



**NOTICE**

Please join us for an **Open House Luncheon!**

When: August 12, 2026

Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Jr Fair Building at the Fairgrounds

**MUST** RSVP by July 27th

Cost is FREE

**H2Ohio** By the Numbers (updated March 2026)

**3,200**

agreements signed by producers to implement best practices on the farm



**499 wetland**  
projects in development across Ohio

**H2Ohio** Rivers Program  
By the Numbers

Number of large rivers sampled for PFAS or **29**  
approximately **1,400** miles

**2.5 million**  
acres enrolled in Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans

**13,000** lead service lines identified across the state



**19,829 acres** of wetland and associated habitat restoration

**121 grants** totaling **\$71 million**

for access to reliable drinking water and critical water infrastructure



**More than 50%** of cropland fields are enrolled throughout the Western Lake Erie Basin

**340** wetland projects completed

**\$4.6 million** invested for **84 communities** to upgrade road salt equipment and storage options.

**649,000 lbs** of trash removed from rivers and streams



**More than 25,800 acres** of watershed improved by conservation ditch projects

Thanks to everyone who purchased trees this year—we sold 4,775!

**FISH SALES end April 24, 2026**

**See page 2 for order form**

## 2026 FISH SALE

Please return the order form and payment by Friday April 24, 2026  
 Fish pick up (except Tilapia) Tuesday May 5, 2026 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm 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	\$31.00	\$
	Bluegill	4 - 6"	20	\$48.00	\$
	Hybrid Bluegill	2 - 4"	25	\$31.00	\$
	Hybrid Bluegill	4 - 6"	20	\$48.00	\$
	Redear Shellcracker	2 - 3.5"	25	\$40.00	\$
	Redear Shellcracker	3.5-5.5"	20	\$50.00	\$
	Black Crappie	2 - 4"	25	\$51.00	\$
	Channel Catfish	4 - 6"	25	\$34.00	\$
	Jumbo Yellow Perch	4 - 6"	20	\$54.00	\$
	Jumbo Yellow Perch	6 - 8"	10	\$49.00	\$
	Jumbo Yellow Perch	8 - 10"	5	\$43.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	2 - 4"	25	\$50.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	4 - 6"	20	\$64.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	6 - 8"	10	\$53.00	\$
	Large Mouth Bass	8 - 10"	5	\$54.00	\$
	White Amur	8 - 12"	2	\$41.00	\$
	Black Fathead Minnow	1 - 3"	500	\$50.00	\$
	Tilapia <i>(delivered in June)</i>	5 - 10"	4#	\$84.00	\$
	Pond Sludge Remover	4#		\$63.00	\$
	Pond Sludge Remover	10#		\$168.00	\$
	Pond Sludge Remover	25#		\$349.00	\$
	Pond Bacteria	10#		\$168.00	\$
	Pond Bacteria	25#		\$349.00	\$
				Subtotal	\$
<b>return to:</b>	<b>Auglaize SWCD ~ 110 Industrial Dr #G ~ Wapakoneta, OH 45895</b>			tax @ 7.25%	\$
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$



Adding plants to your landscape that provide food and shelter for pollinators throughout their active seasons and adopting pollinator friendly practices, you can make a difference to both the pollinators and the people that rely on them. Did you know there are 7 types of pollinators in our region? Lets get to know them . . .

**Bees:** are the most documented pollinators in the natural and agricultural landscapes of this region. A wide range of crops including alfalfa, soybeans, and tomatoes are just a few plants that benefit. Native bees currently pollinate many crops and can be encouraged to do more to support agricultural endeavors if their needs for nesting are met and if suitable sources of nectar, pollen and water are provided. Bumble bees form small colonies, usually underground. They are generalist, feeding on a wide range of plant material and are important pollinators of tomatoes. The sweat bee nests underground. Various species are solitary while others form loose colonies. Solitary bees include carpenter bees, which nest in woods; digger or polyester bees, which nest underground; leafcutter bees which prefer dead trees or branches for their nest; and mason bees, which utilize cavities that they find in stems and dead wood. Cactus bees are also solitary ground nesters.

**Butterflies:** are attracted to gardens. These insects tend to be eye-catching, as are the flowering plants that attract them. Position flowering plants where they have full sun and are protected from wind. Also, you will need to provide open areas where butterflies may bask, and moist soil from which they may get needed minerals. Some plants might be a host plant for the larval stage of the butterfly, but you may have slight plant damage. Groups of butterflies are sometimes present in garden areas and woodland edges that provide bright flowers, water sources and specific host plants. Numerous trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants support butterfly populations. Wet mud areas provide butterflies with both the moisture and minerals they need to stay healthy. Butterflies eat rotten fruit and even dung, so don't clean up all the messes in your garden!

**Moths:** are most easily distinguished from butterflies by their antennae. Butterfly antennae are simple with a swelling at the end. Moth antennae differ from simple to featherlike, but never have a swelling at the tip. In addition, butterflies typically are active during the day; moths at night. Moth bodies are quite hairy and more stout. Moths are generally less colorful but play a role in pollination. They are attracted to flowers that are strongly sweet smelling, open in late afternoon or night and are typically white or pale colored.

**Beetles:** over 30,000 species of beetles are found in the US and many of them can be found on flower heads. Gardeners have yet to intentionally draw beetles to their gardens, possibly cause beetle watching isn't as inspiring as butterfly or bird watching. Yet beetles do play a role in pollination. Some have a bad reputation because they can leave a mess behind, damaging plant parts they eat. Beetle pollinated plants tend to be large, strong scented flowers with their sexual organs exposed like magnolia, sweetshrub, paw paws and yellow pond lilies.

**Flies:** It might be hard to imagine why one would want to attract flies to the garden. However, like beetles, the fact that flies are generalist pollinators should encourage us all to leave those flies alone and let them do their job as pollinators. Flies primarily pollinate small flowers that bloom under shade in the seasonally moist habitats. Plants pollinated by the fly include paw paw, dead horse arum, skunk cabbage, goldenrod and members of the carrot family like Queen Anne's lace.

**Birds:** Hummingbirds are the primary birds which play a role in pollination. Their long beaks and tongues draw nectar from tubular flowers. Pollen is carried on both the beaks and feathers of different hummingbirds. Bright colored tubular flowers attract hummingbirds to gardens in the US. Hummingbirds can see the color red; bees cannot.

**Bats:** Though bats in our area are not pollinators, they play an important role in pollination in the Southwest where they feed on agave and cactus. The long-nosed bats' head shape and long tongue allows it to delve into flower blossoms and extract both pollen and nectar.



## THE FARMER'S SHARE

How do prices compare from previous year?

	2025	2024
Bread	retail = \$6.49 / Farmer = \$0.12	retail = \$4.99 / Farmer = \$0.12
Potatoes-5#	retail = \$4.99 / Farmer = \$0.50	retail = \$4.99 / Farmer = \$1.10
Top Sirloin	retail = \$10.99 / Farmer = \$3.54	retail = \$14.99 / Farmer = \$3.06
Flour	retail = \$6.00 / Farmer = \$0.40	retail = \$6.79 / Farmer = \$0.44
Fresh Apples-1#	retail = \$2.50 / Farmer = \$0.94	retail = \$1.50 / Farmer = \$0.64
Milk	retail = \$5.99 / Farmer = \$1.83	retail = \$5.00 / Farmer = \$2.03
Eggs	retail = \$6.99 / Farmer = \$2.35	retail = \$5.99 / Farmer = \$3.21
Soda-2L	retail = \$2.67 / Farmer = \$0.05	retail = \$1.99 / Farmer = \$0.05

*~information from the National Farmers Union*

**Our office wanted to give a BIG THANK YOU to our County Producers for being good conservation stewards to the land by putting in practices!**

### Laughter is good for the soul!

What do you call a sleeping bull? A bulldozer	What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear
Which is faster, hot or cold? Hot, because you can catch cold	Why was six afraid on seven? Because 7-8-9
How do you organize a space party? You planet	Why did the egg hide? It was a little chicken
Why did the egg have a day off? Because its Fryday	What did the buffalo say to his kid when he left? Bison



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 24th —Fish order deadline
- April 26th thru May 3rd —Stewardship Week
- May 5th — Fish pickup 1:30-4:00 pm
- May 25th—Holiday—office closed
- June 19th—Holiday— office closed
- July 3rd—Holiday—office closed
- Aug 2nd —Aug 8th— Auglaize County Fair
- Aug 12th —Open House Luncheon—Jr Fair Bldg @ the Fairgrounds from 11:30 to 1:00

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**Auglaize SWCD Mission:**  
 Provide leadership, technical assistance, education and conservation of natural resources in Auglaize County.

**OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 to 4:30 Mon thru Fri**

**Board Meetings** are usually held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am.  
 Please call or check our website to verify date and time.

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