

# **SOLAR ENERGY WORKSHOP**

## **FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL BUSINESSES**

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at OARDC, Wooster, Ohio

Learn about incentives and grant programs available to farmers and businesses in rural areas. Find out how solar energy can be used to reduce energy costs and improve our future and how to apply for funding.

### **AGENDA:**

- 9:00 am **Why Solar?** Fred Michel, *Associate Professor, Ohio State University, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering and President, Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network*
- 9:15 am **Considerations for On-farm Solar Development**, Eric Romich, *Field Specialist, Energy Development, OSU Extension*
- 10:00 am **On-farm Solar: Lessons Learned**, Don Kettering, *Farm Owner and Operator*
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am **Rural Energy for American Program (REAP)**, Christie Hooks, *Business Program Specialist, Rural Development, US Department of Agriculture*
- 11:15 am **Farm Evaluation and System Design, Installation, and Utility Interconnection**, Scott Cluff, *Ag/Commercial Solar Consultant, Third Sun Solar*
- 11:35 am **Case Studies from a Solar Installer's Perspective**, Sheldon Stutzman, *Solar Consultant, Paradise Energy Solutions*
- 11:55 am **Rural System Case Studies**, Lucas Olinyk, *VP of Engineering for Harvest Energy Solutions*
- 12:15 pm Program ends
- 1:00 pm **OPTIONAL:** Visit 2-3 area farms using solar energy. This will be an open-house format, participants will provide their own transportation. Locations will be provided at the workshop.

**Date/time:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 9:00 am—12:15 pm

**Location:** FABE Building, OARDC, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, Ohio  
See map ([click here](#)) FABE is building number 5 (1717 Thorne Road)

**Cost:** Free! To register, contact Mary Wicks at [wicks.14@osu.edu](mailto:wicks.14@osu.edu) or 330.202.3533

*All are welcome. Women- and minority-owned businesses are encouraged to attend.*

