

2019 Lima Allen County Chamber Of Commerce Ag Business Committee Goals

Mission: to promote a mutual understanding of and appreciation for agriculture as Allen County's largest industry and its impact on the lives of all residents in Allen County.

2018 Accomplishments

- Conducted the 2018 Allen County Farmer/Agricultural Outlook Event.
- Inducted two honorees into the Allen County Agriculture Hall of Fame.
- Hosted Allen Lima Leadership Class in an Agriculture and Environment Day.
- Worked with the OSU Extension staff, elected officials and others to gain support for funding a local agriculture and natural resource extension agent for Allen County.
- Supported the Real American Sunrise program at the Allen County Fairgrounds.
- Participated with Lima City School's Farm Day.
- Supported, organized and operated the Farmer's Market in Downtown Lima.
- Participated in the Allen County Food Policy Plan and Council.
- Discussed Farm Bill concerns with USDA Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue, US Congressman Jim Jordan, and Senator Sherrod Brown's aide.
- Promoted agriculture career information/education whenever possible.

2019 Goals

- Plan, host and promote the 2019 Allen County Agriculture Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.
- Hold the 2019 Allen County Agriculture Outlook Event.
Host the Allen Lima Leadership Class Agriculture and Environment Day.
- Continue to work with the OSU Extension staff, elected officials and others to gain support for funding a local agriculture and natural resource extension agent for Allen County.
- Continue to support the agriculture Real American Sunrise program at the Allen County Fairgrounds and assist in the procurement of a keynote speaker.
- Continue to participate in the Lima City School's Farm Day on their campus.
- Continue to assist the Downtown Lima Farmer's Market.
- Continue a presence with the Allen County Food Policy Plan and Council and urban production gardening.
- Promote agriculture career information/education whenever possible.
- Provide education opportunities on the connection between commodities and the consumer.