm in central Ohio. He is a graduate of Ohio University where he studied business while working full-time on the family farm. Today, Hummel farms alongside his great uncle and uncle raising corn and soybeans. Together, they have doubled the size and capacity of their operation in the last 15 years.

"My senior year of high school, the farm added close to 1,000 acres, and I made the choice to stay on the farm and commute to a satellite branch campus for college so that I could be on the farm to help every day," Hummel said in his application. "I have never regretted my decision to be on the farm full time as soon as I could. My long-term goal is to keep the family farm alive and thriving well into the future."

Hummel is an active member of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, where he currently serves as vice president on the board of trustees. He is

a member of the Ohio Soybean Council and the National Corn Growers Association, and he also serves on a variety of local and state boards. In addition, he is an active member of his church congregation.

The Outstanding Young Farmer contest is a part of the Ohio Farm Bureau Young Agricultural Professionals program.

ANDERSON WINS 2022 EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

Stacie Anderson of Wood County is the winner of Ohio Farm Bureau's Excellence in Agriculture Award for 2022.



Anderson

The Excellence in Agriculture Award competition is designed as an opportunity for young agricultural professionals who do not derive the majority of their income from production agriculture to earn recognition for their contributions to the agriculture industry, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture.

Anderson grew up on her family's farm raising corn, soybeans, wheat, and specialty crops, while participating in 4-H and FFA as well. She is a graduate of Ohio State University where she earned her undergraduate degree in agribusiness and applied economics. Anderson later continued to earn her master's degree in agricultural communications. She and her husband, Brian, grow corn, soybeans and wheat, as well as raise poultry for direct-to-consumer products and a small herd of

beef cattle. Off the farm, Anderson is the agronomy sales manager for Legacy Farmers Cooperative, where she manages sales of all crop nutrients, chemicals, seeds, and precision products.

"With a career, farm business and family all rooted in agriculture – my promotion of the industry never ends," Anderson said in her application. "Whether it involves working with growers to position agronomy products on their farm during the work day, hosting customers to tour our own farm in the evening, or volunteering at a Farm Bureau event on the weekend – I constantly try to be transparent, open minded and share my everyday experiences with all those I encounter."

Anderson is a member of the Wood County Farm Bureau, where she serves as the president of the board of trustees. She also serves on multiple local and state boards providing leadership and direction to those organizations.

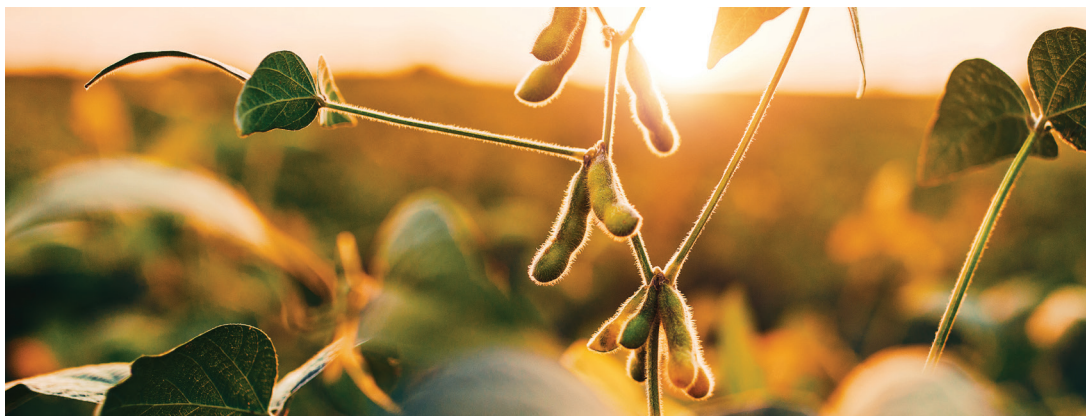
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GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMMING

Eight \$500 grants will go to local YAP groups and two \$500 grants will go to Collegiate Farm Bureau groups. Scan the QR code for more details. Apply by Jan. 13.



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Farmland preservation impacts in current court case

Ohio Farm Bureau and the Union County Farm Bureau recently filed an amicus brief in a case with potential impacts to farmland preservation programs.

The Columbia Gas of Ohio v. Bailey Family/Arno Renner Trust case is currently in the Third District Court of Appeals.

"This is an eminent domain case," said Ohio Farm Bureau Policy Counsel Leah Curtis "It's a utility company looking to take property to build a high pressure pipeline. But the one unique thing about this case is that this land has a farmland preservation easement that was donated to the

state of Ohio upon that property."

According to Curtis, landowners enter into these easements because they intend for their land to remain in agriculture for generations to come and not be otherwise developed.

"In this case, the landowner donated the easement," Curtis said. "So sometimes there is payment for these easements. In this case, the landowner donated it to the state of Ohio. So that makes it a charitable gift, and the intent of that gift really needs to be respected."

Hear more about this case on the latest Legal with Leah at ofb.ag/farmlandpreservationcase.

Member Spotlight: Alisha Morgan



Alisha Morgan of Morgan's Jerseys in Champaign County met her husband, Clark Morgan, in college and soon found herself swept up in a farming way of life she thoroughly enjoyed and wanted to help find a way to protect. The Champaign County Farm Bureau member has worked for Nationwide for 15 years,

13 years in claims and presently as an agribusiness underwriting territory manager. Several years ago, the Morgans were seeing friends and neighbors lose or

sell their farms for various reasons and they decided to look into Nationwide's Land As Your Legacy succession planning program. The Morgans' LAYL succession plan was finalized in 2014. Since that time, Morgan's sister-in-law passed unexpectedly, her mother-in-law, who had Alzheimers, also passed. Morgan is passionate about LAYL and succession planning because without that plan in place, the emotional and financial tolls that came their family's way could have resulted in the loss of their farm.

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Five safety questions for farmers before harvest

*The following information is provided by Nationwide, the No. 1 farm and ranch insurer in the U.S.**

As farmers take to fields for harvest, Nationwide agribusiness risk management experts encourage them to ask these key safety questions to help ensure their farm and family members stay out of harm's way.

1. Are hazardous areas of the farm controlled?
 - Grain handling facilities, for example, have flowing grain, augers and other hazards that pose great risks to unsuspecting individuals. Identify dangerous areas and clearly communicate spaces that are off limits to anyone without the proper knowledge, training, and protective equipment.
2. Are roles age appropriate?
 - When labor is in short supply and kids are eager to help, it can be tempting to give them a task normally taken on by an adult. Before assigning new roles to youth, ensure they have the needed experience, understanding and protective equipment to handle the task safely.
3. Is equipment shut down with keys removed when not in use?
 - Turn off all equipment and remove keys before leaving it unattended. Lower or de-energize any hydraulics and use safety stops.
4. Will ride-a-longs be safe?
 - Consider designating a supervised observation area for youth instead of allowing them to ride with you in equipment.
5. Are youth not involved in harvest being safe?
 - Ensure that kids old enough to be left at home are being safe. Set expectations, communicate often, and limit temptation by locking up any hazards that require adult supervision.

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