Dear H2Ohio Producer,

Fall is officially around the corner and I am sure you all are busy preparing for the harvest season. I wanted to introduce myself and provide you with some important information/changes in the H2Ohio Program.

***Get to know Kady:***

My full name is Kaidlyn Fuhrmann but I go by Kady. I started as the new program tech Aug 9th therefore I have one month under my belt! I was born and raised in Decatur, IN where I still live today. Agriculture has always been a huge part of my life. My family farms ground and runs a diversified livestock operation. I have spent the last few summers as an intern for Purdue Extension helping at our 4-H fair and educating our county about agriculture. I am excited for this new opportunity working in Van Wert and getting to know everyone! Please never hesitate to call, email, or visit me in the office if you ever have questions or concerns.

***New to H2Ohio: IMPORTANT PLEASE READ***

**Open Enrollment for new applications:** H2Ohio will accept new applications starting September 15th-January 15th. In order to apply, you must provide a VNMP or CNMP. New practices under 2022 contract will not begin until March 15th. One exception is Small Grains. Your small grains crop must be harvested as a grain to be eligible for payment. (ONLY FOR NEW APPLICANTS)

**Exciting Contracts:** You may now add acreages to your existing contract. Any changes must be approved by a technician and the SWCD Board. If the dollar amount exceeds 10% of original payment amount agreed upon, the contract must be sent to ODA (Ohio Department of AG) for approval.

Contracts that had VNMP’s only until 2021 or 2022 will need to contact Kady to get a Farm Summary update by Jan. 15th.

***Fall Reminders!***

**Manure inc. and Cons. Crop Rotations Practices:** To get payment for these practices, this program requires cover crops or double crops to be planted by **October 15th.** To receive overwintering cover crop payment, at least 50% of your seeding mix must be overwintering.

**Along with this letter is an explanation sheet that tells you exactly what we need for each practice and when you can get paid.**

**Remind App:** Please join the remind text messages to receive important information, updates, deadlines, ect. for H2Ohio. To join, text @vwh2o to the number 81010. If you have trouble, try texting @vwh2o to (240) 428-2760.

I understand the farming life and can relate to the frustrations and joys that come along with it. I promise that I will do my best to be patient, understanding and supportive when it comes to working and collecting information. I am here to help you and provide any service I can that will benefit you and your practices.

Thank you,

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