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The main program starts with the General Session at 9:00 Tuesday. Awards will be presented by Ohio Farmer magazine and Ohio Certified Crop Advisers. David Montgomery (U. of Washington), author of “Dirt” and “Growing a Revolution: Bringing our Soil back to life,” will be the keynote speaker.

A 2-day special program, Healthy Soils for Healthy Waters (HSHW), will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The Nutrient Management session also starts at 8:00. Both sessions will break for David Montgomery’s presentation.

Starting at 10:30, four concurrent sessions take over. The Tuesday program includes Corn University and Precision Ag & Digital Technologies. The sessions will end about 5:30 p.m.

The Wednesday lineup of concurrent sessions includes: the second day of HSHW; Soybean School; Water Quality Research and BMPs; Alternative Crops (half day); and Slugs, voles and other varmints (half day). The HSHW and Water Quality Research sessions start at 8:00, and the other two will start at 8:30. Sessions will end about 4:30 p.m.

CCA credits will be available, with an emphasis on Soil & Water, Nutrient Management, and Crop Management. We expect 400 crop consultants to attend. The Ohio Certified Crop Adviser of the Year will be honored at the start of the General Session, and the Ohio Farmer magazine will honor Master Farmers.

Our primary audience is farmers, but we provide CCA credits as an extra benefit for crop consultants. Certified Livestock Manager (CLM) credits will be available. Details will be posted in February.

The full program is online at: ctc.osu.edu. Look for changes/additions in speakers and topics.

The Healthy Soils for Healthy Waters program is a continuation of a series that began in Columbus in 2014. The most recent HSHW programs were in Denver (2017) and Memphis (2014). On the first day, overall topics are Building Soil Health, Regenerative Agriculture, and Healthy Foods from Healthy Soil. Fifteen speakers and panelists include: Barry Fisher (NRCS); David Brandt (Farmer); Rick Cruse (Iowa State U., on the Economics of Erosion); Rafiq Islam (OSU); David Montgomery (on practices that bring soil back to life); and Britt Burton-Freeman (on Healthy Foods and Nutrition).

A panel discussion on Federal Policies includes: Ann Bartuska (USDMA), Bill Richards, Fred Yoder, and (maybe) Bill Northeys. An industry panel on Healthy Foods includes reps from MillerCoors, McDonald’s, and Bill Knappke of Cooper Farms.

Corn University will feature Extension Specialists including: Emerson Nafigzer (Illinois); Pierce Paul (OSU); Peter Thomison (OSU) and other Extension Corn Specialists.

The Nutrient Management session has 10 topics (7.5 hours total): Drag hose manure results (Glen Arnold, OSU); Good, Bad and the Ugly of Manure Applications (Kevin Elder, ODA); Using a spreadsheet to estimate application costs (Terry Mescher, ODA); Legal liability for manure applications (Peggy Hall, OSU); Communicating with your Landowners (Brian Brandt, Farmland Trust); Costs of Tanker Compaction vs Drag hose application (Jason Hartschuh, OSU); Do soils need more Sulfur? (Steve Culman, OSU); Safety with manure storage (Kent McGuire, OSU); Seedling cover crops into corn and soybeans (Bruce Clevenger, OSU); and Climate Change impact on Lake Erie (Aaron Wilson, OSU).

The Precision Ag & Digital Technologies Session at 9:00 Tuesday. Awards will be presented by Ohio Farmer, Wisconsin, Illinois, and other varmints.

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