The **Ohio Beef Industry Update** program will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at the Newport Sportmans’ Club on Rangeline Road just off SR 47 east of SR 66. Dinner at 6p (Beef, of course!) will be sponsored by Animal Profiling International and MultiMin USA. The program will include a presentation by Pete Hausser on “Keeping your Cowherd Profitable” as well as a Membership and Policy update from the Ohio Cattlemen’s Association. The Ohio Beef Checkoff will also be discussed. To RSVP or for more information, call 614.873.6736 or send an email to beef@ohiobeef.org.

Well, the calls are starting to come in; it’s that time of year: We’re gearing up for **West Ohio Agronomy Day!!** Yes, this time of “Food, Fun, Fellowship, and ***Lots*** of Information” will be held on Monday, January 9th at St. Michael’s Hall in Fort Loramie! We’ll offer the two-hour Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training for those who already hold a pesticide applicator’s license as well as the Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Training in CORE and Categories 1, 2, and 6.

Registration and a light breakfast will begin at 8a with the marketing update featuring John Leighty and Chris Hagar from Sunrise Cooperative at 8:30a. The “official trainings” will then begin at 9a, with a break for the Great Lunch at 11:30a. You should be done with all the paperwork and ready to leave by 4p.

Thanks to our sponsors who help to make this day as fun and exciting as it is: To date, Personal Crop Insurance from Warsaw, Indiana; Fertilizer Dealer Supply, Anna; Bambauer Fertilizer and Seed, Jackson Center; and New Ag Horizons, Minster. Because of these supporters – and, hopefully others! – we can provide a full and informative day for those in attendance!

These sponsorships also support the Evening Portion of West Ohio Agronomy Day which will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at the Days Inn in Sidney (corner of I-75 and SR 47). This program begins with a light supper at 5p. The Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification training will happen from 5:30-8:30p and following a short break, the two-hour Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training will finish the evening. Once again, I plan to have you out of there by 11p, paperwork done!!

For more information on these programs, you can contact me at brown.1522@osu.edu or 937.498.7239 or go online at <http://pested.osu.edu/Recert/topofohio>. Those of you with Private Pesticide Licenses to renew this year should be receiving a flyer in the mail from ODA that shows all the programs being offered in this area of the state.

For those of you who need the **Three-Hour Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training** I mentioned last week, you can put Monday, March 20th on your calendars!! We’ll be holding two different sessions: 2p-5p and again at 6:15p-9:15p. This will be held at the Palazzo, south side of Botkins, with supper for both groups from 5p-6p. Yes, it’s a ways out, but just thought I’d let you know . . .