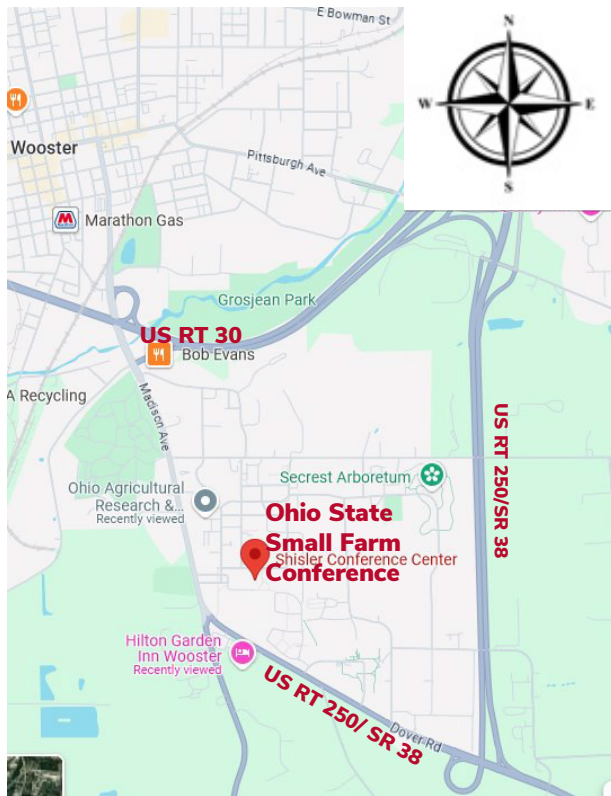


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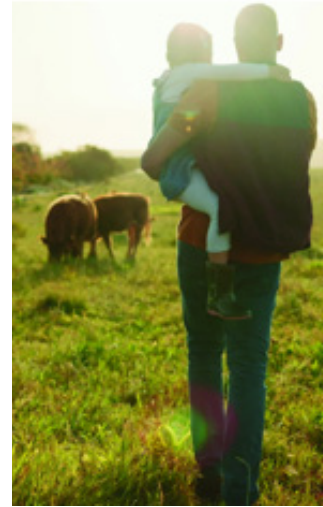
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**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

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# Conference Schedule

8:30 a.m. | Check-in  
 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Panel Discussion: Reality Check-It's Not What You See on the Internet  
 10:30 a.m. | Breakout 1  
 11:45 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. | Buffet Lunch  
 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Keynote Speaker: Michael Kilpatrick  
 1:20 p.m. | Breakout 2  
 2:45 p.m. | Breakout 3

Breakout 1	<p><b>1-A Bee Keeping Equipment-</b> Jeff Gabric, My Bee Supply  <i>Interested in beekeeping and have questions on what equipment is really needed? Join local producer and owner of My Bee Supply LLC to learn what equipment you really need.</i></p>	<p><b>1-B Attracting Beneficial Insects</b>  <i>Join Let's Grow Akron to hear about how they use a variety of plants to attract beneficial insects to the Akron community gardens.</i></p>	<p><b>1-C Toxic Plant Identification-</b> Christine Gelley, OSU Extension  <i>Are there plants around your property that you are unsure about their toxicity? During this presentation you will learn how to identify the most common toxic plants.</i></p>	<p><b>1-D Integrated Pest Management, Identification and Control-</b> Ashley Leach, OSU Extension  <i>Have you been battling an insect for years and nothing has worked? Listen to Ashley discuss common issues in Ohio and how to control them.</i></p>
Breakout 2	<p><b>2-A Sun Up to Sell Out-</b> Bryn Bird, Bird's Haven Farms  <i>A farmer's guide to market preparation and presence.</i></p>	<p><b>2-B Utilizing Perennials on a Cut Flower Farm-</b> Sarah Maier, Owner of Smith's Floral Boutique  <i>Perennials can be a powerhouse to a cut flower grower; but which ones are better and how do you incorporate them? Join Sarah to learn more.</i></p>	<p><b>2-C Fecal Egg Count-</b> Christine Gelley, OSU Extension  <i>A vital tool for small ruminant producers to learn. This will allow you to determine effective parasite control and make breeding decisions.</i></p>	<p><b>2-D Utilizing the Internet to Boost Your Small Farm Sales-</b> Mendi Sellman, Owner Rus-Men Farms  <i>Online sales can be great for small businesses. Unsure of how to get started? Join Mendi to learn how.</i></p>
Breakout 3	<p><b>3-A Navigating Insurance on Your Small Farm-</b> Paul Trent, Nationwide  <i>Starting out as a small business owner it can be hard figuring out what type of insurance you need. Listen to Paul discuss options.</i></p>	<p><b>3-B Profitable High Tunnel Rotations-</b> Dana Hilfinger, Johnny's Selected Seeds  <i>Are you stuck or struggling to make a profit with your high tunnel system? Dana will share rotation ideas for small producers.</i></p>	<p><b>3-C Navigating Small Farm Taxes-</b> Bruce Clevenger, OSU Extension  <i>Taxes, everyone's favorite topic and task! Join the Ohio State Farm Office Specialist Bruce to learn more about taxes and obligations for small producers.</i></p>	<p><b>3-D ePlus-</b> Logan Minter, OSU Extension  <i>What is ePlus and how can the research being done benefit my small farm? Join Logan as he discusses ways you can partner with your local extension professionals with on farm research.</i></p>

## Keynote Speaker: Michael Kilpatrick

Owner of The Farm on Central and founder of Growing Farmers. Michael trains and provides resources to help small farmers minimize stress, optimize time and productivity, and put systems in place to run a thriving, profitable farm. Micheal is giving a presentation entitled "Get Your Life Back," and will be available after his presentation in the networking area to help producers with small farm questions.



## Vendors

Stop by and visit with vendors from around the region. A few vendors that will be attending: Cushmen Creek Supply, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Lowe & Young Inc., Rupp Seeds Inc., Farm to School Program, Herd Pro, Tilmore, Veteran Farmers Coalition.

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