



PICKAWAY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONSERVATION NEWS

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Upcoming Events

January 16
Office Closed
MLKJ Day

January 17
Board Meeting
8:00am

February 9
Tree Seedling Order
Forms Due

February 14
Board Meeting
8:00am

February 20
Office Closed
President's Day

March 15
Fish Fingerlings
Order Forms Due

March 21
Board Meeting
8:00am

March 28
Fish Fingerlings Distribution

March 31
SWCD Poster Contest
Entries Due

March 31
Tentative Tree Pick Up



800 Farm-to-Table Books Delivered to 1st Grade Students Throughout the County

Approximately 800 copies of the book titled “Right This Very Minute: a table-to-farm book about food and farming,” was delivered by Pickaway SWCD to 1st grade students in Pickaway County Schools in November. This is the third year Pickaway SWCD was able to provide these books. FFA members from Circleville, Logan Elm and Westfall partnered to read the books to and complete activities with the 1st grade students from their schools. We are excited about this collaboration!

Details at: www.pickawayswcd.org/farm-to-table-book

The farm-to-table book gives students a sneak peek into the diverse world of agriculture and where our food comes from, whether it be from pollinators, crop fields, orchards, livestock farms, soil, etc. We hope the message within the book will reach both our students and their families.



Circleville



Teays Valley



Logan Elm



Westfall

2023 TREE SEEDLING SALE

Tree and shrub seedlings, ground cover, and various seed mixes are offered in this year's sale. These products are excellent for wildlife habitat, windbreaks, landscaping, stream buffers, ground cover, Christmas trees, and more. The sale is open to everyone and plants may be planted without restriction.

Seedlings are 1-3 years old and average 6-18 inches in height. Seedlings are bare rootstock and are dipped into a preservative gel before they are placed into a plastic bag in order to keep them moist. Each packet can be carried in one hand. The District does not offer reimbursements for any trees that do not survive.



Orders are due to Pickaway SWCD by Thursday, February 9, 2023. Tentative order distribution date is Friday, March 31 at the garage in the lower parking lot of the Service Center, 160 Island Road. Please send someone to pick up your seedlings if you are not able to come yourself. A postcard will be sent to confirm exact pick up date, location, and times. Be sure to include the number of packets ordered and your correct mailing address, telephone number, and email address if available on the order form. Please complete the enclosed order form and drop it off in person or mail it with your payment to: Pickaway SWCD 110 Island Road, Suite D, Circleville, Ohio 43113.

Orders can be paid with cash or check only. Please make checks out to Pickaway SWCD. If you include your email on the order form, a confirmation email and copy of your receipt will be emailed to you. Hard copies of all receipts will be given at pick up. If you have any questions, please call the office at 740-477-1693. For additional details or for order forms, please visit www.pickawayswcd.org.

Please note that Pickaway SWCD and several other SWCDs order all of our trees through Athens SWCD. Athens SWCD works with various greenhouses on varieties and they are the distributor. The Athens SWCD reserves the right to substitute species in the Specialty Tree Packets, Erosion Control Seed Mix and Wildlife Food Plot Seed Mix based upon availability.

Please visit www.pickawayswcd.org for more information and detailed descriptions of all the items available through this year's tree sale.

Coniferous Trees

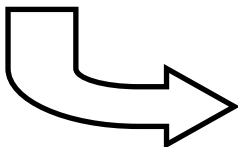
Type of Tree	Mature Height	Ideal Growing Conditions
Bald Cypress	100-120 ft	Very wet soils, muck, clay, or fine sand
Eastern Redcedar	30 ft	Prefers full or partial sun; any type of soil
Eastern White Pine	80+ ft	Prefers full sun; shade tolerant
Norway Spruce	100 ft	Grows well in most soils
Virginia Pine	70 ft	Well-drained soil; full sun

Deciduous Trees

Type of Tree	Mature Height	Ideal Growing Conditions
Black Cherry	60+ ft	Tolerate a variety of conditions
Black Walnut	75 ft	Prefers fertile, deep soils
Northern Red Oak	80+ ft	Full sun and acidic soil
Sugar Maple	100+ ft	Partial to full sun; well-drained soil
White Oak	100+ ft	Shade tolerant, best in deep, sandy loam on south and west facing slopes

Specialty Tree and Shrub Packets

No substitutions



Wildlife Packet

(4 each of the following species = 20 seedlings)

Type of Tree/Shrub	Mature Height
American Elderberry	5-12 ft
American Plum	20 ft
Shellbark Hickory	60-80 ft
Hazelnut	15-18 ft
Persimmon	50 ft

Wet Feet Packet

(4 each of the following species = 20 seedlings)

Type of Tree	Mature Height
Bald Cypress	100-120 ft
Pin Oak	50-70 ft
River Birch	40-70 ft
Swamp White Oak	50-75 ft
Sycamore	70-100 ft

2023 Pickaway SWCD Tree Seedling Order Form

Tree	Trees per Packet	# Packets	\$/Packet	Total \$
Black Cherry	25		\$20.00	
Black Walnut	25		\$20.00	
Northern Red Oak	25		\$20.00	
Sugar Maple	25		\$30.00	
White Oak	25		\$20.00	
Bald Cypress	25		\$20.00	
Eastern Redcedar	25		\$20.00	
Eastern White Pine	25		\$20.00	
Norway Spruce	25		\$20.00	
Virginia Pine	25		\$20.00	
Wildlife Packet	20		\$20.00	
Wet Feet Packet	20		\$20.00	
Dwarf Red Globe Peach	2		\$27.00	
Shiitake Mushrooms	1 kit		\$28.00	
Whitetail 365 Food Plot Seed Mix	25 lbs		\$58.00	
Erosion Control Seed Mix	2 lbs		\$16.00	
Wildflower and Grass Seed Mix	1 oz		\$6.00	
Wild Ginger	25 per packet		\$25.00	
Partridge Berry	25 per packet		\$25.00	
Bat House	Each		\$30.00	
Eastern Bluebird Box	Each		\$30.00	
Plantskydd-ready to use spray	1 quart		\$22.00	
Plantskydd-soluble powder	2.2 lbs		\$49.00	
Weed Wand Magic with 3 replacement tips	1		\$27.00	
Tree Marking Flags	Each \$0.12 100 for \$12.00		\$0.12 \$12.00	
Order Total				\$
Sales Tax Order Total x 0.0725 =				\$
Total Payment Amount				\$

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Order deadline is
February 9, 2023.**

~Cash or Check Only~
 Make checks payable to:
Pickaway SWCD

2023 tree pick up will be **Friday, March 31** only. **ALL** orders need to be picked up this day. A postcard will be sent to you to confirm pickup date, location & times. Seedlings should be planted within 5 days after pick-up and watered regularly.

We will send you an email confirmation of your order once your forms and payment are received at the office.

Office Use Only-(OO)

Receipt # _____

2023 Pickaway SWCD Fish Fingerling Sale



Channel Catfish

4-5" fingerling- a sport and food fish; spawns are forage for bass; can grow up to 14"; easier to catch after a hard rain



Fathead Minnow

1-2" fingerling- a forage fish; can grow to 3"; readily consumed by predatory species



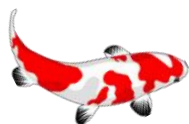
Hybrid Bluegill

2-4" fingerling- a forage and sport fish; know for their rapid growth to 10"; the primary prey of largemouth bass



Largemouth Bass

2-3" fingerling- primarily a sport fish; can grow over 25" & 14 lbs.; ravenous predatory feeder; will eat anything that fits in mouth



Japanese Koi

6-8" Maximum length is 3 ft; do best in ponds with more than one koi; get along well with other, non-aggressive fish; great for controlling duckweed and other aquatic weeds



Redear Shellcracker

2-4" closely related to the bluegill; popular pan fish; can grow up to 11"; eats snails, crayfish and small fish



White Amur (Grass Carp)

8-14" good for aquatic weed control



Black Crappie

2-4" fingerling- a sport fish; can grow 5-12", prefer more aquatic vegetation



Bluegill

2-4" fingerling- a forage and sport fish; can grow to 10"; the primary prey of largemouth bass

Yellow Perch

2-3" fingerling- requires brush or weeds to lay eggs during the first part of April



Pond Conditioner

Nature's Pond Conditioner by Koenders is a two in one bottle product, containing both needed bacteria and pond dye.

Optimal Fish Food

40 lb. Bag - 40% protein, small pellet

Pond Management Book— The Common Sense Guide

Written by Steve Fender of Fender's Fish Hatchery.

Recommended Stocking Rates Number Per Pond Surface Acre

Fathead Minnow	1000
Bluegill	200
Hybrid Bluegill	100
Redear Shellcracker	100
Largemouth Bass	100
Channel Catfish	50-100
Yellow Perch	100

White Amur
20-40% Pond Cover: 5 Fish
40-60% Pond Cover: 10 Fish

For more information on any of the items sold in this year's sale, you may visit our supplier's website:
Fender's Fish Hatchery
www.fendersfishhatchery.com

Fish Sale Pick Up Information

Order forms are due by **March 15** with payment

Fish pick up: Tuesday, **March 28** from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: **Pickaway County Fairgrounds, Hog Barn, Enter off Lancaster Pike**

- Bring a 10-20 gallon garbage can or 5 gallon bucket
- Line container with non-deodorized plastic liner (30 gal trash bag) (oxygen added to this so fish can breath)
- Fill 1/3 full of **your own pond water**

Approx. 10 gallons of water holds 100 fingerlings. Each White Amur and Koi requires 2 gallons of water and must be placed in a container with a lid or a liner that can be tied at the top. All fish guaranteed to be delivered in good condition, however, we can not guarantee survival after being picked up.

2023 Fish Fingerling Order Form

Return this form with payments by March 15, 2023
 Pickaway SWCD, 110 Island Road, Suite D, Circleville, Ohio 43113
 Cash and Checks (payable to Pickaway SWCD) accepted



Name: _____

Office Use Only

Receipt # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please provide your email and a reachable phone number so we can contact you if needed.
 We will also send you an email confirmation when we receive your order form and payment.

Species	Size	Quantity	Price	Item Total
Largemouth Bass	2-3"		\$1.10	
Bluegill	2-4"		\$1.00	
Channel Catfish	4-5"		0.90¢	
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"		\$1.00	
Redear Shellcracker	2-4"		\$1.00	
Fathead Minnow	1-2"		0.08¢ / 100 for \$8.00	
Japanese Koi	6-8"		\$13.00	
White Amur	8-14"		\$16.00	
Perch	2-3"		\$1.10	
Black Crappie	2-4"		\$1.10	
Pond Conditioner	1 gallon		\$90.00	
Fish Food	40 lbs.		\$47.00	
Pond Management Book			\$20.00	
Order Total				\$
Sales Tax Order Total x 0.0725 =				\$
Total Payment Amount				\$

Pick-Up: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds,
 415 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, OH 43113. Enter off Lancaster Pike by Ankrom Building.

Education & Outreach Events

Poster Contest 2023

Calling all local young artists! It's time to dive into your creative skills for the Soil and Water Stewardship poster contest! The contest is open to all Pickaway students currently in grades K-12. All grades are eligible to complete a hand drawn poster, and 10th-12th grade students are eligible to complete a digital poster.

"**One Water**" is the 2023 theme. A PowerPoint presentation on the Pickaway SWCD website includes contest guidelines, examples, and educational info on the current topic.

Medallions or rosettes will be awarded to top placing participants in each category. All other participants will receive participation ribbons. Copies of top placing posters will be featured on placemats in restaurants around Pickaway County and displayed at the Pickaway County Library during Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 30-May 6, 2023. First place posters in the older age categories will also be framed and displayed at the Pickaway County Library near the Children's Area for a year. First place posters advance to the State Contest with a chance to advance to the National Contest.

Contest info and the Poster Contest Entry Form is located at www.pickawayswcd.org/poster-contest. Posters must be turned in to the Pickaway SWCD office by **Friday, March 31**.



Envirothon

The Area 5 Envirothon will be held on **Tuesday, April 25**. This year's contest is being held at Lake Hope State Park, McArthur. Any high school teacher or home school group is allowed to form a five-student team (grades 9-12) to compete in the Envirothon. Students are tested on their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology, and current environmental issues. Schools are allowed to send up to three teams per school and are encouraged to think about forming a freshman team, so they gain experience in competing over several years. Registration forms and release forms are **due by Monday, March 27**. The cost to register is covered by Pickaway SWCD. Contact Pickaway SWCD to sign up a team (or three)! Additional info, registration forms, and practice content is available at www.Area5Envirothon.org.

2022 Annual Report

Be sure to check out our annual report to see photos and numbers of all the things we accomplished throughout 2022!

The report will be posted to the website:
www.pickawayswcd.org/annual-reports

Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship

Pickaway SWCD is offering at least three \$1,000 scholarships to Pickaway County high school seniors who will be majoring in agriculture or natural resources, and/or students who have been Student Affiliate Members for at least three years. The scholarships are for the purpose of continuing higher education at a two or four year college or university. Applications are **due Friday, April 14**. For further information on the scholarship and how to apply, please visit our website at www.pickawayswcd.org/scholarships.

Technical Corner

There's a MAP for That - Workshop

Heads up! Pickaway SWCD and GIS are partnering to host a workshop in **March 2023** at the Pickaway County Library. The workshop will show attendees how to utilize the free resources on Web Soil Survey and the Pickaway County Auditors Website. Attendees will learn how to conduct parcel and property searches, research soil types and other property characteristics, and more. These websites are both handy to know how to use and free to anyone with a computer and internet, and we plan to show you how to use them! We will be meeting in the computer room at the library. There will be spots for 15 people to use the computers in the room. If others would like to come and bring their own laptop, that will be an option as well. We plan for the workshop to last around an hour and a half in the evening. **Be on the look out for sign up and date details posted to our website and Facebook page!**

Old or New Tile & WW Records

If you have any old or new tile and/or waterway records you would like us to scan and preserve as an electronic format to be stored in our office, please call our office at 740-477-1693. Paper records don't last forever!

Affiliate Memberships

Pickaway SWCD provides assistance to hundreds of children and adults each year through its education programs at no charge. We also offer a memorial scholarship to graduating Pickaway County Seniors that will be majoring in a Natural Resources field. By becoming an affiliate member, you would be helping to make these things possible. We renew memberships the beginning of each calendar year. All affiliate members receive recognition at our annual meeting, on our District website, and in our quarterly newsletter. Please contact the SWCD office with questions.

Starting this year, Corporate Affiliate Members will receive a 9.5" x 13.5" aluminum sign (pictured on right) when they sign up for this level of membership.

Your membership contribution is tax deductible.



Affiliate Membership

_____ **Future Conservationist** (Student) \$10.00

_____ **Steward of the Land** \$100.00

_____ **Soil & Water Protector** \$30.00

_____ **Corporate Member** \$250.00

Please Print:

Name as you wish it to appear on recognition materials: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Website (for Corporate Affiliate Recognition): _____



APRIL 5,
2023

Bureau of Workers' Comp Program

Date: April 5, 2023

Time: 10 am - Noon

Location:

Pickaway County Fairgrounds,
Heritage Hall, 415 Lancaster
Pike, Circleville, OH 43113

Instructor: Dee Jepson, OSU

Course Topics Include:

- Recognizing hazards around on-farm grain storage systems
- Prevention tips for worker safety
- Respiratory hazards and proper protection from grain dust

Note: After lunch (provided), BWC attendees will have the option to observe a firefighter grain bin rescue training also taking place at the fairgrounds in Heritage Hall.

Hosted by Pickaway County Farm Bureau
RSVP to 740-474-6284 by March 29, 2023



PICKAWAY COUNTY

MAY

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WEDNESDAY

PRESENTED BY
PICKAWAY SWCD AND PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT



RAIN BARREL *Workshop*



**DINNER, RAINBARREL, AND KIT ASSEMBLY
INCLUDED**

When: May 3rd at 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Where: Canal Park 23352 Canal Rd, Circleville, OH 43113

**JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE, HANDS ON PROGRAM TO LEARN ABOUT
AND ASSEMBLE A RAIN BARREL FOR YOUR HOME. REGISTRATION COST IS
\$45 WITH BARREL, KIT, AND DINNER AND \$10 FOR JUST THE DINNER.**

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY APRIL 19TH

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/RAIN-BARREL-
WORKSHOP-TICKETS-474261367517](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rain-barrel-workshop-tickets-474261367517) OR ON OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.PICKAWAYCOUNTYPARKS.**

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CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO 43113

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Matt Mauzy, NRCS Civil Engineering Technician

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Pickaway County Agencies-Phone Numbers

Farm Service Agency	740-477-1691
Pickaway County Commissioners	740-474-6093
Adam Komar -ODNR Service Forester	740-961-0194

Affiliate Members 2022

Corporate Members

Anonymous (1), Columbus Turf Nursery, LTD., Honeyrun Farm, Lightning Tree Barn, LLC, Pickaway Farms - Jay & Marci Wippel, Pickaway County Farm Bureau, Randy & Cindy Metzger, Richard & Judy Clifton, Ruff Agri-Services LLC, The Savings Bank, Vickers Farms

Steward of the Land

Clyde Ohnewehr, Crawford Apiaries, Dunlap Farms-John & Susie Dunlap, Drummond General Partnership, Hartsock Ag, Laurina Harper, Musselman Farms LLC, Pickaway County Banking Center, Shaw Farms, Tim & Amy Colburn, Wiseheart Farms

Soil and Water Protector

Anonymous (2), Darren & Susan Metzger, Doug & Vicki Kohli, John & Kathy Ellis, Mark & Toni Schein, Paul Marshall, Thomas E. Ebenhack

Future Conservationist (Students)

Clara Wilson, Maggie Wilson, Mark Wilson, Reese Moehl, Zac Scott, Zoe Scott, Trey Dille, Trenton Dille, Mackenzie Dille