



Timber Harvesting ~ answers from your Service Forester

Ever wonder if you are doing the right thing in having your woodland harvested? Are you sure you are getting the most for your timber? These are just a couple of questions you need to consider before you sign a timber sale agreement. Unfortunately, a lot of people do not take a step back, think and ask for assistance. There is help through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. Over 20 service foresters across the state are available to advise and assist you with both timber sales and woodland management. Since the late 1940's state service foresters have put together a template for the best timber sale results, both for value and future harvesting.

The first step is to give us a call. If you are considering a timber sale or just want to know more about what is in your woods, give us a call. We are an educational agency here to assist with objective, scientific information so you can make the best choices for you, your woodland and the environment. If we cannot assist with your request or question, we can put you in touch with other private companies or agency's that could help.

Having a state Service Forester or private SAF or ACF certified forester examine your woods is key. Foresters look for underlying issues with invasive plants, pests, and diseases that need to be addressed before a harvest. In immature woodlands, the service forester can make recommendations on how to increase growth rate and minimize the time to harvest maturity.

Timber harvests are important to forest health and sustainability. Most desirable tree species need moderate to full sunlight to germinate, grow, and develop. They are dependent on a disturbance, like a timber harvest, to get the next generation of trees started. As a reaction to seeing over harvested woodlands, some owners have chosen to try to "preserve" their woodlands by restricting all harvesting. Unfortunately, this can "preserve" a species like White Oak to death by preventing them from reproducing in the areas that would have been opened up from a harvest.

What is a mature size for harvesting my timber? Maturity for harvesting timber is based on both biological and economic factors. In general, most desirable species start to become mature at 24 inches in diameter at chest height. Lately, we have been seeing a premium paid for larger trees in the 30-inch diameter range because; trees of that size are becoming harder to come by. Over-maturity is an issue as well. Trees 36 inches in diameter and above start having splits and decay problems that start reducing the usable volume and value.

How many trees should I harvest? The number of trees to be removed in a harvest should be determined by your sustainable harvest rotation. The theoretical sustainable harvest rotation is 75 years. If you cut 20% of the trees you started with, at intervals of 15 years, you have 75 years to grow a seedling to a 24-inch diameter mature tree. This has to be very carefully done since cutting 5% more each time will eliminate the 5th harvest and cause a gap of 30 years in the harvest rotation. If given the chance, most logging companies cut 40-60% of the trees at one time which can lead to a gap of over 50 years before the next harvest. Woodland management is serious business because one bad harvest can affect generations.

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TREE SALES end March 4, 2022
see page 3 for order form

Annual Planning Survey on page 3
due by Feb 18, 2022

FISH SALES end April 29, 2022
See page 5 for order form

Jan 17th—Holiday—office closed

Feb 11th—Business sponsor due
Feb 21st—Holiday—office closed
Feb 18th—Survey deadline
Feb 25th —Scholarship Deadline

Mar 4th —Tree order deadline
Mar 13th—Time Change

April 5th & 6th - Tree pickup
April 29th—Fish order deadline
April 24th—30th Stewardship Week

May 6th — Fish pickup 1:30-4:00 pm
May 8th— Mother's Day
May 30th—Holiday—office closed

June 19th—Father's Day
June 20th—Holiday—office closed

July 4th—Holiday—office closed
July 31st thru Aug 6th — County Fair

August—TBD—Annual Meeting

2022 Board Meetings—first Wednesday of month @ 8:30 am

Jan 5th, Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd, Apr 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, Aug 3rd, Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd, Dec 7th

BECOME A BUSINESS SPONSOR!

Our office is offering a yearly business sponsor opportunity to anyone who would like to advertise their business. There are 3 ways to place a business ad, proceeds go towards the annual meeting.

- Tier 1—\$50 —placemat for annual meeting
- Tier 2—\$75—placemat and 2x in our newsletters
- Tier 3—\$100—placement and 4x in our newsletters

If you would like to become a business sponsor or have questions please call our office @ 419-738-4016 and ask for Chris or email cdavis@auglaizecounty.org Deadline is February 11th, 2022.

**Thanks to our County Commissioners/
Administrator**

John Bergman/Dave Bambauer/Doug Spencer/
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The Auglaize SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to Thank the Commissioners/Administrator for their continuing support and dedication to conservation in our county; the financial assistance at the county level draws matching funds from the state that enables the District to continue to provide assistance to all Auglaize County residents.

The Auglaize SWCD Newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed on our SWCD program. If your address needs corrected, if you wish to be removed from our mailing list or receive your newsletter via e-mail. Contact cdavis@auglaizecounty.org or call the office at 419-738-4016.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: February 25, 2022

Our office is offering a \$500 scholarship to any high school senior or student currently enrolled in a college or university for the fall of 2022 who resides in Auglaize County. The applicant should be pursuing a degree in a natural resource or an agricultural related field. Applications can be requested from our office or found on line at www.auglaizeswcd.org. The completed application and a copy of transcript are due no later than 4:30 pm on Friday February 25th.

2022 Tree Order Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____

Office Use Only
Order No.
Check / Cash
Amount \$
Receipt #

	Species (10 Seedlings per Packet)	Seedling Size	Number of Packets Ordered	Price per Packet	Total Price
10 Trees per Packet	Bald Cypress (1 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Balsam Fir (transplant)	6-12"		\$12.00	
	Dawn Redwood (1 yr seedling)	6-12"		\$12.00	
	Douglas Fir (2 yr seedling)	18-24"		\$12.00	
	Norway Spruce (2 yr seedling)	18-24"		\$12.00	
	White Pine (transplant)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Black Cherry (1 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Button Bush (1 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Highbush Cranberry (1 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Pin Oak (2 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Red Oak (1 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Sugar Maple (2 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Swamp White Oak (2 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Sycamore (1 yr seedling)	12-18"		\$12.00	
	Rainbarrel Only	each		\$10.00	
DIY Connector Kit Only	each		\$35.00		
Rainbarrel and DIY Connector Kit	each		\$40.00		
Rainbarrel - Pre-Assembled	per kit		\$20.00		

**Deadline for ordering seedlings is
March 4, 2022**

Subtotal	\$
+TAX @ 7.25%	
Total Amount Due	\$

Check payable to Auglaize SWCD, 110 Industrial Dr #G, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 must accompany order form.

Pick up dates are April 5th - 1pm to 4:30pm AND April 6th - 7am to 12pm
Postcards will be sent with location of pickup

Welcome to our New Board Supervisor



Denver Davis who started his 3 year term this month. He's replacing Paul Knueve who we would like to give a big THANK YOU to for serving on our board.

OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE ~ DEANA KRAMER

Deana has been employed in our office since July as the Special Program Technician (H2Ohio). She grew up on a dairy farm in Eastern Auglaize County and worked as a milk tester before attending college. After 20 years of teaching, she is happy to once again be working with the agricultural community. Currently living in the Cridersville area, enjoying two amazing kids and four beautiful granddaughters. Our office is glad to have her aboard!

Preparing for Winter Driving!

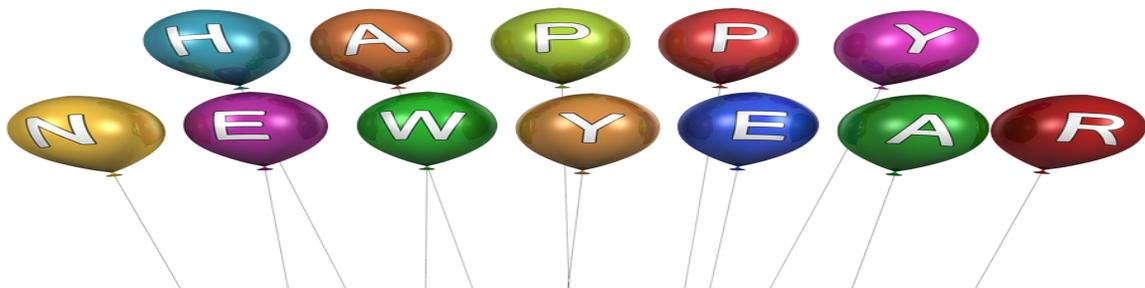
Three key elements to safe winter driving are: *Stay Alert, Slow Down and Stay in Control*

It's best to winterize your vehicle before winter strikes. Schedule a maintenance check-up for the vehicles tires and tire pressure, battery, belts and hoses, radiators, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers and ignition system. Keep your gas tank full—at least half a tank is recommended. Winter driving conditions such as rain, snow and ice dramatically affect the braking distance of a vehicle. When handling slippery winter roads, the keys to safety are slower speeds, gentler stops and turns, and increased following distances. It is recommended that drivers reduce their speed to half the posted limit or less under snowy road conditions.



Sand and salt play a big role in keeping roads safe. The spreading of road salt prevents snow and ice from bonding to the road surface. Unlike salt, sand does not melt and therefore helps by providing traction on slippery surfaces. Caution must be used when snowplows are on the roadways as snowplows and salt and sand trucks travel much slower than regular traffic. Passing a snowplow can be extremely dangerous as sight lines and visibility near a working snowplow are severely restricted by blowing snow!

Safe driving tips that will help you when roads are slick with ice or snow: Avoid spinning your tires when you start by gently pressing your gas pedal until the car starts to roll. Start slowing down at least three times sooner than you normally would when turning or stopping. Reduce your speed to correspond with conditions. There is no such thing as a "safe" speed range at which you may drive on snow or ice. Maintain a safe interval between you and the car ahead of you according to the conditions of the pavement. Keep your windows clear. Don't start driving until the windows are defrosted and clean—even if you're only going a short distance.



NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS . . . How many time have you set a New Year's resolution and not followed thru? Like most people, maybe the "goal" was too big? Statistics show only 46% of people are successful!

The most common resolutions are: exercise more, lose weight, get organized, learn new skill/hobby, live life to the fullest, save money or spend less, quit smoking, spend more time with family/friends, travel and read more.

IF you would like to make your New Year's resolution work try one of more of these "tips": Mentally prepare for a change, set a goal that motivates you, limit resolutions to a manageable amount, be specific, break up big goals into smaller goals, write down your goals, share your resolutions with others, automate where possible, review your resolution regularly and lastly, if you fall off track—get back on quickly!

2022 Fish Sale

The fish offered are intended for stocking ponds and lakes; with the minimum pond size suggested for stocking is 1/4 acre with a minimum depth of 8 feet. The following are suggested stocking rates per acre for a new or un-stocked pond. These rates apply to surface area and should be adjusted to fit your pond size: Largemouth Bass 100, Bluegill 500, Yellow Perch 100, Channel Catfish 200, Minnows 1,000 and White Amur 10.

The District is working with Remlinger Fish Farm this year. The fish will be delivered to our office in cardboard boxes. Inside the box the fish will be contained in a sealed bag with water and oxygen. All fish are sold by the box.

**Please return the order form and payment by Friday April 29, 2022 to
Auglaize SWCD ~ 110 Industrial Dr #G ~ Wapakoneta, OH 45895**

Fish can be picked up on Friday May 6th, 2022 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. at the SWCD Office.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Boxes	Species	Size	Quantity per Box	Price per Box	Total
_____	Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$26.00	\$ _____
_____	Bluegill	4" - 6"	20	\$44.00	\$ _____
_____	Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$26.00	\$ _____
_____	Hybrid Bluegill	4" - 6"	20	\$44.00	\$ _____
_____	Redear Shellcracker	2" - 4"	25	\$31.00	\$ _____
_____	Redear Shellcracker	4" - 6"	20	\$49.00	\$ _____
_____	Black Crappie	2" - 4"	25	\$41.00	\$ _____
_____	Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$25.50	\$ _____
_____	Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	25	\$53.00	\$ _____
_____	Jumbo Yellow Perch	6" - 8"	10	\$40.00	\$ _____
_____	Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$41.00	\$ _____
_____	Large Mouth Bass	4" - 6"	20	\$50.00	\$ _____
_____	Large Mouth Bass	6" - 8"	10	\$51.00	\$ _____
_____	White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____	Black Fathead Minnow	1" - 3"	500	\$46.00	\$ _____
_____	Pond Maid Sludge Remover	4#		\$ 63.00	\$ _____
_____	Pond Maid Sludge Remover	10#		\$168.00	\$ _____
_____	Pond Maid Sludge Remover	25#		\$349.00	\$ _____
_____	Pond Maid Pond Bacteria	10#		\$168.00	\$ _____
_____	Pond Maid Pond Bacteria	25#		\$349.00	\$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____
+TAX @ 7.25% \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

INTERESTED IN A GRASSED WATERWAY?

Having water erosion issues on your farm? Visit our office to get technical advice on the erosion issues you're having. We can help guide you in solving your water issues and help you make your decision on what practice will best fit your site. Although waterways can be inconvenient to farm around, they are very effective in saving the soil, preventing gully formation and improve water quality on your farm. A typical grassed waterway is 30 foot wide and approximately 1 foot deep. There is cost share money available to install grassed waterways. All you need to do is stop by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and tell them you want to sign up. They will ask you to point out the location on a map and bring in a copy of the deed for the parcel where you want to put the waterway. The deed is required since this strip of grass is put into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The CRP provides cost share money to construct, seed, fertilize and mulch the grassed waterway to get it established. It also pays you a rental rate for 10 years for that section of farm land you are taking out of production.

The SWCD office needs time to investigate, survey and design waterways. The best time to install is in a wheat stubble field shortly after wheat harvest. ***There is a wait list, so don't wait to sign up.*** If you are interested or have questions, please contact our office at 419-738-4016.

Steps for installing a waterway: SWCD office looks at the area of concern and then surveys the area. Land owner signs up with FSA, then a set of plans are drawn and cost estimate is figured. The landowner is then presented a set of plans so they can shop around for contractor prices. After a contractor is selected, the landowner will notify SWCD office and we will stake out the waterway. Once construction and seeding is complete, SWCD staff will inspect the waterway to make sure everything is installed correctly. Landowner will then bring bills to FSA, so cost share money can be determined.



Maintenance requirements: After vegetation is established, inspect regularly, especially following heavy rains. Fill, compact and reseed damaged areas immediately. Remove sediment deposits to maintain capacity of the grassed waterway. Mow as needed to maintain the desired composition and stand density of the waterway. Mowing can be done between spring and fall as long as the height is maintained at 4"-12". Control noxious weeds, do not use as a field road and avoid crossing with heavy equipment when wet, lift tillage equipment and turn off chemical application equipment when crossing the waterway.



Keeping Animals Warm in Winter . . .

Farmers take special care to ensure their animals stay warm and healthy through the winter months. When it gets cold dogs, cats and other pets come inside but farmers can't always bring their whole herd indoors to warm up! For this reason farmers may increase the amount of food they provide their animals. When animals eat more food their metabolism will be accelerated, burning more energy and producing more body heat to stay warm. Food can be provided through extra grain or roughage.

For animals that usually live indoors, such as pigs and dairy cows, winter and summer will still affect farming. The temperature of barns or sheds should be monitored to ensure animals are not too hot or too cold. Animals can be moved into a barn with dry bedding provided to ensure animals stay warm. If a barn is not available, than windbreaks can help animals take cover from the wind. Windbreaks can be made from trees, fences, bales of hay or anything that slows down the wind.



Farm animals have a natural adaption that allows them to cope with changing seasons. Cattle grows a thicker, longer coat to hold onto body warmth and protect them from the snow and wind. Sheep have their own natural insulation! Wool holds heat well, that is why wool sweaters are so warm!



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How much is my timber worth? State service foresters are not allowed to appraise timber. If you absolutely need that information for estate or real estate purposes, you will need to hire a private certified forester. For most timber sales that service foresters assist with, we recommend a sealed bid process where the appraisal is unnecessary. Your forester would mark the trees to be harvested, estimate the board footage of each tree and write up a summary of the total number of trees and footages by species. The woodland owner would then send this summary along with a map and bid sheet to any interested companies. The returned bids will show you exactly what your timber is worth in the current market. Before an agreement is signed, you have the right to reject the bids if you decide not to sell.

Do I need a contract when I sell timber? Gone are the days of verbal agreements with just a handshake. You need to make sure you and your property are protected from liability, theft, and negligence. The agreement or contract is a legal document that should spell out what is being sold, how it is being accessed, what working conditions are acceptable or unacceptable with weather, who takes responsibility if there is an injury, who will take responsibility if there is a HB-88 non-point source pollution complaint, and many more. The logging companies' contract may not protect the owners interests enough. Examples of timber sale contracts are available through your service forester.

Can I get more help? Absolutely. The Division of Forestry and partner agencies have a wealth of information waiting for you. If you would like to attend a "Timber Sales 101" program to learn more about timber sales in more depth, please call your Auglaize County SWCD office, they can let you know when the next program is coming up.

~ Daniel Bartlett, Service Forester
#419-379-8171





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Provide leadership, technical assistance, education and conservation of natural resources in Auglaize County.

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Please call or check our website to verify date and time.



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