

PERRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 2026

Board of Supervisors:

Cary Bowers –Chairman

Beverly Decore-Trovato– Vice Chair

Dennis Young – Treas/Fis. Agent

Rob Foster—Secretary

Rich Maxwell - Member

District Staff:

David Snider

Penny Cox

Theresa Wyer

Collin Hill

NRCS Staff:

Joe Koehler

Dave Grum

Timira Lockheart

ODA Staff:

Amy Boyer

Perry Soil and Water Conservation District
212 S. Main Street
New Lexington, OH
43764

Phone: 740-743-1325
www.perryswcdohio.org

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
New Lexington, OH
43764

Permit No. 16

Mission: To increase public awareness and provide technical assistance in conserving our soil, water, and other natural resources.

All SWCD & NRCS programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, or handicap

HOW TO PLANT A TREE SEEDLING

Before Planting

- **Handle Gently:** Keep roots moist by placing them in water or wrapping in damp material; avoid extreme temperatures.
- **Site Prep:** Clear grass and debris from a small circle around the planting spot
- **Check Depth:** Determine the root collar (where roots meet the trunk); this should be at ground level.

Planting Steps (Hole Method)

1. **Dig the Hole:** Make it wide (3-4 times the root spread) and just deep enough so the root collar sits at ground level when the tree is placed inside.
2. **Position the Seedling:** Place it in the hole, spread roots out straight down, and ensure the root collar is level with the ground.
3. **Backfill:** Use the original soil, gently packing around the roots to eliminate air pockets, but don't compact too hard.
4. **Add Mulch:** Apply 2-3 inches of organic mulch (like wood chips) in a donut shape, keeping it a few inches from the stem to prevent rot.
5. **Water:** Water deeply to settle the soil and hydrate the roots.

Watch this video for more information.

<https://youtu.be/uUzeruQT8xE>

For The Farmers Program

Perry SWCD recently completed the first round of the soil sampling program in Perry County. We collected just under 100 soil samples in approximately 1,500 acres from a wide range of agricultural settings. The effort focused on better understanding soil health and nutrient levels to support productive and sustainable farming practices across the county.

Samples were taken from crop ground, hay and pasture ground, home and market gardens, high tunnel production systems, and Christmas Tree operations. By including diverse land uses, the project aimed to capture a representative snapshot of soil conditions across both commercial and small-scale agricultural operations.

Soil testing provides valuable information on nutrient availability, pH levels, and organic matter, helping producers make informed decisions about fertilizer use, crop selection, and soil management. Results from the sampling will help guide recommendations that can improve yields, reduce input costs, and protect soil and water resources.

Local producers and gardeners who participated in the sampling effort will receive individualized results, while aggregated data will be used to identify broader trends in Perry County soils. This initiative highlights the importance of proactive soil management as a foundation for long-term agricultural success in this county.

This program was made possible by a donation from Champs Pizza and Busch Light (It will last until all funding has been utilized).



"Service with Brilliance"

PEOPLES STATE BANK
PEOPLES STATE BANK

Visit us on line @ www.psbohio.com
740-342-5111

Member
FDIC



We give
FARMERS CREDIT.

We help rural residents build, farms grow, and businesses expand

STIHL

UNDERWOOD'S HARDWARE
104 SOMERSET SQ. P.O. BOX 69
SOMERSET, OHIO 43783
ph. 740.743.1350 fax 740.743.1390
underwood1922@sbcglobal.net

farmCREDIT MID-AMERICA

Call 740-400-0260 or go to e-farmcredit.com
7835 Lancaster-Newark Rd NE
PO Box 68, Baltimore, OH 43105

Chuck Underwood

CONSERVATIONIST CORNER

Louis Bromfield (birth name Lewis Brumfield) is a conservationist that is from Mansfield, Ohio. He was a Pulitzer-Prize-winning novelist and a screenwriter, and essayist. He was an author of 33 books of fiction and nonfiction. He may be best remembered for his promotion of land conservation and sustainable farming.

After graduating from Mansfield High School, Bromfield attended Cornell university. He enrolled in Cornell's College of Agriculture for one semester before returning to Ohio in 1915 to help his father run the family farm. In 1916, Louis attended Columbia University in New York to study journalism, however in 1917, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in the U.S. Ambulance Corps. He was discharged from the Army in 1919, and moved to New York, to pursue a career in writing. In 1921, he married Mary Appleton Wood and later have 3 daughters. He was employed as a reporter for the New York City News Service and later as a night editor with the Associated Press. He then was a staff writer for Time Magazine and a weekly column for the *The Bookman* magazine titled "The New Yorker." In 1925, Bromfield moved his family to France and begins to write full time. He went on to write 33 novels which *Early Autumn*, was a Pulitzer Prize winner.

In 1938, Bromfield moved back to Ohio and bought 1,000 acres of farmland in Richland County and named it Malabar Farm. This farm hosted a famous wedding between Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in 1945. Malabar Farm became widely known for its sustainable farming methods. It was the source of information for his novels *Pleasant Valley* (1945) and *Malabar Farm* (1948). He authored 5 other nonfiction works on sustainable agriculture and ecology.

In 1976, Malabar Farm became a state park and is now Malabar Farm State Park, operated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Louis Bromfield died at University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio on March 18, 1956. He was 59 years old.



Shaw Ag Equipment

KRAUSE H&S VERMEER
RHINO


7493 Rushcreek Rd
Thornville, OH 43076
Phone/Fax: (740) 536-7857



Leckrone Sanitation
Refuse & Roll-off Services
Residential & Commercial
Services
Locally owned and operated for 52 years.

Phone 740-394-2032

7616 Twp. Rd 257
Shawnee, Ohio 43782

web: www.leckronesanitation.com
Email: leckrone1@sbcglobal.net


Boley's LLC

Tractor - Equipment Repair
and Welding

5210 Marietta Rd
New Lexington, OH 43764
740-342-4733
740-901-1685

**MILLERSPORT AGRI SERVICE
THE HOOVER FAMILY**

- Agriculture Equipment
- Grain Storage
- Handling & Drying Systems

10221 Lancaster-Newark Road
Millersport, OH 43046
Phone/Fax (740) 467-2424

Interested in placing an ad
Contact
Perry SWCD
At (740) 743-1325

J. KENNETH MILLER
6825 Rush Creek Road, NW
Somerset, Ohio 43783
(740) 743-2775



INTERESTED IN
ADVERTISING
YOUR BUSINESS
GIVE US A CALL
740-743-1325



FOR ALL YOUR
INSURANCE NEEDS
HOME/RENTER'S
AUTO
BUSINESS/FARMS
BIKES/BOATS/RV'S
104 N. COLUMBUS ST.
SOMERSET, OH 43783
740-743-1822
WWW.WICHERT.COM



Steve Dittoe

Cell (740) 684-1241
4485 Stage Coach Road
Somerset, OH 43783
customagsolutions@gmail.com

AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR OF
AGROLIQUID AND NACHURS
LIQUID FERTILIZERS



Kessler's Auto Care
5310 South Columbus Street
PO Box 157
740-743-1875

Dennis R. Kessler, Owner
Call on us for all of your
repair needs.
FREE INSPECTION
Serving Perry County for
Over 30 years



Computerized Wheel
Alignment
Custom Exhaust
Brakes
Tune-ups
Services
Shocks/Struts



PERRY COUNTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
Martin Thomas

Home - Farm - Auto - Commercial
Cell: 740-621-0831
Email: martin.thomas@perrymutual.com

2026 Conservation Poster Contest

The Perry Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will once again sponsor the 2026 Poster Contest with cooperation of National Association of Conservation Districts.

The 2026 theme, **Soil. Where It All Begins**, celebrates the incredible power of soil to support life in all its forms. Soil is not just the ground we walk on. It is the starting point for healthy food, clean water, thriving habitats, and resilient communities. From backyard gardens to forests and city parks, everything begins with what is beneath our feet.

Soil does a lot more than grow plants. It holds water, cycles nutrients, and provides homes for billions of living organisms that help keep nature in balance. It keeps roots in place, helps prevent flooding, and supports wildlife and people alike. The trees in our neighborhoods, the food on our tables, and the natural places we love all depend on healthy soils.

Rushcreek Feed & Supply Company, Inc.
103 S. Broad St. Bremen, OH 43107
Phone: (740) 569-4105 Fax: (740) 569-9210

ADM ALLIANCE NUTRITION
MOORMANS-PURINA FEEDS-FENCE
SEED-FERTILIZER-BAG-BULK-SPREADING
WOOD PELLET FUEL



Cell: 740-503-4079
2225 Old Logan Road
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Grading
Waterways
Ponds
Ditchwork
Ditcher
Tile Plow

**FREE
ESTIMATES**

Dave Plaisted
Home- (740) 743-1706
Cell- (740) 605-2999



Ridgeview Farm
Hay For Sale: Round, Small Square
Large Square Available
Analysis available on most cuttings.
Custom Haying Services



Masterson Veterinary Clinic
300 North Drive
Somerset, Ohio 43783
(740) 743-1426
By Appointment
"Caring for large and small animals since
1950"

Acres of Nature

Airbnb and Experiences
airbnb.com/h/thegetawayartstudio
Hoopes Farm
Crooksville, Ohio 740-469-2424

Diana Hand, Naturopathic Dr.
Wellness Consultation, Foraging,
Classes by appointment.

NEWLON

TIRE, INC.
530 Carroll Street
New Lexington, Ohio 43764



GOOD YEAR
Phone: 740-342-3536
www.newlontire.com
Cell: 740-252-2283

"Serving your
tire needs
since 1914"

Jared Holman
newlonti@sbcglobal.net



MAPLE SYRUP 101

Syrup in Your Backyard!!

Forget expensive equipment: A little ingenuity goes a long way.

Glenford Fort Preserve, 11995 St. Rt. 757, Glenford OH 43739

SPEAKER – Tim Kirby

Topics:

- Tree Selection
- Tapping (when, where, how)
- Collecting Sap
- Homemade evaporators
- Boiling down to syrup, and storing
- Tips and tricks for making the best syrup
- Pancakes and sausage to let you sample the yumminess!

Saturday,

March 7, 2026

9:00AM – 12PM

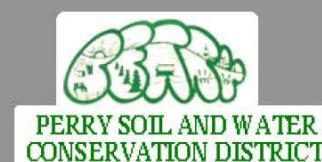
Class size is limited,
please RSVP to
Perry Soil and Water
Conservation District

740-743-1325



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



Perry SWCD 2026 Seedling Tree Sale

Native Shrubs, Small Trees, and Fruit Trees	Saplings (2'-4')	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (12"-18")	Total # of packets x price
	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	
American Hazelnut				
American Plum				
Pussy Willow				
Red Mulberry				
Redbud				
Sweet-Shrub				
Blueberry		Sold as 2 yr rooted cuttings (fruit bearing 2nd yr)		
Strawberry (pack of 10 plants)		Sold as 1 yr seedlings (fruit bearing 2nd yr)		
Native Lg Broadleaf Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of packets x price
	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$110.00	
Bitternut Hickory			N/A	
Black Walnut				
Bur Oak				
Sassafras			N/A	
Swamp White Oak				
Sugar Maple				
Native Large Conifer Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of packets x price
	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$80.00	
Dawn Redwood				
White Pine				
Additional Items	Quantity	Cost	Total	
Wildflower Seeds: 200'sq of perennials, grasses & annuals		\$5.00		
	SUB-TOTAL			
Starting 2022 State Auditor requires Soil & Water to collect tax. Non-profits and farms must provide tax exempt form with order.	** Sales Tax (7.25%)			
Order Deadline: March 17, 2026 Pick up: April 10, 2026			TOTAL	

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail order form and check to: Perry SWCD, 212 S. Main Street, New Lexington, OH 43764

You can stop in the office and place your order Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

----- Clip this bottom portion and keep the date/time handy -----

Tentative pick up date is Friday, April 10, 2026. Note: New pick up location
Pick up will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the SWCD office in New Lexington.

Any questions call 740-743-1325

2026 SEEDLING TREE SALE

NATIVE SHRUBS, SMALL AND/OR FRUIT TREE SPECIES



American Hazelnut - *Corylus americana*

Mature Height: 10–16'
Mature Width: 8–13'
Growth Rate: F–M
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: N

edible nuts, autumn foliage, best in open areas



Pussy Willow - *Salix caprea*

Mature Height: 6–15'
Mature Width: 4–12'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️
Soil Moisture: W
Soil pH: N

attracts pollinators and birds, soft fuzzy catkins



Sweet-Shrub - *Calycanthus floridus*

Mature Height: 6–10'
Mature Width: 6–12'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: W
Soil pH: A

magnolia shaped fragrant flowers, deer resistant

NATIVE LARGE BROADLEAF TREE SPECIES



Bitternut Hickory - *Carya cordiformis*

Mature Height: 50–80'
Mature Width: 30–50'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: W
Soil pH: N

host plant for many moth species, nuts are bitter and wildlife friendly



Sassafras - *Sassafras albidum*

Mature Height: 30–60'
Mature Width: 25–40'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A

attractive tree hosts many butterfly species; aromatic bark

NATIVE CONIFER TREE SPECIES



Dawn Redwood - *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

Mature Height: 70–100'
Mature Width: 15–25'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️
Soil Moisture: M, W
Soil pH: N

fast-growing conifer with soft, feathery foliage, reintroduced to North America in 1940s



American Plum - *Prunus americana*

Mature Height: 15–25'
Mature Width: 15–25'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️
Soil Moisture: D–M
Soil pH: N

early summer, edible fruit, fragrant flowers, attracts birds



Red Mulberry - *Moraceae*

Mature Height: 35–50'
Mature Width: 35–40'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: W
Soil pH: A, N

ornamental with berries for wildlife or used in jams



Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*

Mature Height: 20–30'
Mature Width: 25–35'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A

adaptable with edible pink-magenta flowers, heart shaped leaves



Strawberry (Albion) - *Fragaria x ananassa*

Mature: 1–3 years
Growth Rate: F–M
Light Required: ☀️
Soil Moisture: W
Soil pH: A
ever-bearing large, firm, sweet, and juicy red berries, needs moist, well drained soil



Bur Oak - *Quercus macrocarpa*

Mature Height: 60–80'
Mature Width: 60–80'
Growth Rate: S
Light Required: ☀️ ☁️ ☁️
Soil Moisture: D, M, W
Soil pH: A

shade tree; drought resistant, fruit is an oval acorn



Swamp White Oak - *Quercus bicolor*

Mature Height: 50–60'
Mature Width: 50–60'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: ☀️
Soil Moisture: M, W
Soil pH: A

one of the faster-growing oaks; gorgeous fall foliage, attracts wildlife



White Pine - *Pinus strobus*

Mature Height: 60–80'
Mature Width: 20–40'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: ☀️
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A, N

timber, windbreak, wildlife, soft long needles

Growth Rate:

F = fast, 12"+ per year,
M = medium 6–12" per year,
S = slow 2–6" per year

Light Required:

S = sun ☀️
P = part sun/shade ☁️
SH = shade ☁️

Soil Moisture:

D = dry, M = medium, W = wet

Soil pH:

A = acidic (6.5 or less),
N = normal pH range (6.5–7.5),
B = basic/alkaline (7.5+)