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**IMPORTANT IRM INFORMATION: Genuity® RIB Complete®** corn blend products do not require the planting of a structured refuge **except** in the Cotton-Growing Area where corn earworm is a significant pest. See the IRM/Grower Guide for additional information. Always read and follow IRM requirements.

For more information regarding intellectual property protection for the seed products identified in this publication, please see [www.asgrowanddekab.com](http://www.asgrowanddekab.com).

Individual results may vary, and performance may vary from location to location and from year to year. This result may not be an indicator of results you may obtain as local growing, soil and weather conditions may vary. Growers should evaluate data from multiple locations and years whenever possible.

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## Ohio News Watch

## Ohio coalition issues plan to protect water resources

**A**n unprecedented coalition of Ohio water stakeholders has issued its strategic plan for maintaining and strengthening the state's water resources. Healthy Water Ohio's recommendations aim to preserve Ohio's valuable water assets for those who rely on them for consumption, recreation, food production and commerce.

The HwO plan identifies specific needs in the areas of policy, research, infrastructure and education. It also proposes the creation of a public-private Ohio Water Trust, funded at \$250 million annually to help enact the plan's recommendations. A portion of the trust funding would be accrued through the sale of state bonds. The full report is available at [healthywaterohio.org](http://healthywaterohio.org).

"The diversity of viewpoints brought together through Healthy Water Ohio has allowed us to create a comprehensive strategy that will benefit both the economy and quality of life for all Ohioans," says Steve Hirsch, president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, which initiated the effort. "This report will be a roadmap for assuring that our water and food production resources are preserved and strengthened."

The Healthy Water Ohio coalition

## Key Points

- Healthy Water Ohio aims to preserve the state's water assets.
- Group gets input from over 200 individuals and organizations.
- Coalition agrees funds needed to sustainably meet water demands.

received input from more than 200 individuals and organizations with diversified interests in Ohio water.

Its 16-member steering committee represents conservation, business, universities, water suppliers, agriculture, human health and others. Over its 21-month effort, the coalition hosted dozens of fact-finding events and discussion meetings, heard from subject-matter experts, engaged with government leaders, and collected public input via a statewide survey of more than 1,000 Ohio residents.

The report's policy plan emphasizes the value of Ohio's existing watershed districts and recommends voluntary water quality and quantity management practices, encourages incentives and collaboration, calls for equitable and reasonable regulations, and advocates for improved coordination among government agencies.

The HwO plan's research proposals include identifying knowledge gaps, es-

tablishing a formal Ohio water research group and improving coordination of research data.

The coalition agreed that significant financial resources will be needed to sustainably meet current and future water needs and enhance the state's economy and quality of life. The proposed Ohio Water Trust would be governed by a diverse stakeholder board, which will identify and support projects that will improve water quality, reduce stormwater and other flooding, enhance agricultural nutrient management, reduce drainage maintenance and dredging costs, assist voluntary regulatory compliance, and enhance habitat and recreational use while meeting other societal values.

The projected \$250 million in annual funding could come from water quality trades, ag and business funding, government bond sales, water user fees, a portion of boating and fishing license fees, and philanthropic contributions.

With its strategic plan released, Healthy Water Ohio now intends to prioritize and pursue its recommendations. The coalition estimates many parts of the plan will take decades to accomplish while others can begin immediately.

Source: *Healthy Water Ohio*

## Bureau honors young leaders

**M**ARLENE Eick of Radnor has been named winner of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's 2015 Excellence in Agriculture Award. The award recognizes successful young ag professionals who are actively contributing and growing through their involvement with Farm Bureau and agriculture.

Eick will receive an expense-paid trip to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the national Excellence in Agriculture contest during the American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention in January. She also will receive a John Deere Gator, courtesy of Farm Credit Mid-America, and a \$1,000 technology package, sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau.

Eick and her husband, B.J., own Herdmark Media, a visual media company where Eick serves as client lead. They also own a small show pig opera-



MARLENE EICK

tion. She has served on the Delaware County Farm Bureau board of trustees, participated statewide in Young Agricultural Professionals programs, is co-leader of the Delaware County Young Agricultural



NICK AND JESSICA DAILEY

Professionals and is a graduate of AgriPOWER Institute Class VI. She also serves on the Ohio Pork Council's Showpig Committee, Ohio FFA Foundation's Sponsors Team, is a member of Shepherd of the Peace Lutheran Church and is a recipient of the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Nick and Jessica Dailey of Sardinia have been named winners of OFBF's 2015 Outstanding Young Farmer Award. The contest is designed to help young farmers strengthen their business skills, develop

marketing opportunities and receive recognition for their accomplishments.

The Daileys won 250 hours on an M-series tractor provided by Kubota, a Polaris Ranger provided by Polaris, \$1,000 in Grainger merchandise sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America and an

expense-paid trip to the 2016 American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention in Orlando in January.

The Daileys farm 1,800 acres of grain crops in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland counties. They also own a trucking company. They are 11-year members of Brown County Farm Bureau, where Nick has served on the board of trustees. Both are Sunday School teachers at Hillsboro Bible Baptist Church.

Source: *OFBF*