

January 19, 2026

LOCATION	SMALL FRUIT TRACK	TREE FRUIT TRACK	VEGETABLE TRACK	MARKETING TRACK
8:15 AM			Registration Opens	
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Adapting Small Fruit Production to Midwest Climate Realities Aaron Wilson, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Midwest Apple Foundation Work Toward Apple Selections Diane Miller, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Labor Donna Carpenter, Agriculture Workforce Management Association Inc. (AWMA)	
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Prescription Nutrient Management of Plasticulture Strawberries Brad Bergefurd, BRANDT Ag **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Peach Production Dave Lockwood, University of Tennessee **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Virtual: Soil Solarization for High Tunnels: What, When, Why, and How Annette Wszelaki, University of Tennessee **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Kroger Distribution Center Tour
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Growing the Next Generation: Exploring Farm Succession Planning Ryan Conklin, Wright & Moore Law	US Apple: Your Voice in DC Diane Kurle, US Apple	Insurance 101: Protecting Your Farm in a Sue-Happy Society Olivia Lang, The Hummel Group	
11:45 AM – 2:00 PM		LUNCH, ANNUAL MEETING AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Bob Jones, Chefs Garden		
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	The Ambulance Chasers are Coming: Navigating Farm Liability Johnny Cottingim, Wright & Moore	Grower Panel on New Varieties in Orchard Marketing Moderator: Diane Miller, Ohio State University	Virtual: Tomato Production from Seed to Harvest Annette Wszelaki, University of Tennessee	Social Media That Produces: Turning Followers into Customers for Ohio Producers Gerald Stanley, Imavex
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Blueberry Production Options for Ohio Gary Gao, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Minor Bugs that Cause Major Problems in Apple Orchards Ashley Leach, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Prescription Nutrient Management of Vegetable Crops & Tomatoes Brad Bergefurd, BRANDT Ag **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Don't Pull Out Your Hair, Pull Out Your Humor -Dealing with negative reviews on socials Christie Welch, Ohio State University
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Precision from Above: Drones in Agriculture Graham Carson & Jordan Olinger, Relentless Ag **Commercial 1 Credit Offered**	Exploring Training Systems for Tree Fruits Brent Arnoldussen, University of Kentucky	Pollinators in Cucurbits Crops, What's the Buzz? Logan Minter, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Charcuterie Board Making Class (limit to first 12 people to sign up!)
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM		NETWORKING RECEPTION IN TRADESHOW AREA & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT		

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7:30 AM – 8:00 AM			Breakfast & Registration	
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Commercial Raised Bed Blueberry Production Elayna Stirn, University of Kentucky **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Regulations for Sweet and Hard Cider Saba Osloobi, Ohio Department of Agriculture	Diversified Weed Management Strategies for Ohio Vegetable Production Ram Yadav, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	The Digital Marketing Ecosystem: A Holistic Growth Strategy for Ohio Producers Amy Campbell, Imavex
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	What Conservation Practices Can Work in your Operation? Mary Griffith and Jason Undercoffer, NRCS	Tools and Principles for Apple Crop Load Management Brent Arnoldussen, University of Kentucky **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Early Sweet Corn Production Cameron Way, Way Farms **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Long Cane Raspberry Production Gary Gao, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	The Impact of Extreme Weather Events on Diseases Impacting Apples Melanie Ivey, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Ohio SH2 Sweet Corn Update Mike Gastier, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	AI for Everyday Agri-Marketing: A Simple Framework for Growers Laura Sutherly, Agtivation
10:45 AM – 1:00 PM		LUNCH AND DESIGNATED TRADESHOW TIME (doors open at 10 AM) Ohio Cider Contest - Lunch will be Served at 11:30 AM		
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Honey Vine Milkweed Management in Brambles Ram Yadav, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Unlocking Dormancy, Bloom, and Pollination for Improved Resilience Brent Arnoldussen, University of Kentucky **Commercial Core Credit Offered**	Promoting Beneficial Insects on the Farm Laura Ingwell, Purdue University **Commercial Core Credit Offered**	Mental Health in the Agriculture Industry Jami Dellifield, Ohio State University
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	FSMA Produce Safety Rule Inspections & Observations Matt Fout, Ohio Department of Agriculture	Integrated Weed Management Strategies for Orchard Floor Management Ram Yadav, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Virtual: Extending Your Markets with High Tunnels Mike Orzelek, Penn State University	A Framework for Developing and Training Awesome Customer Service Rob Leeds, Ohio State University
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Neopestalotiopsis Disease of Strawberry Melanie Ivey, Ohio State University **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	The Bitter Truth about Bitter Rot in Apples Dave Lockwood, University of Tennessee **Commercial 2B Credit Offered**	Israeli Innovation for Ohio Growers: How Robots & AI-Powered is Transforming Crop Management Aryeh Canter & Joshua Ellis, Ohio Israel Ag & CleanTech Initiative	How to Increase Your Sales Through Farmers Markets Sara Hill, Ohio Farmers Market Network