LESSONS LEARNED

Farmers talk about pros, cons of energy exploration

BY SETH TETER

Drive through Carroll County and the impact of energy exploration is immediately evident. Dotting the eastern Ohio landscape are drilling pads that span several acres, yard signs direct truck traffic and a helicopter used for seismic testing sits along the highway.

Hotels are being built in communities that for years could not support a single fast food chain. On some evenings, lines of pickup trucks extend from gas stations. School funding has increased and new local businesses have popped up.

It all leads Cattlecreek Farm’s Kim Davis to question “Has anything stayed the same?” “Oh gracious, no, not hardly,” replied George Mizer of nearby Harrison County.

The two joined other Farm Bureau members recently to talk about how a boom in oil and gas exploration has impacted their communities and how much their own lives have changed since the seemingly overnight arrival of this multibillion dollar industry.

For Mizer, it began a few years ago when he was approached to put a pipeline across his land, a decision the seasoned farmer weighed carefully.

“You just can’t dig a hole, put a pipeline in, cover it up and your farm is back to normal,” he said. “It will take five to eight years until production is back to where it ought to be.”

Kim’s father-in-law, John Davis, said impacts to roads were an early concern, something he’d seen firsthand when he took a trip with community leaders to Pennsylvania.

“They had mud piled up like snow drifts in front of people’s mailboxes on township roads,” he said.

And Tuscarawas County farmer Jerry Lahmers said that many years ago it was a boom in the coal industry that led area farmers to give up their highly productive sheep flocks, leading to a long-term decline in the region’s agricultural profitability.

His hope? “To weather this storm of wealth that’s going to come in and still have agriculture when we walk out the other side,” he said.

Action alert issued on CAUV

Ohio Farm Bureau members helped get the word out to state legislators that they should take action to improve the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) formula. Farm Bureau identified a number of improvements to the CAUV formula that would help stem increases and improve the accuracy of the CAUV calculation and presented those ideas in May to the Ohio Department of Taxation and the legislature. While Tax Commissioner Joe Testa elected not to make the changes, he had signaled a willingness to work with the legislature.

In an action alert, over 1,000 OFBF members made contact with legislators asking them to incorporate OFBF’s CAUV changes in the budget bill and prohibit non-farm factors in the CAUV formula. Farm Bureau is challenging two inaccurate assumptions in the formula’s capitalization rate. The current formula assumes land is held for only five years when in reality farmland is typically held much longer. The formula also assumes land is more valuable as its debt is reduced, but Farm Bureau argued that land values are a function of productive capacity regardless of the level of owner equity. Both changes would lessen the impact of nonfarm market forces on the capitalization rate.

Another proposal was all lands in federal conservation programs or other lands managed under year-round conservation practices be valued at the lowest possible rate to encourage practices that protect the environment and water quality.

This latest work on the CAUV formula follows up on successful efforts by Farm Bureau last March to moderate the increases in farmland valuations. The legislature did not include OFBF’s most recent recommendations in the budget bill citing the need for more time to study the proposal. Farm Bureau will continue to seek adoption of the proposal.

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It’s a familiar conversation for Ohio Farm Bureau’s Dale Arnold who has spent much of his time in recent years meeting with families and local groups to provide them with information as they made their individual decisions.

“You have a lot of development coming in, but also you have a lot of tradition. You have a quality of life here that you’ve had for well over a century,” he said. “Trying to find that balance is going to be critical moving forward and something everyone needs to pay attention to.”

Now, these farmers hope others look to eastern Ohio to understand the opportunities and challenges it is facing and to prepare themselves as oil and gas development continues to expand westward.

They all emphasize basic principles: don’t accept the first lease offer, understand what you’re signing and money isn’t everything.

But some things they didn’t anticipate. Davis said while he is pleased so far with the way one company has invested in infrastructure and environmental protocols, he was surprised by how much land he lost to the roads used to service a drilling pad on his farm.

Mizer is working to have topsoil hauled in after a contractor failed to properly reclaim parts of his land.

While Lahmers notes there is now almost no unemployment in his community, the area’s two tractor dealerships are struggling to find technicians.

Some neighbors have expressed concern about traffic and noise, and trucks used in the drilling process continue to wear on the roads.

“It’s a huge impact on your community. If you’re going to be good citizens, you need to get out in front of it,” Lahmers said.

Arnold points out that modern drilling requires large infrastructure that will have permanent effects on farm operations, and financial and business planning should aim to benefit several generations.

“You want to still be able to farm, and in many cases you can, but careful negotiation and discussion with a lot of folks is going to be very key into the future,” he said.

Watch a video of the full conversation at http://ofb.ag/oilandgasimpact.
Eminent domain? Not so fast

Farmers are familiar with eminent domain, so when it comes up in conversation, they pay attention. Unfortunately, in some conversations related to pipelines, eminent domain is being brought up when it shouldn’t be.

According to Dale Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau’s director of energy, utility and local government policy, pipelines being used to carry materials such as ethane and/or other natural gas liquids do not qualify for eminent domain as the laws are currently written and interpreted.

The power of eminent domain depends on what the pipeline will be carrying. Interstate pipelines hauling natural gas or crude oil or a refined product such as gasoline or fuel oil come under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) jurisdiction and eminent domain could apply to those pipelines. Intra-state pipelines hauling those same materials also typically qualify for eminent domain under state law.

“In many cases, our members in eastern Ohio aren’t being contacted by direct employees of the pipeline company but by land agents, and their responsibility is to put together a portfolio of easements to use for the construction project. These agents are seeing folks and saying ‘We’re hauling ‘natural gasoline’ (a play on words) or ‘liquified natural gas,’” Arnold said.

Landowners should ask the agents directly if they have the right of eminent domain. “They have to tell you direct, and if the answer is no, it means the landowner’s ability to negotiate for a right of way is huge,” he said. If landowners feel threatened in the course of a conversation, they have the right to complain to the Ohio attorney general or other authorities.

Landowners also are advised to contact an attorney if approached about an easement, particularly if the agent is threatening the use of eminent domain.

Additionally, eminent domain does not apply to collection line systems used to take any materials from oil and gas wells to a central collection point, which are regulated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Oil and Gas.

Bottom line: Be wary if an agent mentions eminent domain in the context of oil and gas collection lines or natural gas pipelines, said Amy Milam, OFBF’s director of legal education.

Even in those situations where eminent domain does apply, it is typically used only as a last resort.

Ohio Farm Bureau can provide a list of attorneys who are well-versed in this area of law. Contact Arnold at 614-246-8294 or darnold@ofbf.org to request a copy.
Farm Bureau busy in the Statehouse, Congress

A flurry of activity was going on at the Statehouse and in Congress with legislators working to pass legislation before going on summer recess. Here’s the status of some legislation that Farm Bureau was working on as of press time.

Statehouse

State operating budget

In the state budget bill, Ohio Farm Bureau advocated for an increase in funding for OSU Extension, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and OSU’s Sea Grant program. OFBF supported modifying the AgLink program, a loan interest reduction program run by the state treasurer, to assist farmers in the Western Lake Erie Basin who want to build manure storage infrastructure, purchase incorporation equipment or plant cover crops in order to comply with Senate Bill 1. OFBF also supported making key changes to how Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are funded and increasing the funding levels for CTE programs including ag education.

Transfer of nutrient management authority to ODA

An amendment in the state budget bill would transfer the division of soil and water in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) as well as the soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). ODA currently oversees the concentrated animal feeding facilities, the large permitted livestock farms, as well as fertilizer application while ODNR oversees agricultural pollution from non-permitted livestock farms. Under the proposal, ODA would have jurisdiction for all agricultural pollution issues, including inspections and enforcement of violations involving non-permitted livestock farms. OFBF supports the concept of the transfer, which will give farmers a single point of contact for nutrient issues. However, language in the budget contains new regulatory authority that Farm Bureau opposes and will ask the governor to veto.

Agritourism

In late May, the Ohio House unanimously passed an agritourism bill, and the Senate was working on its own version. Both are based on model legislation developed by Ohio Farm Bureau. The bills address three areas of concern expressed by OFBF members: zoning, liability and application of Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV). If passed, the legislation would spell out that agritourism is considered agriculture, which means those businesses would still qualify for CAUV and not be subject to zoning at the local levels. It also would help farmers deal with liability issues and the cost of insurance.

Congress

Trade Promotion Authority

Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) allows the U.S. president to negotiate international agreements with Congress giving up or down votes but no amendments or filibusters. Farm Bureau supports passage of TPA, which would give farmers access to new markets around the world. The House narrowly passed TPA after it was separated from another trade measure meant to help workers impacted by trade deals. The Senate also passed TPA recently, sending it to President Obama for his signature.
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Farmers are wondering how and when the final Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule will affect them. Legislation and pending litigation along with questions about how these overreaching rules will be implemented leave farmers with no clear idea of what to expect.

The rule clarifies what bodies of water the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would have jurisdiction over as part of the Clean Water Act.

American Farm Bureau said the 297-page final rule, which goes into effect 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register, broadened the scope of protected waters to include small streams and wetlands.

The House of Representatives voted to prohibit the EPA from enacting the rule and as of press time, a similar bill was moving through the Senate.

Under the final rule, the definition of “tributary” was broadened to include landscape features that may not be visible to the human eye or that existed historically but are no longer present. There is now no need for the presence of an actual bed, bank and ordinary high water mark to be labeled a tributary but only the “presence of physical indicators” of them. That means a federal official in an office could use remote sensing, mapping information and other desktop tools to establish the presence of a tributary that may not even be visible to landowners standing next to it. The rule also allows federal officials to regulate land areas where desktop tools indicate ephemeral tributaries used to be present.

The final WOTUS rule makes it difficult for landowners to know which ditches are excluded from being regulated. The only way a ditch is excluded is if the landowner can show it isn’t a relocated tributary and isn’t excavated in a tributary, according to AFBF. Because the exclusion is tied to determining the existence of historic ephemeral tributaries, it is difficult for landowners to know which ditches are excluded.

Read more about WOTUS at ditchtherule.fb.org

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Field to Faucet involves researchers from multiple Ohio State colleges and other regional universities. Already, five projects have launched.

- One app under development will allow farmers to record nutrient application rates and methods. Future plans include developing further apps geared toward nutrient stewardship.
- Another project will develop a geospatial data warehouse with controlled access that will allow producers and researchers to secure and share publicly available data. It is likely the project will later serve as a model approach for a national program.
- Another focus is removing phosphorus and nitrogen from manure and from anaerobic digester discharge before these materials are applied to fields. This effort would especially benefit the watershed around Grand Lake St. Marys in western Ohio, where there are a large number of livestock farms.
- Unmanned aerial vehicles will be used in another project to determine real-time concentrations of microcystin in Lake Erie’s waters.
- An additional project will develop a sensor to detect real-time concentrations of microcystin in Lake Erie’s waters.

Jay Martin to Lead Field to Faucet

While some would say people are the problem behind Lake Erie’s harmful algal blooms, Jay Martin will tell you they’re the solution. Martin was recently chosen to lead Field to Faucet, a water quality program launched by The Ohio State University to ensure safe drinking water while maintaining an economically productive agricultural sector.

“It became obvious, when I was working in Louisiana on a project to manage Delta land loss and salinity, that working with the people was the key to success,” he said.

Martin is an ecological engineer in Ohio State’s Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering. For the past 10 years, he has focused on the Lake Erie basin, again in concert with researchers from a variety of disciplines.

Field to Faucet was conceived and funded by Bruce McPheron, Ohio State’s vice president for agricultural administration and dean for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, which put $1 million toward the effort after dangerous microcystin levels in Lake Erie shut down Toledo’s water supply for two days in August 2014. Microcystin is a toxin made by some algae.

“Jay’s interdisciplinary approach in Louisiana and here in Ohio make him the ideal leader for Field to Faucet,” McPheron said. “Solving the water quality problem in Ohio will take many minds. Jay has the ability to bring people together to solve this complicated issue.”
Tackling Avian Flu and Other Poultry Diseases

Since last December, an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5 linked to wild waterfowl has gripped the U.S. poultry industry, affecting more than 44 million birds from commercial and backyard flocks in 15 states, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

While the highly infectious flu strains have not reached Ohio, experts with The Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences are working with industry and state agencies to tackle the potential impact of this and other poultry diseases from the outreach and research fronts.

Mohamed El-Gazzar, poultry veterinarian for OSU Extension, said producers need to step up their on-farm biosecurity measures and be extra vigilant about avoiding any contact between domestic and wild migratory birds.

Specific protection measures are outlined at go.osu.edu/5Rv.

Thanks to a new $7.2 million grant from USDA, Ohio State scientists and colleagues at other universities are also working on developing a new approach to controlling endemic, emerging and re-emerging poultry respiratory diseases in the United States.

Virologist Chang-Won Lee, who coordinates the grant, said this project seeks to better understand the ecology of poultry diseases to develop more effective prevention strategies; validate diagnostic methods currently employed and create better ones as needed; and gain a better understanding of the relationship between disease, host and environment to aid in the development of new control methods.
2015 Farm Science Review 
Takes On Sharp Edge

Farmers and producers can gain a sharper edge and glean cutting-edge ideas from experts from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University during this year’s Farm Science Review Sept. 22–24 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio.

The Review will again emphasize the best agricultural research, resources, information and access for farmers, said Chuck Gamble, who manages the Review. Last year, the Review offered 180 educational presentations and opportunities presented by Ohio State University Extension educators, specialists and faculty, as well as Purdue University educators.

Sponsored by CFAES, the Review is all about learning new tips, techniques and information to help producers increase their farm operation’s bottom line, Gamble said. “As we encounter challenging economic times, it becomes even more important for farmers and producers to find the best information for their farm operations to remain solvent and to thrive,” he said. “We farmers have to operate as smart as we can in a challenging economy.

“Attending Farm Science Review can help farmers align their farm operations with better, smarter decisions.”

Following the theme, “Sharp Ideas, Sharp Equipment and Sharp Results,” some of the issues participants can expect to learn more about include the agriculture economy, grain markets, land values and cash rents, Gamble said.

“Because we’ve had a good planting season so far, it will likely lead to lower prices—that’s the challenge growers are facing right now,” he said. “Lower grain prices are causing farmers to seek ways to lower costs, improve efficiencies and improve marketing.

“OSU Extension agricultural economists will be talking about what farmers should expect and also looking at the impact of U.S. Department of Agriculture commodity programs and crop insurance.”

Advance tickets for the Review are $7 at all OSU Extension county offices, many local agribusinesses and online starting in July at fsr.osu.edu/visitors/tickets. Tickets are $10 at the gate. Children 5 and younger are admitted free.

The Review will also offer:

- Information on water quality and how producers and growers can comply with new Ohio laws in that area.
- Plot demonstrations by members of the OSU Extension Agronomic Crops Team on corn, soybean, cover crops and bio-energy crops.
- Daily field demonstrations in the fields north of Interstate 70.
- A demonstration of an unmanned aerial system for real-time crop surveillance.

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Military Kids

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Fair Thee Well

Some 4-H members participating in the Ohio State Fair July 29–Aug. 9 will find themselves on unfamiliar territory. Because of renovations at the fairgrounds, non-livestock competitions will meet at new locations this year. Know before you go: go.osu.edu/statefair2015

New Inductees

The Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame will induct four new members—William J. Haddad of Danville, Ohio, the late Don Loudenslager of Morral, Ohio, Roy Loudenslager of Marion, Ohio, and Gary Mast of Millersburg, Ohio, during its 50th anniversary breakfast ceremony at the Ohio State Fair on Aug. 7.

Animal Welfare: Improving Production, Livelihoods

“I’m here to help,” says Monique Pairs-Garcia, Ohio State University Extension’s animal welfare specialist since August 2014. Her take: Managing animals humanely is both an ethical obligation and smart management. Pairs-Garcia is reaching out to become a resource to Ohio’s livestock producers: go.osu.edu/animwel

CFAES Development Thank You

The college thanks Michael Ridder and Linda S. Vance after their donation to The W. Chaney and Jane S. Vance Family 4-H Fund (207481), which provides scholarships to current or former 4-H members enrolled or planning to enroll in agriculture or human ecology at Ohio State.

Whetting Ohioans’ Appetite for Local Foods

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Providing input at Trends and Issues Conference

Lake Erie provided the backdrop for Ohio Farm Bureau’s Trends and Issues Conference as OFBF members gathered to discuss how to improve the organization’s programs and policies. Brown County Farm Bureau member Chris Rogers said it was an “amazing discussion on water quality issues” as the event allowed farmers and agricultural leaders to see firsthand the research being done by Ohio State University to protect the ecology of the lake.

The event also was an opportunity for Ohio Farm Bureau’s issue advisory teams to meet to discuss topics including farm policy, environment, labor, transportation, energy, healthcare and more. This year two new advisory teams focused on consumer and food chain issues.

Legislators to go on the road to learn about ag issues

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger is convening an agricultural study committee that will travel around the state this summer to look at current ag issues. While the dates and locations were not set as of press time, the small group of legislators planned to hold sessions to examine the future of agriculture in four main areas:

- **Education and rural/ economic development.** Possible topics: future of 4-H and FFA and Ohio State University’s Farm Income Enhancement Program.

- **Technology.** Possible topics: use of sensors to help agriculture; drones and satellite use; how farm data is used and who owns it; on-farm automation, and engineering that involves technologies that extend agriculture’s reach to new areas of the economy.

- **Fertilizer use and crops.** Possible topics: a look at how agricultural retailers such as seed dealers and custom applicators support agriculture and implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

- **Livestock.** Possible topics: avian flu; livestock care standards; selective breeding, meat marketing and meat processing, and use of antibiotics and hormones.

Buckeye Farm e-News will have the dates and locations of the meetings. If you aren’t getting the biweekly e-newsletter, visit http://ofb.ag/BFeNews to sign up.
The Ohio Department of Agriculture’s (ODA) decision to cancel all public poultry exhibitions was unfortunate but necessary, according to Ohio Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations.

“We recognize this was a difficult decision and are confident ODA is focused on protecting Ohio’s multibillion dollar poultry industry,” OFBF said in a news release.

While many are disappointed that youths will not be able to exhibit their poultry projects this year, an alternative opportunity is available at the Ohio State Fair. Winners in the 10 age categories for the state poultry skillathon contest will represent the poultry industry in the Sale of Champions with one combined exhibit to represent all market and breeding chicken, turkey and waterfowl exhibitors. The contest will be held Aug. 5 at 1 p.m. at the Ohio State Fair. To learn more, visit http://ofb.ag/July2015BFN.

Elsewhere in this issue, Ohio State University’s Extension Connection explains efforts to understand and control various poultry diseases.
Young Agricultural Professionals have an opportunity to compete for cash and prizes in this year’s Outstanding Young Farmer and Excellence in Agriculture contests. Applications are due Aug. 7.

The top three applicants in each contest will be judged in September. The winners will be recognized at Ohio Farm Bureau’s annual meeting and receive an expense-paid trip to Orlando, Fla. to compete in the national contest in January.

Outstanding Young Farmer recognizes achievements in the business of farming and leadership in the agricultural community. Applicants should have a majority of their income subject to normal production risks as well as ownership (or part ownership) of the operation/business. The winner will receive a Polaris Ranger, 250 hours use of a Kubota M-series tractor and $1,000 in Grainger merchandise sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America.

Excellence in Agriculture recognizes successful young agriculture professionals who are actively contributing and growing through their involvement with Farm Bureau and agriculture but do not have the majority of their income subject to normal production risk. The winner will receive a John Deere Gator courtesy of Farm Credit Mid-America and a $1,000 technology package sponsored by OFBF.

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The next evening Grainger helped Miller track where the part was and how long until it would take until UPS delivered it.

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NATIONWIDE NEWS

Nationwide to sponsor Ag Hall of Fame event

Nationwide is proud to sponsor the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame event honoring the 50th class of inductees on Aug. 7. The event, held during the Ohio State Fair, will attract about 500 guests to honor these individuals for their lifetime of service and dedication to Ohio’s agriculture community.

The Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame was started in 1966 and more than 200 people have been inducted into it.

Nationwide is excited to be a part of the 162nd Ohio State Fair and will continue to have an interactive presence in the Nationwide Donahey Ag & Hort building. Be sure to stop by our fair booth July 29 to Aug. 9 to have some fun. Back this year will be the Columbus Zoo animals with reptiles on display, enter-to-win contests, costumed zoo characters and animal shows held every Thursday and Friday during the fair.

Two new features this year are a giant game of Connect 4 and a distracted driving simulator provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation that teaches teens the importance of safe driving.

The Make Safe Happen exhibit will include interactive activities that demonstrate and raise awareness about children’s safety in the home.

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