

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.S. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. 1997. Agriculture Education

B.S. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. 1991. Agriculture Education

Professional Experience

Zoller began his employment with Ohio State University Extension in Tuscarawas County in January 1992. As an Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Zoller is responsible for identifying needs, developing curriculum, and evaluating programs. Much of his educational programming is in his county but has delivered presentations statewide and nationally. His programming includes farm management, farm labor management, farm succession planning, farm financial management, dairy and livestock production, and agronomic and forage crop production.

In December 2023, Zoller accepted the role of Interim Assistant Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources, for Ohio State University Extension. The key responsibilities for this appointment include:

- Provides leadership, administration, guidance, and vision to OSU Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources program.
- Provides leadership in developing core programmatic curriculum; serves as a member of the OSU Extension administrative leadership team; engages in organizational strategic planning/visioning; and ensures implementation of strategies within the Agriculture and Natural Resources program and in partnership with all other members of the Extension Administrative Cabinet.
- Promotes effective teamwork among all Agriculture and Natural Resources professionals and create an environment conducive to a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Works with department chairs, college deans, and unit leaders to identify potential interdisciplinary and multi-programmatic efforts with other departments, colleges, agencies, and organizations engaged in resourcing agriculture and natural resources programs.

- Assists with the recruitment, placement, and professional development of county and state professionals in concert with appropriate administrative and program staff.
- Manages the Agriculture and Natural Resources state office including financial and human resources oversight.

Research Emphasis

Zoller conducts research in the areas of farm management, agronomic crop production, and energy demand monitoring of livestock facilities. Zoller has researched and conducted analysis of farm production, evaluated variable seeding rates of corn and soybeans, and is a member of a team evaluating energy use on livestock farms.

Extension Responsibilities

Zoller is responsible for conducting non-formal teaching to farmers and rural landowners. His teaching includes farm management, production agriculture, pesticide application, fertilizer application, agronomic crop production, livestock production and management, and natural resources management. Teaching and programs are evaluated and adapted to meet the present and emerging needs of clientele.

Professional Service

- Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee, Appointed, The Ohio State University
- National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA)
 - Search for Excellence, Vice-Chair, North Central Region
- Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)
 - President
 - Resource Development and Management Committee
- Epsilon Sigma Phi
- Ohio State University Extension Faculty Evaluation Review Sub-Committee Chair
- Ohio State University Extension Planning Sub-Committee, Extension Faculty Committee
- Ohio State University Extension Patterns of Administration Committee
- Ohio State University Extension Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Document Review Committee
- Evaluator, Peer Evaluation for Promotion to Level III, Ohio State University Extension

Selected Publications and Presentations

- Zoller, C., Richer, E. (2023). Assessing Farm Financial Health Using Your Balance Sheet. (ANR-0135). [Fact Sheet] OSU Extension, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States. Retrieved from: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-0135>
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- Zoller, C., Barker, J., Nye, T. (2022). Teaching Farmers to be on the Cutting Edge of Weed Management. Journal of National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Retrieved from: <https://www.nacaa.com/journal/272a3d9b-01fc-42ad-adc0-aaae3d2a6895>
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Selected Grants

- *Principal Investigator*: “Farm Bill Education Risk Management Workshops for Ohio Producers” (sponsor agency –USDA Risk Management Education Center, University of Nebraska). (April 2019 – November 2020)
- *Co-Principal Investigator*: “Demand Energy Management” (sponsor agency-- The Ohio State University Connect and Collaborate Grant). (May 2017 – May 2020)
- *Co-Principal Investigator*: Farm and Ranch Wellness: The Next Steps (sponsor agency – USDA NIFA). September 2019 – August 2020)

Selected Honors and Awards

- 2023, Excellence in Extension Award, Ohio State University Extension and Ohio Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP)
- 2021, Steve D. Ruhl Outstanding Agricultural & Natural Resources County Extension Educator, Ohio State University Extension
- 2019, National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Distinguished Service Award
- 2018, National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Communication Award, National Finalist
- 2018, National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Communication Award, Ohio NACAA