

Ohio AgriBusiness Association

“Built on the success of the 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program for agricultural retailers, we believe this program is a logical next step. We know that farmers are willing to invest in what they know will work, and this program will allow each farmer to evaluate their current level of conservation and determine which practices will work the best on their farm.”

– *Chris Henney, President and CEO,
Ohio Agribusiness Association*

Ohio Cattlemen's Association

“Ohio’s cattle farmers have been committed to good environmental stewardship, including maintaining healthy waterways, for generations. That’s why we proudly support Governor DeWine’s new H2Ohio program. It will provide the needed resources to implement science-based practices on our farms and demonstrate continuous improvement in addressing the state’s water quality challenges.”

– *Elizabeth Harsh, Executive Director,
Ohio Cattlemen's Association*

Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association

“Farmers have been making significant investments in their farms to do their part to improve Ohio’s water quality because it is the right thing to do. By opening up H2Ohio resources to support farmers as they make continuous improvements to their operations, we are making the implementation of best practices accessible to every farmer.”

– *Tadd Nicholson, executive director of the
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association*

Ohio Environmental Council

“We thank Governor DeWine for his leadership on H2Ohio. The investment to protect and improve Ohio’s water quality is long overdue and H2Ohio is a major advancement in the fight to provide all Ohioans with clean, safe, and affordable water. This is a good next step towards achieving this goal, which will require long-term investment, additional steps and additional collaboration. We look forward to continuing this important work alongside environmental, agricultural, academic and regulatory leaders to develop science-based, forward-thinking solutions that are good for people, good for our environment and good for our economy.”

– *Heather Taylor-Miesle, executive director
of the Ohio Environmental Council and
co-chair of OACI*

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

“H2Ohio takes on Ohio’s water quality issues with an aggressive plan of proven solutions. We appreciate Governor DeWine stepping up to provide funding to make the implementation of additional best management practices more economically feasible for farmers as they help achieve the overall goal of clean water across the state.”

– *Frank Burkett III, President,
Ohio Farm Bureau*

Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

“An important part of the work that takes place at Ohio’s 88 soil and water conservation districts is to provide consultation to farmers and landowners on ways they can adopt conservation best practices. We are eager to bring a new tool, through the OACI app, to work with farmers to continuously enhance their water quality improvement initiatives.”

– *Janelle Mead, CEO, Ohio Federation of
Soil and Water Conservation Districts*

Ohio Pork Council

“Ohio’s pig farmers are eager to participate in this science-based program that will push them toward their goal of continuously improving on-farm practices to preserve Ohio’s waterways. As an Ohio pig farmer, I believe the H2Ohio program will challenge farmers to make positive changes to benefit water quality.”

– *Dave Shoup, President, Ohio Pork Council*

Ohio Soybean Association

“The H2Ohio plan is a comprehensive, positive step forward with input from agriculture, environmental groups, universities, and government agencies. The Ohio Soybean Association is proud to support Governor DeWine and his strategic vision, and look forward to seeing H2Ohio implemented for the benefit of all Ohioans.”

– *Scott Metzger, Ohio Soybean Association president and soybean farmer from Ross County*

Ohio Poultry Association

“Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farmers have long recognized the important role we play in protecting the environment and addressing water quality issues. We are proud to support Governor DeWine’s H2Ohio plan that will provide resources and education that farmers need to implement science-based practices on their farms to support healthy waterways in our state.”

– *Jim Chakeres, Executive Vice President, Ohio Poultry Association*

The Nature Conservancy

“H2Ohio represents a huge advancement in addressing the sources of Ohio’s water quality problems and we are especially pleased to see included in the plan natural solutions such as wetland creation and floodplain restoration, which will filter out nutrients and sediments that contribute to harmful algal blooms. To be successful, we agree with Governor DeWine that it will take time to achieve goals and that H2Ohio must have a dependable and longer-term source of funding. Monitoring of water quality over time, with accountability of fund recipients to continually improve until goals are reached, will be essential to success. We appreciate that this kind of approach is being discussed.”

– *Bill Stanley, State Director, The Nature Conservancy in Ohio*

Nutrien

“Nutrien congratulates Governor DeWine on today’s announcement and looks forward to working with the Administration as a partner in the H2Ohio program. This is an important step to meet our shared goal of improved water quality in the state and particularly in the Western Lake Erie Basin. As an ag retailer in Ohio, we recognize our role in helping solve crucial environmental issues. We are proud to support the Ohio 4R Certification program and of our work with growers to increase crop input efficiency using innovative solutions. Through the Governor’s leadership and the H2Ohio program, we can expand sustainable farming practices and continue to improve the health of Lake Erie, while enhancing yields and strengthening Ohio’s agriculture economy.”

– *Nutrien*

The Andersons

“The Andersons believes that improving and protecting Ohio’s waterways requires the collaborative efforts of government agencies, farmers, agribusinesses, universities and environmental groups. From what we’ve seen so far, we feel H2Ohio is a very promising initiative and will help bring the necessary parties together to find effective solutions.”

– *The Andersons*

Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

“The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association is proud of our growing industry and the need to increase our environmental stewardship as the demand for sheep, lamb and wool increases. Ohio sheep farmers support Governor DeWine and the unique collaboration to bring all agricultural industry groups to the table as we increase the adoption of on-farm best management practices.”

– *Ohio Sheep Improvement Association*

Ohio Dairy Producers Association

“Ohio dairy farmers are firmly committed to protecting Ohio’s waterways. We are looking forward to working collaboratively with Governor DeWine and Ohio’s agriculture and environmental leaders to identify and provide resources and education that our farmers need to implement science-based practices on their farms to ensure continued water quality improvements over time.”

– *Scott Higgins, CEO of the Ohio Dairy Producers Association*

Environmental Defense Fund

“Since day one, Governor DeWine has made water quality a cornerstone of his administration through the H2Ohio program and Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) supports his efforts. For more than 50 years, EDF has been guided by science and economics to find practical solutions to our nation’s most serious environmental challenges and we look forward to collaborating with the DeWine administration in implementing H2Ohio to overcome urgent water quality challenges.”

– *Mark W. Rupp, Environmental Defense Fund*

The Fertilizer Institute

“The Fertilizer Institute supports the DeWine Administration’s collaborative and comprehensive approach to water quality and soil health. TFI is committed to being more efficient and protective of our natural resources through minimizing nutrient loss, conserving and preserving water, and ensuring our products are properly handled and used. We look forward to being a part of the H2Ohio program as we encourage the widespread adoption of fertilizer best practices, through outreach and education of nutrient stewardship.”

– *Lara Moody, The Fertilizer Institute*

Land O’Lakes, Inc.

“As a farmer-owned cooperative, Land O’Lakes, Inc. believes strong collaboration is critical to address water quality and we applaud Governor DeWine and his Administration for engaging a wide range of stakeholders, including Land O’Lakes, in the H2Ohio Initiative. We look forward to further exploring opportunities to work together with the State of Ohio, with the aim of delivering water quality outcomes while helping Ohio farmers focus on the health of their business into the future.”

– *Land O’Lakes, Inc.*