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Free Ag Drone Workshop

Chillicothe, Ohio - March 7, 2023 - As more and more commercial drones are being outfitted for agriculture, the Ross Soil and Water Conservation District announces a free drone workshop and ag drone demonstration on March 30th. Farmers and the public are invited to see and discuss the capabilities of ag drone technology.

Not only are drones crop dusting, but drones can also apply liquid nutrients and broadcast seeding. Peebles based company Midwest Air will demonstrate their equipment at the workshop. The event is free and open to the public at 12 Noon on March 30th at the Ross County Fairgrounds at 344 Fairgrounds Road.

Free Ag Drone Workshop
Thursday March 30, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
Ross County Fairgrounds
344 Fairgrounds Road
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

The Ross Soil and Water Conservation District promotes land use practices that prevent soil erosion and protect water quality. The district's vision includes promoting innovation. Emerging drone technology may provide solutions to problems that farmers face implementing some conservation practices like cover crops.

The conservation district has been using drones since 2016 primarily for imaging and map making. The district will display its drone equipment plus specialized maps drawn with drone data. There is no cost to attend. An RSVP is requested. Please call the district at 740-772-1711 extension 3 or email admin@rosscountyswcd.org. The event is scheduled rain or shine and will move inside the multi purpose building in case of bad weather.

The Ross Soil and Water Conservation District provides free technical assistance to landowners implementing conservation practices through the farm bill or for the CAUV tax program. And the district is engaged in a broad range of services including geographic information systems, residential neighborhood drainage and runoff, wildlife and habitat. Residents can find more information about education and outreach programs online at www.rosscountyswcd.org or email admin@rosscountyswcd.org or call 740-772-1711 and press 3.

The Ross Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1947 and is governed by a volunteer board of supervisors elected by Ross County residents and producers. The 2023 supervisors are Brice Acton, Frankfort; Nancy Ames, Chillicothe; Philip Gray, Chillicothe; Billie Helterbrand, Chillicothe; and Pam Snyder, Kingston.

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