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Hello, listening area. This is Jocelyn Rubel with OSU Extension Water Quality Team for Allen, Auglaize, and Mercer Counties, bringing you an ag and water quality update. The fifth annual winter webinar series, Water Quality Wednesdays, will be commencing in the new year. The dates are January 29th, February 26th, and March 26th from 10 to 1130 a.m. These will be the last Wednesdays of the month. To register for this webinar, go to [go.osu.edu](https://go.osu.edu/wqw25) slash wqw25 to receive the connection link.

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The second annual Cover Crop Roundtable around the region is in full swing. We have locations in Paulding County, Wood County, and Auglaize County, giving you plenty of options and dates for your schedule. Paulding County's meetings are on Tuesday nights, Wood County meetings are on Wednesday nights, and Auglaize County meetings are on Thursday evenings. The next Auglaize County meeting will be January 9th from 6.30 to 8 p.m., and that is at the Auglaize County Extension Office at 208 South Black Hoof Street here in Walpock.

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There is no cost to attend this meeting. It is free and open to producers in the surrounding areas and Auglaize County. This does allow for great networking, and we do kind of dissect some up-and-coming research articles and unbiased scientific information that we can hopefully use to better implement cover crops and help the economics of your farm. If you have not yet gotten your information or signed up for pesticide and fertilizer recertification or are interested in new fertilizer application training, please contact your local Extension offices.

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The dates are posted as far as available trainings in the area. There are a lot of options. The dates range from January 6th for recertification. All the way to March 26th, so we have plenty of time. I do recommend you getting signed up early. as they will fill up very quickly. This is a large year for our recertification classes. As far as new applicators for the local area, we do have three options. We have one on January 9th in the Mercer County Ag Building,

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one on February 6th in the Hardin County Extension Office, and one on February 19th in Champaign County. The 2024 Virtual Soil Health Tour map is a go. To view this interactive story map, visit [go.osu.edu](https://go.osu.edu/shtour24) slash shtour24. There are five virtual tour stops

focusing on structural infield and edge-of-field conservation practices with farmer testimonies on if these work for them and what improvements can be made.

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If you enjoy learning about conservation practices in action, consider joining us for an event on February 20th, 2025 at Northwest State Community College. For more information, visit [go.osu.edu](https://go.osu.edu). Conservation will be a place for farmers, landowners, and technical support staff to openly discuss how conservation has worked for them, as well as challenges with these practices. More information can be found at our website, [waterqualityextension.osu.edu](https://waterqualityextension.osu.edu).