



The Butler County Conservation District hosted a CREP/BMP Field Day on July 28th, 2023, at the BGN Farm owned by Jeff Grazier. Farmers interested in participating with the CREP program registered with FSA for the opportunity to learn about Jeff's operation and the different programs and funding sources available to assist farms in Bulter County. In 2013, BGN Farms installed a 3.75-acre CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) buffer along approximately 1,430 feet of stream passing through the farm's pastures. Jeff spoke

on his willingness to give up pastureland to be converted into buffer for the sake of improving water quality. Attendees also learned about grazing/watering systems and the importance of pasture management when it comes to invasive plants and maintaining good pasture height. Jeff also talked about his manure storage and heavy use area that he completed under an EQIP contract. We thank PACD for the CREP Mini Grant Program that allowed this field day to occur. We would also like to thank our guest speakers for their time and knowledge on this day: Danielle Rihel (DCNR – buffer maintenance, invasives, cost-share programs), Lori Cogley (County Executive Director and FSA – enrolling in CREP Program), Ryan Harr (Butler County Conservation District – organizing the CREP Field Day, cost-share programs), and Camryn Monk (Butler County Conservation District – grazing systems). A special thanks to Jeff Grazier for speaking on his experiences and for volunteering his time and farm for this educational program.

