



Spring 2025

Hocking SWCD  
148 N. Homer Ave.  
Logan, OH 43138  
Phone: (740) 385-3016  
Web site  
[www.hockingswcd.com](http://www.hockingswcd.com)

**Office Hours:**

Monday–Friday 8:00 am–4:30 pm

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**NRCS Staff:**

Dave Libben  
District Conservationist

**ODA-Div. of Soil & Water  
Conservation**

Cody Hacker  
Lead Program Specialist

*All District programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.*

**FISH SALE TIME- SEE FLYER INSIDE**



**AG DAYS –MAY 17 & 18**  
Hocking County Fairgrounds

**Saturday**

**Program outside Hocking SWCD Building**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Hocking SWCD Staff will have a Pollinator display and kids can make a Wildflower Seed Bomb to take home and plant.



**WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ?**

March 18th -5:30pm-7pm  
Bishop Educational Gardens  
FREE but limited to 25 participants

Register at [hswcd.educator@gmail.com](mailto:hswcd.educator@gmail.com) or call  
the calling 740-385-3016



Applications are at our office!

**Drought Relief  
Funding**



Governor DeWine signed into law Senate Bill 54 which allocates state funding to provide relief to Ohio farmers in counties severely impacted by historic drought.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will work with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to administer \$10 million to 28 counties designated as primary natural disaster areas between August 19, 2024, and September 16, 2024.



Highlighted Ohio counties are eligible for drought funding

**Application Process**

- This program is available to any livestock producer with land enrolled in the USDA FSA Livestock Forage Disaster Program in a county designated as a primary natural disaster area by the USDA Secretary of Agriculture between August 19th and September 16th, 2024 due to drought.
- Farmers must fill out an application to apply.
- Sign-up period begins February 15, 2025 and closes April 1, 2025.

**A Day in the Woods 2025**

Save the Dates: April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8,  
September 12, October 10 & November 14.

For topics & locations: [go.osu.edu/sehiowoods](http://go.osu.edu/sehiowoods)

Check out our website at:

**[hockingswcd.com](http://hockingswcd.com)** for details on upcoming workshops and events!

We also have a Facebook Page: Hocking Soil & Water Conservation District

**Go Green & Support our Conservation Mission -  
Receive your newsletter via e-mail**

**Contact our office at 740-385-3016 or [hswcddpa1@gmail.com](mailto:hswcddpa1@gmail.com)**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BISHOP EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

### Garlic Mustard Pull

10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays in March & April  
Call the Office or Check our Facebook page before you go!

Lilyfest Parking Lot and Greeting Table Volunteers Needed  
July 11 – July 13, 2025 email: [lilyfestvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:lilyfestvolunteers@gmail.com)

### April – July

Bishop Educational Gardens is always looking for volunteers to help prep the Garden Beds for Lilyfest: weeding, mulching, trail work, etc. If you would like to volunteer as an individual or have a group that needs a service project, contact the Hocking SWCD for more details.

### College Practicum/Internship Opportunity

If you are a college student or know of a college student that needs practicum hours, contact the Hocking SWCD and we will work with your summer schedule. This is an unpaid volunteer opportunity but, is a great resume builder. You must provide your own transportation.

## HOCKING SWCD EQUIPMENT

### PLOTMASTER 400 4ft SEEDER

Rental Fee -\$75/day + sales tax  
This seeder can be used with a minimum 500CC ATV/UTV  
Recommended for wildlife food & pollinator plots  
Less than 5 acres, - ½ acre pollinator plots  
Plants seed from small fluffy pollinator seed to soybeans  
No Corn

### JOHN DEERE 1560 10ft. NO-TILL DRILL

Rental Fee \$50 + \$15/acre + sale tax  
7.5 inch row spacing  
Tractors with a minimum of 85 horsepower are required  
2 Seed Boxes; recommended for planting corn/soybean

### LANDPRIDE 606 6 ft.NO-TILL DRILL

Rental Fee -\$50 + \$13/acre + tax  
Tractor with a minimum 40 horse power required  
3 Seed boxes  
7.5 inch row spacing  
Plants grasses, clovers, alfalfa, soybeans and wheat  
NO Corn

### Other Items Available

TREE PLANTER -\$35/DAY + sales tax  
SOIL PROBE/SOIL TEST FORMS – NO CHARGE  
TREE PLANTING BAR – NO CHARGE  
POND RAKE – NO CHARGE

Save the Date!

Lilyfest

July 11-13, 2025



  Presents:

## PERMACULTURE & FOOD FOREST

Bishop Educational Gardens  
13200 Little Cola Rd, Rockbridge Ohio

When: April 2, 2025  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Join Weston Lombard of Solid Ground Farm and Rising Appalachia - home of Ohio's largest Food Forest - to learn about Permaculture and Food Forests.

This introductory talk will share experiences from Weston's 20 years of growing and tending a 17-acre Food Forest in Athens County, Ohio, and the benefits of these practices.

**CONTACT US**  **740-385-3016**  
[www.hockingswcd.com](http://www.hockingswcd.com)

 **RISING APPALACHIA**  
ADDED TO THE LAND AND PEOPLE

**Members \$10.00**  
**Non Members \$15.00**  
Limit 20 Participants

# 2025 HOCKING SWCD FISH SALE

Return this order form along with payment by **April 17, 2025**, to the Hocking SWCD.

**BYOB - Bring Your Own Bucket!**

You will need to bring:

- **your own containers w/unscented 30-gallon trash bag, 1/3 full of your pond water & twist tie/twine**; 5-gallon buckets are suitable.
- General rule of thumb; one container per 100 small fish, one container per 1000 minnows, one container per 4-5 amurs.

**\*\*IF YOU ARE STOCKING MORE THAN ONE POND -FILL OUT SEPARATE FORMS FOR EACH POND-BRING ENOUGH BUCKETS FOR EACH POND\*\***

ALL SALES FINAL -NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

**Pick up Fish Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hocking County Fairgrounds in the parking lot behind the SWCD office 148 North Homer Ave**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (for reminder) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Number Ordered</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	Lg. Mouth Bass	2" - 3"	\$1.50/each	_____
_____	Bluegill	2" - 4"	\$1.15/each	_____
_____	Channel Catfish	4" - 5"	\$1.00/each	_____
_____	Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	\$1.15/each	_____
_____	Red Ear Shellcracker	2" - 4"	\$1.15/each	_____
_____	Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	\$9.00/100	_____
_____	White Amur	8"-10"	\$17.00/each	_____
_____	Perch	2" - 3"	\$1.15/each	_____
_____	Black Crappie	2" - 4"	\$1.15/each	_____
_____	Optimal Fish Food 40# bag(40%protein)		\$50/each	_____
_____	Nature's Pond Conditioner-1 gallon		\$95/each	_____
_____	Nature's Pond Conditioner -5 gallon		\$385/each	_____

**TOTAL SUM BEFORE TAX** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sum=\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **X Sales Tax (7.25%)= \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **then(Sum + Sales Tax)= Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HOCKING SWCD**  
**148 North Homer Avenue**  
**Logan, OH 43138**  
**740-385-3016**



**HOCKING  
SOIL & WATER**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
148 North Homer Avenue  
Logan, OH 43138-1730

Non-Profit  
US Postage PAID  
Lancaster, Ohio  
Permit No. 1389

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>March 4</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Peculiar Predators – Gray Foxes – HSWCD – RSVP</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Garlic Mustard Pull – Tuesdays – Bishop Ed. Gardens–check website</b>	<b>10am-12pm</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>What’s all the Buzz? – Bishop Ed. Gardens – RSVP</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Permaculture &amp; Food Forest – Bishop Ed. Gardens – RSVP</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Tree Sale Customer pick up (will call customers to confirm)</b>	
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Fish Sale – LAST DAY TO ORDER</b>	
<b>April 29</b>	<b>Fish Sale Customer pick up at the Fairgrounds</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>May 17-18</b>	<b>Ag Days at the Fairgrounds</b>	
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>July 11,12,13</b>	<b>Lilyfest-Bishop Educational Gardens Inc. Event</b>	
<b>August 5</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 8-14</b>	<b>Hocking County Fair Week</b>	
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Annual Meeting &amp; Banquet</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>Hocking SWCD Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>