

# Fulton County Focus

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## OSU Extension Draws Large Crowd for Corn & Soybean Day



On Friday January 19th, nearly 350 attendees participated in the annual Northwest Ohio Corn-Soybean Day held at Founders Hall on Sauder Village campus. Over 200 farmers participated in pesticide safety training and crop scouting sessions. Heavy emphasis was also placed on nutrient management, county level research and water quality. Forty Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and nearly seventy sponsor-vendors from the Fulton County area also participated. *Photo credits: Lisa Nicely, The Crescent News*

## Fulton County Job & Family Services excels in 2017 Fraud Collections

In 2017, Fulton County Job and Family Services collected \$88,659.04 and established over \$249,000 in 69 claims relative to fraudulent public assistance. These collections rank them as tied with the second highest collections among 17 counties in Northwest Ohio. "We continue to take fraud very seriously," notes Marsha Horner, Fraud Investigator at Fulton County Job and Family Services. "When benefits issued are not being used for the intended purpose, it's fraud and it ends up costing us all." Horner notes that typical fraudulent activities in Fulton County include buying, selling, trading food assistance or mis-using Medicaid services. Individuals found to be committing fraud are removed from the program and must repay any improperly obtained benefits and may face criminal charges and jail time. Horner credits their partnership with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office as being instrumental in cracking down on fraudulent activity. Suspected public assistance fraud can be reported by calling 419-337-0010; Option 2, then Option 4, or go to [jfs.ohio.gov/fraud](http://jfs.ohio.gov/fraud).

<b>MEDICAID</b> CLIENTS HAVE 10 DAYS TO REPORT: *ANY CHANGE IN INCOME OVER \$50 *HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION CHANGES *A MOVE OUT OF COUNTY OR STATE	<b>SAVE TIME AND HASSLE: DON'T FORGET TO REPORT!</b> LIFE IS BUSY, WE GET IT! BUT WE ALSO WANT YOU TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BENEFITS WITHOUT BEING FRAUDULENT. CALL 419.337.0010 TO REPORT CHANGES	 <b>FOOD ASSISTANCE</b> REPORT CHANGES AT INTERIM REPORT: *ANY CHANGE IN INCOME OVER \$50 *HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION CHANGES *A MOVE OUT OF COUNTY OR STATE
<b>CASH ASSISTANCE</b> CLIENTS HAVE 10 DAYS TO REPORT *ANY CHANGE IN INCOME OVER \$50 *HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION CHANGES *A MOVE OUT OF COUNTY OR STATE	 <b>FRAUD COSTS</b> ALL OF US <b>FULTON COUNTY JOB &amp; FAMILY SERVICES</b> WWW.FULTONCOUNTYOH.COM	<b>WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHANGES AREN'T REPORTED?</b> CLIENTS MUST PAY BACK THE OVERPAYMENT. NOT MAKING THE PAYMENTS CAN PREVENT THE CLIENT FROM BEING ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS IN THE PRC PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE.

Reminder: Real Estate First Half Tax Bills are Due Monday February 5th!

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