Just a reminder that **Weed Management 101 – Welcome to the Jungle** will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at the Wright State University - Lake Campus (7600 Lake Campus Dr., Celina). There will be both afternoon (1:15p-4p) and evening (6:15p-9p) sessions. A free meal will be offered before each program (12:30p and again at 5:30p). Dr. Mark Loux, OSU Weed Specialist, and Dr. Jeff Stachler, OSU Extension Educator in Auglaize County are the presenters.

Registration is due by January 3rd!! You can register by calling 419-586-2179 or e-mailing riethman.24@osu.edu.

OSU Extension Darke County is partnering with Farm Credit Mid-America to hold a **Farm Management School** this winter.  The series will teach young, beginning and small business farmers about finances, business plans and how to make their operation successful.

Some of the topics to be covered include Developing a Balance Sheet, the Basics of Finance, Developing Your Business Plan, Farm Transition Planning, and Ag Law 101. This series will be held on Thursday evenings, January 5th through February 2nd (five sessions). Presenters for the series will include OSU Extension Farm Management personnel and Jeff Roeth from Farm Credit Mid-America.

The cost is $50 per person, with pre-registration and pre-payment \***required**.\* Registration deadline is tomorrow – December 27th! The flyer and registration information is available at <http://go.osu.edu/darkefarmmanagementschool> or contact Sam Custer, at 937.548.5215.

**West Ohio Agronomy Day**: Monday, January 9th, 8:30a-4p at St. Michael’s Hall in Fort Loramie. “Food, Fun, Fellowship, and ***Lots*** of Information.” Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits, Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Units, a few Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits, and the two-hour Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training for those already holding a Pesticide Applicator License. Cost: $35 for Private Applicators; $10 for all others.

We’ve added a few more sponsors since last week’s update: Kroeger Sales and Service, Delphos; A.G. Boogher & Son, Wapakoneta; Otte Ag LLC, Maria Stein; Shelby County Farm Bureau; and Cargill, Sidney. Give us a call at the office or send me an email to reserve your spot at this Great Program!!

Yes, it’s “**Meeting Season**”!!  I’ve found that OSU Extension “Ag” has about three main cycles:  The Field Day Season (mid- to late-summer/fall), The Inservice Season (while you’re all harvesting, we’re getting “educated”), and The Meeting Season (January through March, when most of our programs are held).  Yes, that leaves The “Clean Up” Season which (hopefully) allows us to get caught up on all the things we didn’t get done in the past nine months . . . before Field Day Season starts again!!

The OSU Agronomic Crops Team is accepting applications for **2017 Summer ACRE interns**. The Agronomic Crop Research Experience (ACRE) program provides a rich training experience related to agronomic crop research to undergraduate students. Interns  support on-farm research by being placed in strategic hubs throughout the state. Students gain real-world experience in scouting, sampling, and evaluating crops in Ohio.

The internships are paid, full-time summer positions lasting 12-14 weeks. Applications are due January 10th.  More information is available at [**go.osu.edu/acre**](http://go.osu.edu/acre). Undergraduates, graduating seniors, and incoming OSU graduate students are welcome to apply.

Thanks to Judie, our **Shelby County Extension Webpage** is up and functioning!! You can go to Shelby.osu.edu for information on “happenings” within the county! Now, to be fair, not \*all\* the pages have been updated, but we’re working on it! Yes, the info for the Quality Assurance/Market Animal Weigh-Ins under the 4-H link are current and ready to go!! Be sure you check out information you need for your projects!!

Happy New Year!!  Hope to see you at West Ohio Agronomy Day – one of the \***first**\* in the Meeting Season!