

## ***Ohio Farmers Union Issues***

- In order to protect Ohio's water resources and human health, we support the ODNR rules requiring nutrient management planning for farmers in watersheds that have been declared to be "in distress."
- Livestock Care Standards Board. We appreciate the positive action of the Livestock Care Standards Board, and its subcommittees. The transparency and openness is positive and we look forward to continued progress in developing animal and poultry care standards.
- As oil and gas companies begin to exploit shale gas formations such as the Marcellus Shale in Eastern Ohio, ODNR should assure the practice of hydraulic fracturing, or "hydro-fracking" is regulated to protect the health of Ohio citizens and the quantity and quality of ground and surface water.
- Ohio Farmers Union supports the use of antibiotics for treating illness in livestock; however, we are concerned about the growing problem of antibiotic resistance. We support phasing out the routine feeding of antibiotics to healthy livestock for the growth promotion purposes.

### **Defiance County Farmers Union**

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**DEFIANCE COUNTY  
FULTON COUNTY  
HENRY COUNTY  
WILLIAMS COUNTY  
FARMERS  
UNION**



***Informational  
Meeting***

***June 30, 2011***

***Archbold, Ohio***



# Farmers Union Informational Meeting

**June 30, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.**

**Northwest State Community College  
George V. Voinovich Auditorium  
22600 State Route 34  
Archbold, Ohio**

Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams County Farmers Union is hosting an informational meeting to discuss various subjects of interest to family farmers, rural citizens and consumers. ***Bring along a friend or neighbor - meeting open to non-members.***

## Roger Wise

**President, Ohio Farmers Union**

Roger Wise will give remarks on what is happening with the Ohio Farmers Union organization.

## David Simmons

**Agriculture Inspection Administrator  
Division of Plant Industry  
Grain, Feed & Seed Section  
Ohio Department of Agriculture**



David Simmons will give an overview of the Ohio Grain Indemnity Fund and how the fund provides financial protection when a licensed elevator becomes insolvent.

Ohio Farmers Union was an advocate of the Ohio Grain Indemnity Fund and worked for 10 years with the Ohio Legislature and Ohio Department of Agriculture to secure passage of this important legislation that became effective July 1983.

## State Senator Cliff Hite

**Chairperson of the  
Agriculture,  
Environment &  
Natural Resources  
Committee**



Following two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, Cliff Hite joined the Ohio Senate in 2011. He

represents the 1st Ohio Senate District, which encompasses Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Williams and Van Wert counties as well as portions of Auglaize County.

Senator Hite will bring us up to date on what is happening in the Ohio Legislature and is available to answer any questions.

***Plan on attending!!!!***

***It's an opportunity you  
won't want to miss!***

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800-321-3671***

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