

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 (10th largest in USA) like eastern states, Ohio stands apart with its significant agricultural industry (\$11 Billion, 13th largest in USA). Ohio has a diverse agriculture, with the primary crops being corn (8th in the USA), soybeans (9th in the USA), wheat (1st in soft red winter wheat) and vegetables (20th in the USA). Other significant agricultural production comes from hogs (8th in the USA), chickens (2nd in meat production and 3rd in egg production), dairy (11th 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), and Club Advisor, Dr. David Barker (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/7hcHAAazoto>

<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">• Waterman Farm• Tours of dairy facility, CEARC, Turf Research Center• Lawn Games (ex. corn hole)	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	1- 3 pm
Student selects breakout sessions with various speakers (TBD)	
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 4th 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.

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

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

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

Tour 4 – South Central (Washington Court House Area Tentative Options)		
Spectrum Analytic	Court House	https://www.spectrumanalytic.com/
Cargill	Bloomingburg	https://www.cargillag.com/
Sunrise Cooperative	South Charleston	https://www.sunriseco-op.com/
ST Genetics	South Charleston	https://www.stgen.com/

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
Total Expenses		\$22,000
Registration Fees	100	\$5,000
SUBTOTAL		\$17,000

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

