Dear H2Ohio Producer,

I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!! As promised, I will be sending out letters with attachments including information, updates, and reminders regarding the H2Ohio program.

**H2OHIO News**

**Payment Schedule:** For ***Crop Year 2021*** Manure inc., Small Grains, and Cover Crop practices, payments will be distributed after March 15th, 2022. All documentation (record sheets (manure) and seed tags/bills/germ tests) need to be brought in to SWCD before payment can be made. For ***Crop Year 2022*** VNMP Implementation, Variable Rate Application, and Subsurface Placement practices cannot be distributed until **after side dressing of corn is done, therefore it will be Mid-Summer of 2022.** And then for Manure inc., Small Grains, and Cover Crop 2022 practices will get payment after March 15th, 2023.

*A payment schedule is included in this mailing*

**Nutrient Management Technical Guidance:** Attached to this letter is a copy of the nutrient management technical guidance sheet. I was made aware that a lot of these important guidelines were not made clear to producers when they joined the program. For crop years 2022 and 2023 these guidelines will be enforced. Look them over carefully and make sure these guidelines fit your farming practices. The most important guidelines to take note of are application rates for variable rate/subsurface phosphorus placements and manure incorporation practices. If anything isn’t clear or you have questions, please call or visit the SWCD.

**H2OHIO REMINDERS**

**TURN IN CROP YEAR 2021 DOCUMENTATIONS ASAP!!!:** Please turn in any records/documentation for 2021 fertilizer applications/cover crop if you have not done so already. Call or email if you need to know what to bring in.

**Cover Crops:** Please contact me with information about where your cover crops are located. Also let me know if you were not able to get any cover crops in this year.

***ODA Germination Testing Information:*** For documentation purposes we require seed tag, bill, or germination test. Attached is a chart of seed testing prices from ODA. Note they do three free samples from June 1st to December 31st. Instructions on how to send in seed samples are explained below, for more information visit <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/grain-warehouse-feed-and-seed> :

When mailing samples to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, please do the following:

1. Fill a quart-size zip-lock or other sealable plastic bag with the seed to be tested; double bag the seed and tape the bags shut.
2. Include your name, address, telephone number, variety of the seed, and lot number of the seed in each bag of seed sent for testing.
3. Indicate what tests are to be run on the samples submitted.
4. Mail the samples to:

Grain, Feed, & Seed Section
Ohio Department of Agriculture
8995 East Main St, Bldg 23
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

**Soil Samples/Tests:** Please check if your soil samples are 4 years or older. I will need updated soil tests for the 2022 / 2023 crop year if your soil tests are from 2018 or older. I would recommend doing soil tests every 3 years if you plan on staying in the program.

Thank you,

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