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ODA Announces Five Livestock Care Informational Sessions to be Held across the State

REYNOLDSBURG, OH (July 19, 2011) – Farmers, veterinarians and livestock haulers are encouraged to attend one of five informational sessions to be held in August and September by the Ohio Department of Agriculture which will provide an overview of the state’s new livestock care standards. The two-hour sessions will be held in Allen, Highland, Mercer, Muskingum, and Wayne counties.

The meetings are open to the public and will feature a presentation on the new livestock care standards as well as an opportunity to ask ODA staff questions about the new rules.

Date and locations for the information sessions are:

Wednesday, August 24 6:00 – 8:00 Hillsboro
Southern State Community College (Auditorium), 100 Hobart Drive

Wednesday, August 31 6:00 – 8:00 Wooster
Ohio State University OARDC (Shisler Center Ballroom), 1680 Madison Avenue

Wednesday, September 14 6:00 – 8:00 Lima
Independence Elementary School, 615 Tremont Avenue

Tuesday, September 27 6:00 – 8:00 Zanesville
Ohio University – Zanesville Campus (The Campus Center T430 & 431), 1425 Newark Road

Thursday, September 29 6:00 – 8:00 Fort Recovery
American Legion, 2490 State Route 49 N.

Ohio’s livestock care standards affect all persons raising or caring for one or more head of livestock raised for human food or fiber, and anyone raising or caring for equine animals in the state. Rules affecting the care of dairy, beef, swine, turkeys, broilers, sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and horses have been approved by the Ohio General Assembly’s Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and will go into effect later this year.

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