Wayne County Ag Success Team - 2027 Farmer Listening Lunch

The Wayne County Ag Success Team (AST) is hosting the 2nd **'Farmer Listening Lunch'** on Tuesday, January 26 from 11am-2pm at RES Auction Services (375 Fry Road, Wooster). **The purpose is for AST members (elected officials, government agencies, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Ohio State University, etc.) to hear thoughts and concerns directly from Wayne County Farmers.** Lunch will be provided for the participants thanks to sponsorships from local businesses. *Doors open at 11am for social time and lunch, discussion will start at noon.*

Use this form to sign up for the event or register online at **go.osu.edu/AST2027** and help us know what topics are important to spend time on at the meeting. Please invite other Wayne County Farmers to attend.
Sign ups are due 1/15/27.

If you can't make it to the meeting, you are still welcome to submit a response on topics of importance.

1. **Are you a farmer in Wayne County?** Circle YES or NO

2. **Do you plan to attend the January 26th lunch meeting?** Circle YES or NO

3. If attending the meeting, please provide

a. Name(s) of attendees: _____

b. Email and phone: _____

4. Help us know what topics are important to spend time on at the meeting. Check the the TOP 3 concerns for your farm/family:

- ☐ **Quality of Life**: Health care, childcare, mental health, etc.
- ☐ **Farmland Preservation**: Specific focus on programs to increase funding/support for farmland preservation
- ☐ **Encouraging Succession Planning**: Beginning Farmer Tax Credit, education, etc.
- ☐ **Land Use Planning Tools**: Wayne County Comprehensive Plan, control measures for development projects such as solar, data centers, etc.
- ☐ **Ohio Energy Policy**: Tangible property exemptions for energy companies, permitting of future power plants, data centers and their energy consumption, temporary suspensions of fuel tax, etc.
- ☐ **Taxes:** Property tax, income tax, commercial activity tax, etc.
- ☐ **Developing other markets**: Agritourism, value-added agriculture, other programs to promote Wayne County's agricultural identity
- ☐ **Federal policy:** Farm Bill, trade, energy etc.
- ☐ **Other:** please use back of this sheet

5. Anything else you would like to share (please use the back of this sheet)?

Drop off or mail to the Farm Bureau: 2030 Portage Rd. or
OSU Extension / Wayne Soil and Water in the County Admin Building.