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Dear H2Ohio Producer,

***H2OHIO News***

Hello Summer! I hope everyone had a successful planting season. There have been some new updates in the H2Ohio world that you all need to be aware of. Please read this letter carefully as it will contain new information as well as important reminders about the program.

**New Incentive Payment:** ODA has just announced they are going to add a practice for the 2022 crop year. This new incentive is for anyone enrolled in the overwintering cover crop practice.

**Over Wintering Cover Crops that are inter-seeded by September 30th will receive an additional $10/acre payment.**

Along with this letter is a purple handout that describes the guidelines of this new practice. ODA is still figuring out the logistics of this new incentive practice but all information that I provide today is how I know it at the current time. If this incentive payment is something you would like to enroll for, there will be a letter of intent that will need signed claiming what acres you plan to inter-seed by September 30th. I do not currently have the letter nor know when this will need to be done by. Once I have those details, I will send a post card and a remind text with further instructions.

**Bin Run Seed:** When planting cover crops this fall, we need to ensure the seed is clean of any noxious seed weed.

**If you are using Bin Run Seed, you MUST submit samples for testing early, PRIOR to seeding cover crops. Documentation for Bin Run Seed will also need submitted to SWCD before planting to receive H2Ohio incentive payment.**

More information/guidelines for Bin Run Seed is included on the purple handout.

**New Deadline:** The previous deadline to have manure incorporated and cover crops seeded by October 15th has now been extended.

**All Manure must be incorporated, and Cover Crops must be seeded no later than NOVEMEBR 1st.**

***H2OHIO REMINDERS***

**2022 Crop Year Documentation:** I want to stay as organized as possible when it comes to turning in and reviewing documentation. How I would like to go about this is once you are done applying ALL fertilizer for the 2022 crops, either email or drop off the necessary documentation for your enrolled practice(s). I would then like to review it and schedule an appointment with you to go over the verification form. We can correspond through email for everything, or we can meet in person, whichever works best for you.

**Manure Incorporation Practice:** Make sure to notify SWCD **BEFORE** you apply manure. We will make a Manure Guidance Tool based on soil tests and manure analysis. You must apply between the Minimum and Maximum application rate. This is a tool specifically for H2Ohio and you must use it to receive the incentive payment.

**OACI Certification:** A letter was sent about a month ago to complete OACI Farmer Certification. If you did not receive a letter that means you already had it completed. Many have completed it recently, but I still have more that are incomplete. If you have not completed the certification yet, please do so as soon as possible. Remember you cannot receive any payments for 2022 until that is done.

**Sending Documentation through Email:** If you are emailing me any documentation, I have found it best to send it as a pdf if you can. It is a hit or miss for me to able to download/save documentation any other way.

As always, contact me with any questions or concerns. Please read the purple handout for more information and guidelines about the new updates to the cover crop practice.

Thank you,

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