

## **2024 SASES Regional Conference Bid**

Crops and Soils Club at The Ohio State University

*The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH*

Ohio has a unique position in United States agriculture, being in the transition zone between the mid-west and east-coast states. With a high population density (10<sup>th</sup> largest in USA) like eastern states, Ohio stands apart with its significant agricultural industry (\$11 Billion, 13<sup>th</sup> largest in USA). Ohio has a diverse agriculture, with the primary crops being corn (8<sup>th</sup> in the USA), soybeans (9<sup>th</sup> in the USA), wheat (1<sup>st</sup> in soft red winter wheat) and vegetables (20<sup>th</sup> in the USA). Other significant agricultural production comes from hogs (8<sup>th</sup> in the USA), chickens (2<sup>nd</sup> in meat production and 3<sup>rd</sup> in egg production), dairy (11<sup>th</sup> in the USA), forages, and specialty crops such as fruits and greenhouse crops.

Our goal for this conference will be to provide attendees with an understanding of the unique attributes of Ohio agriculture and its relationship to the United States food supply. In addition, we hope to advance their knowledge and passion for agriculture and environmental science, while enabling them to network with future industry leaders from across the country.

Students will engage in a choice of industry tour opportunities, progressive speakers, and professional networking sessions. Our group of motivated students, involved faculty, and distinguished alumni are ready, willing, and excited to welcome the 2024 SASES Regional Conference to Columbus and The Ohio State University.

The Tri-Societies International Annual Meeting will be hosted in Columbus in the Fall of 2027, allowing the opportunity for travel to Ohio for Spring SASES. This will enable students to see agriculture in Ohio prior to attending the annual meeting in the future. Agriculture remains Ohio's largest industry to date, and we hope to welcome you all onto our soil to experience it firsthand.

As you review this plan, please contact our club President, Ashley Bergman ([bergman.266@osu.edu](mailto:bergman.266@osu.edu)), and Club Advisor, Dr. David Barker ([barker.169@osu.edu](mailto:barker.169@osu.edu)) with any questions or special requests you may have.

## Venues

Thursday & Friday - Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex (CEARC) Meeting Room:

<https://youtu.be/7hcHAazoto>

<https://buildingthefuture.osu.edu/news/2022/10/14/slideshow-controlled-environment-agriculture-research-complex>

Saturday - Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center - <https://ohio4h.org/center>

<https://ohio4h.org/4-h-center-0/creating-event-0/meeting-rooms>

## Accommodation Options

1. The Blackwell Inn (on campus) - <https://www.theblackwell.com/>
2. Fairfield (Olentangy River Rd) - <https://www.marriott.com/>

## Schedule

Thursday, April 11, 2024	
Check-in & Early Bird Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waterman Farm</li><li>• Tours of dairy facility, CEARC, Turf Research Center</li><li>• Lawn Games (ex. corn hole)</li></ul>	6 pm
Welcome (Dept. of Horticulture and Crop Science)	6:45 pm
Dinner - CEARC Meeting Room	7 pm
Lawn Games & Socializing Continue	7-8 pm
Friday, April 12, 2024	
Breakfast at hotel	
Depart for Tours	7 am-5 pm
Dinner - CEARC Meeting Room	6 pm
Activity - Ohio State Football Facility Tours	7-9 pm
Saturday, April 13, 2024 - Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4H Center	
Breakfast at hotel	
President's Meeting - Meeting Rooms	8 am
National Officer's Meeting - Meeting Rooms	9 am
Crops Contest - Main Auditorium	10am-12pm
Lunch - Main Auditorium	12-1 pm
Professional Development – Meeting Rooms Student selects breakout sessions with various speakers (TBD)	1- 3 pm
Dinner, Awards Ceremony & Banquet – Main Auditorium	6 – 8 pm

## Tours

We propose 3 tours (filling 3 buses is more economical for ~80 people). If registration exceeds 100 people, a 4<sup>th</sup> tour can easily be added as we have a large number of various agricultural tour locations in Ohio. Lunch will be provided as a courtesy of a company on the tour. \*Please see final page for maps.

<b>Tour 1 – NorthEast (Wooster Area Tentative Options)</b>		
Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute	Wooster	<a href="https://ati.osu.edu/">https://ati.osu.edu/</a>
Certified Angus Beef	Wooster	<a href="https://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/">https://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/</a>
Tilmor	Dalton	<a href="https://www.tilmor.com/en-us/">https://www.tilmor.com/en-us/</a>
Smuckers	Orrville	<a href="https://www.jmsmucker.com/">https://www.jmsmucker.com/</a>
Weaver Leather Supply	Millersburg	<a href="https://www.weaverleathersupply.com/">https://www.weaverleathersupply.com/</a>
SmithFoods Orrville Inc.	Orrville	<a href="https://smithfoods.com/">https://smithfoods.com/</a>
Hartzler Family Dairy	Wooster	<a href="https://www.hartzlerdairy.com/">https://www.hartzlerdairy.com/</a>

<b>Tour 2 – Central (London Area Tentative Options)</b>		
Farm Science Review	London	<a href="https://fsr.osu.edu/home/">https://fsr.osu.edu/home/</a>
Beck's Hybrids	London	<a href="https://www.beckshybrids.com/">https://www.beckshybrids.com/</a>
Ag-Pro	London	<a href="https://www.agprocompanies.com/ohio/">https://www.agprocompanies.com/ohio/</a>
Kubota Corporate - Northern	Groveport	<a href="https://www.kubota.com/">https://www.kubota.com/</a>

<b>Tour 3 – West (Celina Area Tentative Options)</b>		
MVP Dairy	Celina	<a href="https://www.mvpdairyllc.com/">https://www.mvpdairyllc.com/</a>
Cooper Farms Processing	St. Henry	<a href="https://cooperfarms.com/">https://cooperfarms.com/</a>
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats	Van Wert	<a href="https://cooperfarms.com/">https://cooperfarms.com/</a>
COBA Select Sires	Plain City	<a href="https://www.selectsires.com/">https://www.selectsires.com/</a>
J&M Manufacturing	Fort Recovery	<a href="https://www.jm-inc.com/">https://www.jm-inc.com/</a>
Unverferth Manufacturing	Delphos	<a href="https://www.unverferth.com/">https://www.unverferth.com/</a>
Buckeye Ag Testing	Troy	<a href="https://www.buckeyeagtesting.com/">https://www.buckeyeagtesting.com/</a>

<b>Tour 4 – South Central (Washington Court House Area Tentative Options)</b>		
Spectrum Analytic	Court House	<a href="https://www.spectrumanalytic.com/">https://www.spectrumanalytic.com/</a>
Cargill	Bloomington	<a href="https://www.cargillag.com/">https://www.cargillag.com/</a>
Sunrise Cooperative	South Charleston	<a href="https://www.sunriseco-op.com/">https://www.sunriseco-op.com/</a>
ST Genetics	South Charleston	<a href="https://www.stgen.com/">https://www.stgen.com/</a>

## Budget

The proposed budget will account for 100 attendees for the conference. We will partner alongside many of the companies on our tours as well as increase support from our fellow Buckeye alumni for sponsorships. We plan on charging \$50 per person for early registration (before Feb. 11 - two months ahead of the conference) or \$60 per person after Feb. 11.

Item	# of Units	Price (Total)
Shirts	100	\$1,500
Thursday Dinner	100	\$2,000
Tour Transportation	1	\$8,000
Tour Lunches	100	\$1,500
Friday Dinner	100	\$2,000
Saturday Lunch	100	\$1,750
Saturday Dinner	100	\$2,250
Building Rental Fees	1	\$1,000
Entertainment	1	\$2,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>Registration Fees</b>	100	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,000</b>

### *Potential Event Sponsors:*

The Andersons Inc., Ohio Corn & Wheat, Ohio Soybean Checkoff, Ohio Farm Bureau, Nationwide, Corteva, Becks Hybrids, Sunrise Cooperative, Heritage Cooperative, J&M Manufacturing, Unverferth Manufacturing, Apple Farm Service, Bane-Welker, Wellington Implement, Ag-Pro, Kubota, Integrated Ag, Progressive Crop Solutions, Farm Credit, Ohio Poultry Association, Buckeye Ag Testing, etc.

## Membership Information

The Crops and Soils Club at The Ohio State University has around 25 active members. There is interest from 8 of those members to form a committee to plan for the SASES regional conference. We have several clubs at Ohio State who frequently work in conjunction with the Crops and Soils Club and are willing to support them in hosting a successful event.

## Tour Maps

