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SOLUTIONS FROM THE LAND

Ohio Smart Agriculture: Solutions from the Land Steering Committee Bios

Steering Committee members who are denoted with an asterisk () are also Design Team members.*

A.G. Kawamura (*)

A.G. Kawamura is a third-generation fruit and vegetable grower and shipper from Orange County. He is the former Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (2003-2010). He is co-chair of Solutions from the Land, a non-profit organization that is currently working to organize and convene the North American Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture. The Alliance will collaborate with farmers, ranchers, foresters and stakeholders to implement climate smart land management practices and strategies. He also serves on several boards and committees including: The AGree Initiative; Ag Advisory Committee for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; Farm Foundation board, American Farmland Trust board; 25x'25, a national alliance of renewable energy stakeholders; Cal State University's Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) board; UC Davis' Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI) external advisory board. He is a former chair and current board member of Western Growers Association. As a progressive urban farmer, AG has a lifetime of experience working within the shrinking rural and urban boundaries of Southern Calif. Through his company, Orange County Produce, LLC, he is engaged in building an exciting, interactive 21st century 100-acre agricultural showcase at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine, CA.

Bill Lynch

Bill received his bachelors and master's degrees from The Ohio State University in Fisheries Management in 1980 and 1982, respectively. During his 30 years at OSU, Bill participated in a wide variety of research projects during his 18 years in the School of Environment and Natural Resources, including wetlands, reservoir and riverine management, and aquaculture. He also spent 12 years as an Aquatic Ecosystem Management Specialist with the OSU Extension program, helping private pond, lake, and wetland owners properly manage their water bodies. In 2007-2012, Bill was the University's lead educator on Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB's) occurring throughout Ohio, educating both public and private water pond & lake managers on HAB's: causes, health threats to humans, and remedial actions to control and prevent blooms. Bill retired from OSU in 2012 but has remained active, particularly in aquaculture. Bill started his yellow perch pond culture facility in 2001 and sells all sizes of perch to pond and lake management companies. Bill is currently President of the Ohio Aquaculture Association. He also chairs the Industry Advisory Council of the USDA's North Central Regional Aquaculture Center and serves on the Center's Board of Directors. Bill still actively teaches and does 20-25 aquaculture presentations annually in Ohio and other north central states on yellow perch, water quality and disease prevention, aquaculture BMP's, marketing, sustainability, pond management, and aquaculture cooperatives. Bill is currently a PI on a USDA Grant awarded to The Ohio State University and the Ohio Aquaculture Association titled "Aquaculture Boot Camp Two", commonly referred to as ABC-2. The goals of this project are to provide intensive information and technology transfer to 30-35, selected beginning aquaculturists and aquaponists annually to enhance their potential to develop successful business endeavors. Participants meet for a full day each month to obtain biological, marketing, and business knowledge so they can develop a viable business plan, a requirement to being selected for the program.

Bobby Moser (*)

Bobby Moser served as Vice President and Dean of The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences from 1991 to November 2012. Born in Cyril, Oklahoma, Bobby Moser earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science and Nutrition at Oklahoma State University in 1965 and 1969, respectively. He earned a Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition at the University of Nebraska in 1972. Moser is nationally recognized and is credited with the development of scientifically sound and sustainable programs, while incorporating ecological ethics and technological innovations. His developments in the field continue to influence and drive the future of agriculture in the United States and around the world.

Brad Perkins

Brad Perkins has been the Executive Director of the Ohio Forestry Association since February of 2016 and his mission is to work on behalf of OFA's more than 600 members representing wood products manufacturers, sawmills, logging companies, foresters and forestry consultants, forest landowners, equipment companies, and service firms. Prior to the Ohio Forestry Association he spent 38 years with the former Stone Container Corporation papermill in Coshocton as a forest resource professional, purchasing wood fiber in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. During his career in the paper industry, he worked in the field of experimental hybrid poplars; he managed the mill's fiber quality testing and control processes; he lead safety steering teams for the company's forest resource groups in the northern tier of the U.S.; he spent most of 3 years from late 2009 into 2012 working on fiber procurement strategies at the company's U.S. and Canadian papermills. Brad graduated from Hocking College in SE Ohio with an Associate's Degree in Forestry; is born and raised in Coshocton County; currently lives with his wife Diane in Muskingum County.

Brian Snyder (*)

Brian Snyder is executive director of the Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation (InFACT) at The Ohio State University, a position he has held since June 1, 2016. InFACT pursues holistic approaches to ensure good food for all. Its work is based on collaboration across the sciences, engineering and humanities, as well as the engagement of external partners in government and private industry. As such, he is addressing challenges along the entire value chain from field to fork, with an aim to ensure the future health of farms, the environment and consumers alike. Previously, and for over 15 years, Brian served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA), which is considered one of the largest and most effective sustainable ag organizations in the United States. During his tenure, PASA membership grew from about 1,000 to nearly 6,000 individuals. Before moving to Pennsylvania, Brian was executive director of The William J. Gould Associates, which operates Gould Farm, a 700-acre sustainable farm and mental health treatment facility in the Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts, known to be America's oldest therapeutic community of this type. Brian holds two masters' degrees, from Harvard University (Theological Studies) and the Isenberg School of Management (Business Administration) at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. In addition to writing and speaking in a number of venues on the subject of sustainable agriculture, Brian serves on several other related boards, including as the Immediate Past President of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations. He also serves in an advisory capacity for the Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy at UCLA in Los Angeles.

Brian Williams

Brian Williams has been an agricultural specialist working with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission since May 2009, focusing on farmland preservation and promoting local foods in central Ohio and around the state. Before that, he had a 25-year career in journalism in five Ohio cities and two other states, focusing on local food, land use, planning, farmland preservation, urban revitalization, transportation and regional cooperation. He also spent three years as Ohio State Director of American Farmland Trust before coming to MORPC.

Casey Hoy (*)

Casey Hoy joined The Ohio State University as an Assistant Professor of Entomology upon completion of his graduate work at Cornell University in 1987, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1993, and Professor in 1998. The former Associate Chairman of the Department of Entomology, he has held the Kellogg Endowed Chair in Agricultural Ecosystems Management and provided leadership to the Agroecosystems Management Program of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center since 2006. Prof. Hoy's past research has included systems analysis and its application to integrated pest management and applied ecology. His current work provides interdisciplinary leadership toward advancements in agroecosystem health and sustainable communities. He currently leads the Ohio State University Discovery Themes Initiative for Food and Agricultural Transformation, InFACT, an investment of more than \$100 million over the next 10 years in resilient and sustainable food security, including 30 new faculty hires across the University. Prof. Hoy teaches graduate level courses that include systems analysis and quantitative methods in environmental research. He has received the OARDC Multidisciplinary Team Research Award, OARDC Distinguished Faculty Research Award, and the ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management. He has served on many federal grant review panels, the Ohio Food Policy Advisory Council, several boards of trustees and the executive committee for the Kellogg endowed Inter-institutional Network for Food and Agricultural Sustainability.

Charlie Eselgroth

Charlie is a full time, lifelong farmer of 40+ years. He operates an 800-acre organic dairy, grass fed beef, and crop farm. His family has been farming organically for 20 years, with the last couple of fields currently in transition, and these last fields will be certified organic in the summer of 2018. The farm currently employs 5 young people, some full time, some part time, all eager to learn about agriculture, all interested in having their own operation someday. Charlie currently serves on the Dairy Executive Committee of CROPP / Organic Valley Cooperative, representing the Southwestern Ohio/Central Indiana region. In the past, he has served on the local Soil and Water Board, his church board, and the local Boy Scout troop. Charlie was a founding member of Innovative Farmers of Ohio, and a founding member of the Chillicothe Farmers Market.

Chris Henney

Chris Henney joined the Ohio AgriBusiness Association in May 2011 as the president and chief executive officer. OABA is a membership-based state trade association that can trace its history to 1880. Originally founded as the Ohio Grain Dealers Association, OABA members today include manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of plant nutrient and plant protection products, the grain warehousing and marketing industry, the feed industry and the seed industry, as well as companies providing equipment, financing, insurance, consulting, and other products and services for the agribusiness industry. Chris has been involved in Ohio agriculture for most of his life and is excited about leading OABA into the future. Prior to joining OABA, Chris held several positions at the Ohio

Farm Bureau Federation, most recently as the director of legislative relations. In that capacity, he represented the organization before the Ohio General Assembly as well as agencies and departments of state government. In February of 2015 Chris was appointed to The Fertilizer Institute's board of directors, a national trade association for producers, manufacturers, retailers and transporters of fertilizers. Chris is a member of the Association of Ohio Commodores and the Columbus Rotary. He serves on the Ohio FFA Foundation and Association's board of directors and the Vice President's Advisory Council for The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Chris holds a Master of Business Administration from Capital University and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from The Ohio State University. He also holds the designation of Certified Association Executive. He and his wife Beth reside in Columbus, Ohio with their two boys, Aidan and Patrick.

Dave Lipstreu

Dave's professional background is in public sector land use planning. He worked as Planning Director for a city near Cleveland, Ohio for many years. During that time, he was also extensively involved with regional water quality management planning under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act (PL 92500, as amended), as well as working closely with regional metropolitan planning organizations (NOACA and NEFCO) on this endeavor. He served as a trustee of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners during which time he worked on watershed planning and the drafting and subsequent adoption of sustainable development regulations into Aurora, Ohio's Codified Ordinances. This also included the development and adoption of one the first riparian zoning ordinances in the state of Ohio. Additional responsibilities included serving as chairman of the Portage County Regional Planning Commission, and as a member of the Newbury Township Zoning Commission. Dave is currently, and has been for many years, a member in good standing of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, and the Ohio Chapter of that organization. Presently he is working on forest preservation issues with the Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club, specifically on the Shawnee State Forest. Dave also works as a volunteer with the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District.

David Hanselmann (*)

David Hanselmann is a Lecturer and the Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) Coordinator at The Ohio State University, School of Environment and Natural Resources. Each semester he teaches the School's capstone course for seniors majoring in environmental science, environmental policy, and natural resources management. Each May he also teaches a four-week all-day, every-day field trip-based course, *Conservation Planning and Practices – Ag and Urban*. In 2012 Hanselmann established the EPN, now with nearly 1800 professionals across Ohio plus OSU students, faculty and staff networking online. The EPN also features diverse monthly breakfast programs averaging over 135 attendees, mainly from outside the University. Many programs are focused on sustainability and agriculture. Prior to joining the OSU faculty in 2011, Hanselmann served for many years as Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Soil and Water Resources. There he assisted Ohio's 88 soil and water conservation districts and implemented a wide range of agricultural, water and land resources, environmental, and education programs, both regulatory and assistance-based. He also established many cooperative programs with NGOs, local, state, and federal agencies, the private sector, and academia. During his final two years at ODNR he concurrently served as Chief of the Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention. He holds a B.S. in biology/ecology from Purdue University and an M.S. in ecology from Duke University.

Ernie Shea (*)

Ernie Shea is the Founder and Principal of Natural Resource Solutions (NRS), LLC. NRS designs, organizes and implements national and regional sustainable land use initiatives which deliver renewable energy, climate change, biodiversity, economic development as well as soil, water and air quality solutions and improvements. Shea has over 35 years of experience at the national, state and local level where he has worked in partnership with government agencies, agricultural and conservation organizations and business leaders helping landowners and managers conserve, protect and ensure the orderly development of natural resources. Previous positions held by Shea include Chief Executive Officer of National Association of Conservation Districts (1986-2004) and Assistant Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (1982-1986). Among his current activities, Shea facilitates the 25x'25 and North American Climate Smart Agriculture Alliances. He also serves as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Solutions from the Land, a not-for-profit entity dedicated land based solutions to global challenges. Ernie and his wife Karen reside in Lutherville, Maryland.

Fred Yoder (*)

Fred Yoder is a 4th generation farmer who has lived and farmed near Plain City, Ohio for over 40 years. Along with his wife Debbie and his 2 children, he grows corn, soybeans, and wheat. He also has operated a retail farm seed business for over 36 years and sells seed to all kinds of farmers including those who use biotech varieties, conventional varieties, and also to those who grow organic crops. Fred has traveled many times to the European Union to speak about co-existence of production systems, where both organic and other production systems can thrive side by side as neighbors. These days as a founding board member of the "Solutions from the Land Alliance" he is working and serving as Chair of the "North American Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance," representing all factions of production agriculture, and which is striving to ensure that farmer-to-farmer education and economics will be the driving force to adapting to feeding the world while dealing with a changing climate.

Gina Zirkle

Gina Zirkle serves as a Program Development Specialist for AmericanHort where she is responsible for education and professional development for the horticulture industry. Formally known as the American Horticulture Industry Association, AmericanHort launched in January, 2014, as the consolidation of the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA) and OFA-The Association of Horticulture Professionals. The mission of AmericanHort is to unite, promote, and advance our industry through advocacy, collaboration, connectivity, education, market development, and research. Gina received her bachelor's degree in Plant Health Management and Masters of Science in Environment and Natural Resources from The Ohio State University. Gina's prior experience includes 10 years at the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company working on research and development for new product development, educational and outreach initiatives, partnering with academia, NGO, environmental stakeholder groups, federal, state, and local departments. She also has experience providing data, analysis, and support for federal and state legislative activities within the green industry.

Greg Rutland

Gregory Rutland is the Chief Operating Officer of the Community Economic Development Corporation of Ohio, which promotes food processing initiatives for local food entrepreneurs. Previously and for 15 years, Gregory served in several roles with the Kroger Company, including Produce Buyer, Sales Management for the Columbus Bakery and Deli Buyer. Gregory also was a Managing Partner in helping start the City Barbeque restaurants. Gregory has participated in projects within Central Ohio that brings

fresh food choices to Food Deserts in our urban communities. Greg is a graduate of Franklin University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and him and his wife Merit reside in Columbus.

Hinda Mitchell

Hinda Mitchell is the President of Inspire PR Group, and she brings to Inspire more than 25 years of experience in agency, corporate and media work. Hinda provides ongoing communications counsel to state and national trade associations, advocacy groups, national corporations, education organizations, nonprofit groups and companies of all sizes. Hinda has extensive experience in providing communications counsel to national food companies and agriculture organizations. She provides direct counsel to the CEOs of numerous national companies and regularly assists clients in navigating difficult issues and crisis situations. She has led communications programs for a number of high-profile crises in food safety and animal agriculture, including the 2010 recall of a half-billion eggs and helping companies in the US and Canada respond to more than 20 “undercover videos” released by animal rights organizations. Before founding Inspire in 2014, Hinda served for four years as vice president of a national agriculture and food communications firm headquartered in Kansas City and for 16 years with an Ohio-based regional public relations agency. Hinda’s areas of expertise include issues management, crisis communications, advocacy and policy, legislative communications, grassroots outreach, community and media relations, image and reputation management, and strategic communications planning. She is a sought-after public speaker and has addressed state and national organizations across the country. Hinda is an officer of the Ohio Agricultural Council (OAC) and sits on the organization’s executive committee as incoming president. She is a Member of the Heartland Bank Ambassadors’ council. She is a past Board member of the Ohio FFA Foundation and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in communications from Ball State University. She is the proud mother of Courtney and Nick and a committed volunteer for church, school and hunger relief programs.

Jill Clark

Professor Clark’s research is agrifood system policy and practice, centering on community and state governance of food systems, the policy process, and community engagement. Primarily using a community-based research approach, she works with local communities across the United States. Current funded research focuses on food democracy, opportunities for connecting food security and agricultural economic development through local policy initiatives, healthy food access, and policy to support the growth of small and mid-size farms engaged in the food system. Currently, Professor Clark provides statewide leadership for the Ohio Network of Food Policy Councils, national leadership as an advisory board member for Johns Hopkins Food Policy Network and international leadership as a member of the international advisory committee for the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at Wilfrid Laurier University. Locally, she is a member of the executive committee of the Franklin County Local Food Council. Before joining the faculty, Clark directed the Center for Farmland Policy Innovation at Ohio State University (OSU) from its opening in 2006 until her departure in 2012. Before coming to OSU, she directed the Ohio office of American Farmland Trust, a national non-profit. Professor Clark has a Ph.D. in geography from The Ohio State University and a master’s degree from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin. Current affiliations (selected): Food Policy Network, Center for Livable Futures, Johns Hopkins, advisory board member, 2015-current; Ohio Food Policy Network, lead; Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, board member, 2015-current; International Advisory Committee for the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at Wilfrid Laurier University, member, 2012-current; Franklin County Local Food Council, executive team.

Jim Patterson

Fruit Grower, Patterson Farms, Inc.; served 9-year term on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees, the last year as chair; Served 9 years on the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, 5 years as President of the Ohio Farm Bureau, 14 years as a Geauga County Commissioner, 3 years on the Geauga County Park District as a Commissioner

Joe Logan

Joe is a 5th generation family farmer from Northeastern Ohio, and has owned and operated Logan Brothers Ag Enterprises since 1977. The farm has specialized in producing a variety of products including milk, beef, grains and maple syrup. He still actively farms in partnership with his brother, specializing in grass fed beef, non-GMO grain, and organic crops. Joe currently serves as the President of the Ohio Farmers Union (OFU), and he previously served in the same role for a 6-year term between 2001-2007. He also served as the OFU Director of Governmental Relations before serving as the Director of Agricultural Programs for the Ohio Environmental Council (The OEC) from 2008-2013. Joe currently sits on the Board of Directors of the National Farmers Union (NFU) where he serves as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee and a member of the NFU Executive Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Organization for Competitive Markets (OCM), and the Coalition for a Prosperous America (CPA), where he serves as the Agricultural Co-Chairman. He has represented the OFU and the OEC on the Ohio Food Policy Council and the Ohio Phosphorus Task Force, a multi-agency taskforce convened to study water quality impacts from phosphorus runoff. Some of Joe's other appointments include President of the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC 1998-2001) representing the interests of the locally elected Committees in the Farm Service Agency offices nationwide; board member on the Board of Directors of Dairy Farmers of America (DFA 1997-2000) and its predecessor Milk Marketing Inc. (MMI 1992-1997); President of the Harpersfield Vineyard LLC (1997-2005); and several terms as president of local and county school boards (1987-1999). Joe graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1971. He is the proud father of 3 grown children.

Joe Nester

Joe has been an agronomist for 40 years, the last 25 as an independent crop consultant, and own Nester Ag, LLC. We provide nutrient management for farmers in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and are 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certified. I'm past board chair of the Ohio Certified Crop Advisors, and in 2014 was named Ohio CCA of the year. We also conduct on-farm research, and have several projects with Ohio State.

Karen Lehman (*)

Karen Lehman directs Fresh Taste, a funder initiative dedicated to relocalizing the food system in the Chicago foodshed and improving equity of access to good food. Karen's food system work spans three decades, beginning with an award-winning PBS documentary on women's leadership in farm movements. Karen directed the local food and regional economy programs at The Minnesota Project; co-founded Youth Farm, located in Minneapolis and St. Paul; and directed the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy's Food and Agriculture Program. Karen also held an endowed chair in Agricultural Systems at the University of Minnesota, consulted with the Ford Foundation on rural development in Mexico, and received a Master's of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government as a Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. Prior to her work with Fresh Taste, Karen was a Senior Associate with Cambridge Leadership Associates.

Kris Swartz

Kris is a 5th generation farmer with more than 30 years of farming experience that he gained while working in partnership with his father until his passing. The Swartz family farm encompasses 2,000 acres in Wood County growing corn, soybeans, seed beans, and 3 varieties of wheat. He received his degree in Agricultural Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1983. In 1994, he was recognized as the ASA/DuPont Young Leader for Ohio. He has been a part of the Wood County Soil and Water Conservation District since 1995, and he is also the Past President of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD). He has also previously served as the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the OFSWCD. He is an Alternate Member representing Ohio within the National Association of Conservation Districts. He also is a former member of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission. He is married to his wife Sue, and they are the proud parents of 2 daughters, 1 granddaughter, and 2 grandsons that are expected in mid-May.

Lisa Hamler-Fugitt (*)

Lisa has served as executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks since 2001. Lisa has researched, written, and secured over \$200 million in grants from local, state, and national government sources and private foundations. As an organizer, she has worked to mobilize individuals and organizations around statewide campaigns and regional grassroots coalitions. As a trainer, she has worked with thousands of individuals and organizations on public policy issues, presented at numerous conferences and workshops, and authored more than a dozen publications to assist advocates. Previously, Lisa worked as the public policy director and statewide food and nutrition program coordinator for the Ohio Hunger Task Force.

Mark Drewes

We are a commercial size family farm. Drewes Farms Partnership consists of my wife (Melody) and my son Tyler (and his wife Whitney) and myself. We are at least a 6th generation farm. We farm 8200 acres of non-GMO corn and corn silage, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa. We are transitioning to a total non-GMO status. Many of our crops are raised for the specialty markets. We supply 2 large dairies with all their feed and handle 20 million gallons of dairy manure annually. We are in the WLEB and are very concerned with water quality in our watershed. I am a 1983 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a BSBA (finance). My wife and children are all BG grads and live and work close to our farm. I have been a full-time farmer since my college graduation. My wife and youngest son work at Marathon Petroleum in Findlay. Our daughter is in the medical field (I don't know where to start on that one). We have 3 beautiful grandchildren. I am currently on the board of the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association. I have been a board member and/or member of various organizations both currently and in recent years. I am currently trying to control outside activities so that we may travel more.

Matt Habash

Matt Habash became executive director of Mid-Ohio Foodbank in 1984. Prior to that, Matt was with the St. Stephen's Community House, first as a youth worker and then as the assistant to the executive director. Matt also was a member of Columbus City Council from 1993 to 2006, serving as Council President from 1999 to 2006. As Council President, Matt governed with civility and humanity. Co-Chair with Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Matt led the 21st Century Growth initiative, a plan designed to balance job creation with sustainable neighborhood development. Other efforts spearheaded by Matt in his role as Council President was the 315 Research Corridor, the City's Indoor Clean Air Act

and the City's Bike Path Plan. He holds a Masters of Business Administration from Xavier University, a Masters of Public Policy from The Ohio State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Xavier University. Matt takes an active leadership role in the community, having served on numerous boards and has received numerous awards, recognizing his commitment and work in serving those most vulnerable.

Matt Peart

Matt Peart, a first-generation farmer, has been certified in the field of organics for almost 30 years. Matt is a graduate, as well as a 32-year employee, of Ohio State ATI. Farming organically in the state of Ohio since 1989, he farms 500 acres in Northeast Ohio. During his 30 plus year tenure with the Farm Bureau, ten of those years were spent on the board and two as Chairman. Matt was recently elected as the Vice President for the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Districts and is Ohio's Representative to the National Association of Conservation Districts. As part of the National Association of Conservation Districts, he serves on the Farm Bill Task Force as well as on the Stewardship and Education Committee.

Nick Stanich

Nick serves as the Executive Director of Franklinton Gardens, a 2.5-acre nonprofit urban farm in Columbus, OH. During his 3.5 years as the organization's ED he has guided the organization from a small collection of donation-based food production gardens into a financially sustainable 12-garden biointensive urban farming organization that is building a food distribution system compatible with the extreme poverty prevalent in the Franklinton neighborhood. Prior to his time as ED he served 2 years as an AmeriCorps VISTA member at Franklinton Gardens and completed an M.S. in Soil Science at OSU. In addition to building urban farm infrastructure, Nick has coordinated 6 major home renovations in the Franklinton neighborhood, and maintains a strong commitment to influencing equitable redevelopment in Franklinton as the neighborhood undergoes demographic changes induced by gentrification. He developed a passion for local food system development during his time in Athens at Ohio University while he completed his B.S in Plant Biology. Nick is also on the board of the Franklin County Local Food Council. Nick is especially thrilled to see how much attention OSU has recently directed to building state-wide community food system initiatives and he hopes that the investment will help create a state-wide food community identity that fosters a vibrant landscape of small-scale and financially viable fruit, vegetable, and livestock farms.

Patty Mann

Patty lives with her husband, Dave, just outside Jackson Center in Shelby County. They were both born and raised on dairy farms. After their marriage, they continued dairying until 2008 when they dispersed the herd to devote their efforts exclusively to corn and soybean production. They have been farming at their Jackson Center location since 1987, expanding their operation into 8 counties. Patty shares in all farm decision making, while being involved in both labor and management. She is the office manager and also handles the grain marketing for Mann Farms. In addition to Patty and Dave, they also have 4 additional full time employees. Patty and Dave have 2 children. Shelby, will graduate in May from the University of Illinois, with a Master's degree in Plant Science. Their son, Chris, is currently a student at the University of Northwestern Ohio. Patty serves as treasurer on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers and also is currently chairing the Consumer Engagement Action Team of the National Corn Growers. She has also recently served on NCGA's Corn Vision 20/20 ethanol committee and chaired a Customer & Consumer Acceptance work group to update NCGA's strategic plan. She has

served on the Shelby County FSA County Committee and is involved with the Jackson Center FFA, currently sitting on the Advisory Board and also assisting the Jackson Center FFA Boosters. The family is active members of Grace Lutheran Church in Jackson Center. Patty serves as Grace's financial coordinator to oversee support for the orphanage of their sister church in Bariadi, Tanzania. In her spare time, Patty enjoys landscaping and gardening.

Paul Dorrance

Farmer/Owner of Pastured Providence Farmstead, a pasture-based livestock operation, marketing grass-fed beef and lamb, pastured pork, poultry, and eggs direct to consumers. Previously an active duty Air Force officer, Paul still serves our nation as a pilot in the Air Force Reserves. He is a 2017 graduate of Ohio Farm Bureau's "AgriPOWER" leadership development program, and serves his community as a volunteer firefighter and Vice President of the Chillicothe Farmers Market.

Roger Rennekamp

Roger Rennekamp became the 12th director of Ohio State University Extension on January 4, 2016; Previously from Oregon State University, where he most recently served as associate dean for outreach and engagement. Before his current role in Oregon State's College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Roger led Oregon's 4-H youth development program. He also served as Extension specialist in program and staff development and as program specialist for 4-H at the University of Kentucky.

Sara Scherr (*)

Dr. Sara J. Scherr is an agricultural and natural resource economist whose work has focused on land management policy in tropical developing countries. She is widely published in the scientific and policy literature, and has been a leading voice globally in promoting and refining approaches for integrated landscape management, in developing strategies for the restoration of degraded agricultural lands, payments for ecosystem services and the scaling of agroforestry systems. She founded the non-profit EcoAgriculture Partners in 2002. In 2011 she also founded the Landscapes for People, Food and Nature Initiative, which EcoAgriculture Partners convenes. She currently serves on the U.S. board of the agricultural biodiversity research organization Bioversity International, as well as on the advisory board of Food Tank, the UN Agri-food Task Force, the U.S. non-profit Solutions from the Land, and the Sustainable Trade Initiative's 'Initiative for Sustainable Landscapes', and others. Before founding EcoAgriculture Partners, Dr. Scherr was Director of Ecosystem Services at the non-profit Forest Trends, where she co-founded the Katoomba Group. She was previously an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, USA; co-leader of the CGIAR Gender Program; senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, D.C.; and principal researcher at the World Agroforestry Centre based in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Scherr received her BA in Economics at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and her MSc and PhD in International Economics and Development at Cornell University in New York.

Suzy Friedman

Suzy Friedman directs EDF's work to collaborate with farmers, grower organizations, agribusinesses, and food company/retail partners to create a U.S. agricultural system that drives climate stability, clean water and food security. She has worked at EDF since January 2001. By collaborating with decision-makers at every point in the supply chain – from retailers and food companies to agribusiness and farmers – Suzy's work helps to strengthen demand for sustainable production and generate supply,

showing how achieving sustainability makes good business sense and increases our resiliency to the impacts of climate change.

Teresa Long

Dr. Teresa C. Long became the first female Health Commissioner for Columbus in 2002. She was appointed to the post by Mayor Michael B. Coleman and the Columbus Board of Health. Prior to this appointment, she served as Medical Director and Assistant Health Commissioner for the Columbus Health Department from 1986 until 2002. Before coming to Columbus, Dr. Long served on the front lines of the emerging AIDS epidemic as a physician specialist with the San Francisco Department of Public Health. She conducted her preventive medicine residency with the California Department of Health Services where she developed perinatal AIDS guidelines in addition to other duties. Upon her arrival in Columbus, Dr. Long was instrumental in organizing both the department's and the community's response to HIV/AIDS. Her commitment and attention to this disease have been unwavering. In addition to serving on numerous boards and committees, locally, statewide and nationally, Dr. Long is a Clinical Associate Professor at the Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health. She was the first recipient of the Elizabeth Blackwell Award for Pioneering Efforts to Improve Women's and Community Health. She holds a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of California – San Francisco and a Master of Public Health from the University of California – Berkeley.

Terry Cosby

Terry Cosby became the State Conservationist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Ohio in May 2005. Terry was raised on a cotton farm in Tallahatchie County in Northern Mississippi. He attended high school in Charleston, Mississippi, and graduated in 1982 from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education. Terry started his career for NRCS (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) in 1979. He has held several positions in the Agency, including student trainee/coop student, Soil Conservationist, District Conservationist, Area Resource Conservationist in Iowa, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations and Assistant State Conservationist for Programs and Operations in Missouri, and Deputy State Conservationist in Idaho. He has also acted in numerous positions in other States and NRCS National Headquarters. Terry is married and is the father of three children. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and attends Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a Deacon. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and being a high school and college soccer referee. Terry has been a life member of the National Organization of Black NRCS Employees (NOPBNRCSE/The Organization) since 2002. He is a Past President of The Organization.

Terry Wehrkamp

Terry Wehrkamp has been a part of the Cooper Farms team since 1985. Mr. Wehrkamp received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1982 and went on to receive his Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1998. As the director of live production, he oversees the birth to market production of turkeys and hogs. He also oversees the Feed and Animal Division in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Mr. Wehrkamp's community involvement is a testament of his leadership and desire to be an active member of the community. Mr. Wehrkamp serves on the board of directors for the Paulding County Carnegie Library, Paulding County Area Foundation, Ohio Poultry Association, and the Midwest Poultry Consortium. He has also served on The Ohio State

University Alumni, 4- H, Farm Bureau, The Ohio State Extension Advisory Committee. He is also active in several ministries at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding. Mr. Wehrkamp was awarded The Ohio State University College of Food and Agricultural Education Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010 and The Ohio State University Ag Hall of Fame in 2016. He resides in Paulding, Ohio with wife Nancy and has three grown children, Michael, Connie and Laurel.

Tom Price

Tom Price is a hog, cattle and compost farmer who has actively worked with agricultural related organizations and agencies to help livestock and poultry producers be good neighbors and environmental stewards, exemplified in the Price Farm mission: "We recycle food and fiber from the surrounding community of neighbors and businesses." Price's enterprise - Price Farms Organics, Ltd. allows his farm operations to flourish in a rapidly urbanizing area while at the same time meeting the yard trimming disposal needs of Delaware County. A native of Delaware County, Price is a 1960 graduate of Scioto Valley High School and holds a B.S. in agriculture from The Ohio State University. Price successfully blends farming, community and business, having served on the Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce and the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District. He has served on the Ohio Pork Industry Strategic Planning Committee, the Ohio Beef Council, OSU Extension Advisory Committee and the Delaware Farmland Preservation Task Force. Currently he serves on the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Ohio Exposition Commission. These industries have honored him with the Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award, Ohio Cattlemen's Environmental Stewardship Award, Ohio Pork Producers Service Award among many others. Price and his wife Judy farm in Delaware County.