



# Carroll County

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## 2008 County Highlights

### Enhancing Agriculture and the Environment

- Eighty-two crop producers learned about the latest crop production technologies at the *Tri-County Agronomy Day*. One hundred percent of participants reported gaining new knowledge as a result of participating in the program, and 62% of participants reported that they expect to save money as a result of what they learned at the program. Of those reporting that they expect to save money, \$27.20 per acre was the average amount that participants expected to save as a result of what they learned during the program.
- Twenty private landowners learned about lease hunting as a tool to control wildlife and increase income at a *Lease Hunting Workshop* co-sponsored by OSU Extension and Ohio Farm Bureau.
- Fifty-eight private pesticide applicators became re-certified to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides by participating in one of *three different three-hour recertification workshops* taught by OSU Extension. Participants learned how to effectively manage pests; how to protect the environment when using pesticides; and how to minimize pesticide use.
- More than 140 beef producers increased their beef production and marketing skills at three sessions of the *Eastern Ohio Beef Management and Technology School*. Participants learned about beef herd health issues and how to select sires to match the needs of their cows. Participants also learned about new value cuts of beef at a carcass-cutting demonstration conducted at a local slaughterhouse.
- A research project on the topic of *Farmland Rental Rates in Carroll County* was completed with the development of a fact sheet designed to help Carroll County farmers and landowners develop fair farmland rental rates and leases.
- Forty-one dairy producers learned about managing Johne's Disease and about feeding cows and calves in cold weather at two *Dairy Lunch-n-Learn Workshops* presented by OSU Extension.
- Thirteen beef producers learned about stockpiling feed and winter grazing at a *Winter Beef Tour* conducted on a Carroll County beef farm.
- Twenty-two farm owners learned how to minimize wildlife damage to trees and high-value crops at a *Wildlife Damage Control Workshop* taught by OSU Extension. Participants learned how to design low-cost fences that can provide effective deer control.

- Thirty-nine pond owners learned how to manage their ponds at a daylong *Pond Management Clinic* taught by OSU Extension. Participants learned about weed control, aeration, wildlife control, managing sport fish populations, and watershed management during an indoor classroom session and a field trip to a local pond.
- Approximately 900 adults and youth learned about agricultural enterprises in Carroll County during the *Daffodil Drive-It-Yourself Tour* co-sponsored by OSU Extension. The educational tour included stops at a beef/managed grazing operation, a Christmas tree plantation, an alpaca operation, a hay and grain farm, and a perennial plant nursery.
- More than 240 livestock producers improved their forage management skills by participating in *The Ohio Grazing Expo* held in Carroll County.
- Sixteen community members are increasing their leadership skills by participating in an *agricultural leadership development program*. Titled LEAD, an acronym for Leadership Education and Development, the 14-month experiential learning program will consist of six study institutes and two study tours.

### Advancing Employment and Income Opportunities

- Forty-four forest landowners learned how to increase the growth rate and value of their trees at a daylong forestry field day titled *Improving Your Woodland*. In addition to an indoor classroom session, participants also participated in hands-on sessions in the woods, where they learned how to apply the crop tree release principles taught during the classroom session.
- Thirteen local feeder cattle producers increased their income by participating in a new marketing program developed by OSU Extension titled *Farm Fresh Feeders From Eastern Ohio*. Participating farmers report receiving premiums of up to 30 cents per pound over sale barn prices.
- Nineteen local farm families are increasing sales of items produced on their farms by listing their products in a local foods directory titled *Buy Fresh, Buy Local, Buy Carroll*. This guide is part of a branding effort developed by OSU Extension in a effort to increase sales of locally produced food and farm items.
- Twenty-seven beef producers saved more than \$2,200 by participating in a *cooperative mineral purchasing program* co-sponsored by OSU Extension and the Carroll County Cattlemen's Association.

- Thirty-nine dairy producers increased their farm income by a total of \$87,900 by participating in Carroll County's *Daffodil Dairy Sale* co-sponsored by OSU Extension.
- The *Carrollton Farmers Market* opened for the season in May. This is the 20th anniversary season for this market developed and managed by OSU Extension. In a typical growing season, approximately 40 farm families will sell their products at the market and earn more than \$100,000 in gross sales.
- Twenty-one farmers market vendors learned how to market their products online during a *farmers market workshop*. Participants learned how to use a new OSU Extension web site called Market Maker to expand sales to new buyers.
- Forty private woodland owners learned how to maximize returns from timber sales at a *Timber Marketing Workshop* taught by OSU Extension. Participants learned how to work with consulting foresters, how to locate timber buyers, how to comply with environmental regulations, and learned about the tax implications of timber sales by participating in the workshop.
- Over 165 4-H members and their parents learned about preparing their animals for show and safe handling during this year's *Carroll County 4-H Livestock Jamboree*.
- Thirty-five camp counselors and junior camp counselors in training learned about working with youth, teaching children, behavior modification, emergency preparedness, and program planning while completing *40 hours of training to serve as Carroll County 4-H Camp Counselors*.
- Eighty-nine junior campers and thirty-five camp counselors learned valuable life skills through four days of hands-on, guided outdoor learning experiences during the *2008 Carroll County 4-H Camp*.
- Thirty-six 5- to 8-year-old Cloverbud 4-H members learned about the rainforest and the animals that live there during the *2008 Carroll County 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp*.
- More than 125 4-H members and their parents learned about quality meat production during this year's *4-H Carcass Contest and Evaluation*.
- Twenty-two Carroll County Teen Leaders learned about event planning and community service by conducting the *2008 Carroll County 4-H Healthy Ohioans Fitness Walk*.

### Preparing Youth for Success

- Seventy-five Carroll County 4-H volunteers participated in the *2008 Carroll County Volunteer Training Retreat* where they learned about changes in the county 4-H program, as well as changes in the state 4-H program.
- Nine new 4-H volunteers learned the basics about the 4-H program, OSU Extension, and their responsibilities as volunteers during the *New Volunteer Training Session*.
- The *2008 Carroll County 4-H Kick-Off and Information Night* was held and more than 300 members, parents, and friends attended the event and learned about the 4-H program.
- Nineteen 4-H members from Carroll County joined over 975 other Ohio 4-H teens and learned leadership, citizenship, and valuable life skills by participating in the *2008 Ohio 4-H Teen Conference*.
- Thirty-six camp counselors, counselors in training and junior counselors in training learned about their roles and responsibilities as camp counselors during this year's overnight *Camp Counselor Retreat*.
- Thirty-six Junior Fair Board members learned about event planning and working with the public through hands-on planning meetings held monthly to prepare for the *2008 Carroll County Junior Fair program*.
- Over 350 4-H members in Carroll County learned about their role in the food chain and raising safe wholesome food products during three county-wide *Quality Assurance training* meetings.
- Carroll County 4-H members demonstrated their knowledge and learned interviewing and interpersonal communication skills during the 2008 county project judging days. Over 650 projects were judged at this year's *judging days*.
- Over 275 Carroll County 4-H members and their families were recognized for their achievements during the 2008 4-H year at Carroll County's annual *Best of 4-H Night* awards program.
- Over 50 youth in Carroll County's 4-H program learned the basics of keeping records, balancing a checkbook, taking minutes, and auditing a bank account by completing their club's secretary and treasurer's books and competing in the county club *officer book contest*.
- Twelve Carroll County 4-H Cloverbuds gained hands-on skills while participating in the *2008 Cloverbud Fall Fun Night* held in October. Participants made fall crafts, learned about trick-or-treat safety, and made their own healthy snacks with the help of members of the Carroll county Teen Leaders 4-H Club. Teens who participated in the program also learned about age-appropriate activities for younger kids and how to work with youth between the ages of 5 and 8 years old.
- Seventy-three 2nd through 5th graders at Augusta Elementary School learned about healthy fitness practices by participating in the *4-H Mileage Club*, where students are encouraged to walk during their recess period and measure their progress using pedometers.

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