



**Department of
Agriculture**

H2Ohio Statewide Expansion

Annual Partnership Meeting

1-24-24

Key Points

- **Initial statewide acreage limit of only 500,000 acres.**
- **Expand H2Ohio into remaining 64 counties with a goal of having an H2Ohio presence in all 88.**
- **Initial focus on acres utilized for row crop production and in a crop rotation.**



Key Points

- **Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Development in 2024 and Implementation for crop years 2025 and 2026.**
- **Anticipating program rollout and signups at the end of 1st Quarter 2024/beginning 2nd Quarter.**
- **Emphasis on Nitrogen and Phosphorus.**



Budget

- **Current funding for statewide H2Ohio expansion is limited to \$10,000,000 per year for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025.**
- **Up to \$4.2M per year in technical assistance dollars for districts.**



Goals

- **Build capacity and experience at the SWCD level.**
- **Program awareness, understanding, and efficiency.**
- **Foundation for a larger vision in 2027 and beyond.**
- **Connecting H2Ohio expansion to water quality goals and reduction efforts.**

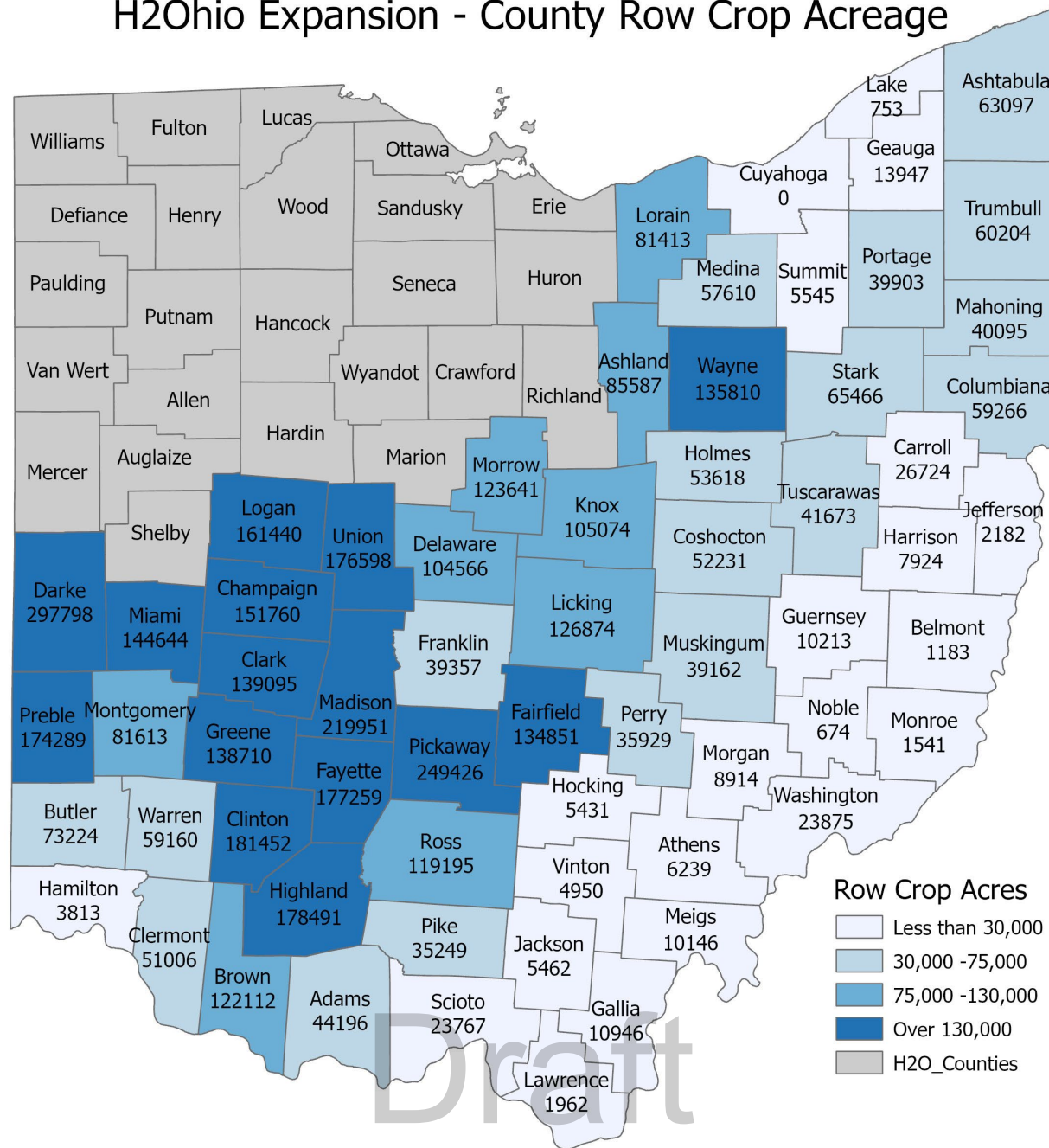


Row Crop Acres

- **Used 2017 Ag. Census**
- **Total row crop acreage includes”**
 - **“corn for grain”**
 - **“corn for silage”**
 - **“soybeans for beans”**
 - **“wheat for grain”**
- **Sorted largest to smallest.**

County	Corn for Grain	Corn for Silage	Soybeans	Wheat	Grand Total
DARKE	122,728	7,953	154,962	12,155	297,798
PICKAWAY	105,880	1,751	132,409	9,386	249,426
MADISON	83,213	5,426	123,616	7,696	219,951
CLINTON	63,591		115,103	2,758	181,452
HIGHLAND	45,642	1,780	126,973	4,096	178,491
FAYETTE	72,924	1,842	97,538	4,955	177,259
UNION	53,871	1,637	113,180	7,910	176,598
PREBLE	73,976	728	95,861	3,724	174,289
LOGAN	66,626	1,545	88,676	4,593	161,440
CHAMPAIGN	71,909	303	76,511	3,037	151,760

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Acreage Goals

- **Counties aggregated by total cropland acres.**
- **An initial acreage goal and group was assigned to each county.**
- **Variability in actual acres.**

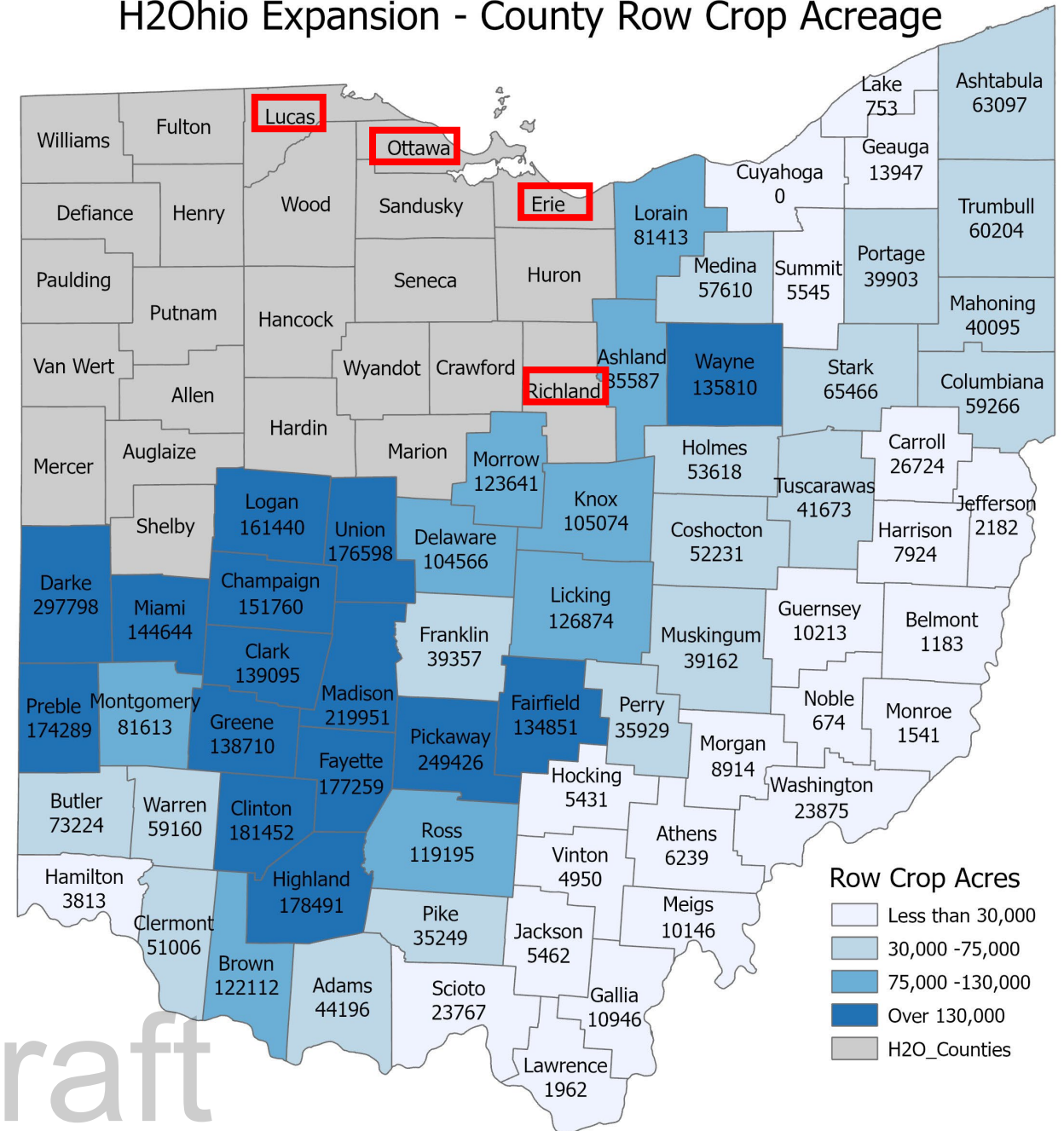
Total Counties	Row Crop Acres	Initial Acres per County	Total Acres by Group
22	Less than 30 K	1,000.00	22,000
18	30 K to 75 K	5,000.00	90,000
9	75 K to 130 K	10,000.00	90,000
15	over 130 K	20,000.00	300,000
64			502,000

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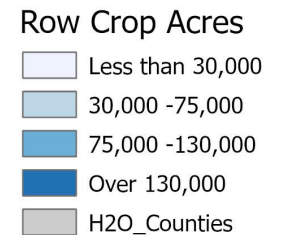
WLEB

- **Zero- < 30,000 acres**
- **One- 30,000-75,000 acres**
- **Three- 75,000-130,000 acres**
- **Twenty- >130,000 acres**

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Technical Assistance

County Description	Initial Acreage Goal per County	Counties	Total Initial Acres	Estimated Average Contract (Acres)	Estimated Contracts per County	Total Estimated Contracts	Technical Assistance per county (\$/year)
Less than 30	1,000.00	22	22,000	125	8	176	\$7,500
30 K to 75 K	5,000.00	18	90,000	325	15	277	\$37,500
75 K to 130 K	10,000.00	9	90,000	375	27	240	\$45,000
over 130 K	20,000.00	15	300,000	675	30	444	\$56,250
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Technical Assistance

- **Outreach, Education, Producer Engagement**
- **Contract management/practice payments.**
- **Bordering counties of WLEB.**
- **Part-time/fulltime employment.**
- **Multicounty assistance.**
- **Opportunities to increase Technical Assistance dollars.**

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What's Next

- **H2Ohio/MyFarms Areawide Trainings**
 - **February 13th-Chillicothe**
 - **February 15th-Cambridge**
 - **February 20th-Akron**
 - **February 22nd-London**
- **Recorded Training for those unable to attend.**

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MyFarms

- Farm management software that supports H2Ohio-WLEB and H2Ohio-Statewide Program enrollment, practice certification, and contract management.
- MyFarms incorporates program requirements into the enrollment process and connects to existing data sources that producers are already using.

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==== **What are we missing?** =====

- **Hay and Pasture Acres**
- **Education and Outreach needs**
- **ODA support in expansion**

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Timeline(DRAFT)

Present to SWCDs at Partnership Meeting	1/22/2024-1/24/2024
Present to OABA Industry Conference	1/30/2024
Review with Stakeholders	2/1/2024-2/29/2024
Area H2Ohio/MyFarms Trainings	2/1/2024-2/29/2024
Program Rollout and Signup Begins	3/1/2024-4/1/2024-TBD
VNMPs ready to submit through MyFarms	Summer 2024
VNMPs/P2 contracts approved	Fall 2024

