

AGRI-BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to promote a mutual understanding of and an appreciation for agriculture as Allen County's largest industry and its impact on the lives of all residents of Allen County.

Chairperson: Beth Seibert, Allen Soil and Water Conservation District

Committee meets on an as needed basis.

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Supported the agricultural Wake, Rattle and Roll program at the Allen County Fairgrounds.
- Partnered with city, county, township, and Regional Planning Commission officials addressing land use issues.
- Participated with Lima City School's Farm Day.
- Inducted honorees into the Allen County Agriculture Hall of Fame.
- Promoted agricultural career information/education whenever possible.
- Supported, organized and operated the Farmer's Market in Downtown Lima.
- Planned for the 2017 Allen County Farmer/ Agricultural Outlook Event.
- Participated in the Allen County Food Policy Plan and Council.
- Worked with the Ohio Extension Office, Agri-Business Committee, Elected officials and others to gain support for funding a local extension agent(s) for Allen County

2017 GOALS:

- Continue to support the agricultural Wake, Rattle and Roll program at the Allen County Fairgrounds and assist in the procurement of a keynote speaker.
- Continue to participate in Lima City Schools Farm Day farm discovery day on their campus.
- Explore ways to partner with the Allen County Fair in promoting agriculture in conjunction with the County's largest and oldest annual agriculture exhibition.
- Continue to promote and develop the Downtown Lima Farmers Market.
- Hold the 2017 Allen County Farmer/ Agricultural Outlook Event.
- Plan, host and promote the 2017 Allen County Agricultural Hall of Fame Awards Banquet
- Assist the Allen County Food Policy Plan and Council.
- Partner and convene discussions with West Central Ohio Land Conservancy on farmland preservation.
- Promote agricultural career information and education whenever possible.
- Provide education opportunities on the connection between commodities and the consumer.
- Continue to work with the Ohio State Extension Office, Agri-Business Committee, Elected officials and others to gain support for funding a local extension agent(s) for Allen County