TMACOG Tech
Agriculture: Economy & Ecology
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Penta Career Center, 9301 Buck Rd., Perrysburg

AGENDA
12:30 p.m. Come early to see indoor displays and parking lot demonstrations
  • Combine Simulator – parking lot display. Enter the raffle, guess how much it costs, win a basket of apples! Try to steer through a (simulated) corn field.
  • Interactive Electronic Worm – natural aerator talks to the audience
  • Soil Tester – measure nutrients in your soil
  • Water Control Structure – demonstrates drainage tile management
  • Cover Crops – display of non-commercial crops that stabilize soil over the winter
  • Variable Rate Fertilizer Applicator – parking lot display

1 p.m. Registration | Seasonal Refreshments | Displays

1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions | Tim W. Brown, TMACOG President
Opening Remarks | Carol Contrada, Lucas County Commissioner; Chair of the TMACOG Water Quality Council

Presentations
1:40 p.m. “Importance of Agriculture to the Regional Economy”
Agriculture in northwest Ohio directly employs thousands but also has huge impact on industries from freight, to manufacturing, packaging, and more.

2:10 p.m. “Farming – Myths and Reality”
Agriculture is a unique industry where the operator commits a family to a lifestyle and where a critical component of success – the weather – is out of the operator’s control. Learn about how crop insurance really works and get a picture of the cash flow and investment patterns in a typical growing season.

2:40 p.m. “Agricultural Best Management Practices”
Farmers depend on healthy soil, water, and air. How they combine production of a money-making crop with conservation of resources can be challenging. Different fields require different strategies and measuring results is complex.

3 p.m. Panel Discussion with All Speakers
Moderator, Carol Contrada, Lucas County Commissioner; Chair of the TMACOG Water Quality Council

3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Carol Contrada, Lucas County Commissioner; Chair of the TMACOG Water Quality Council

3:30-4 p.m. Displays and Demonstrations