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## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Fall is here and it looks as though we have survived another challenging Ohio summer with record rainfall and above average temperatures. And, despite work getting off to a slow start at the beginning of the season, many of our members have shared with me that they have been very busy. Well, time flies when you're having fun (working)...and our "busy" season isn't over yet!

As many of us have been working hard in the field for our businesses, OLICA members have been working hard to promote our organization. The group hosted our annual "Field Day" at Farm Science Review on September 17-19. The event was a great success and I would like to thank our members who took time out of their busy schedules to organize this exhibition and promote our industry.

Next on our agenda is OLICA's Annual Winter Conference which is scheduled for January 6 & 7 at the Embassy Suites, Dublin. For those of you who have never attended this event, it is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of our industry during educational sessions with experts in the field. It is also a fun-filled time to network and establish relationships that benefit your business. Those members who have attended in the past can attest to this. So, I hope to see you there...new and old friends alike!

As the temperature and leaves begin to drop, I hope that you all have a very productive and safe Fall!

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

In the last issue of the OLICA News, OLICA president, Adam Faeth, announced in his president's message that Ed Newman was stepping down as OLICA's Executive Director and that Amy Gerten would be filling in as interim Executive Director. It was decided by OLICA's Board of Directors, at their last meeting, to divide the duties of Executive Director into three positions. We will still have an Executive Director, but we will also have a Media Director and an Event Director.

The Executive Director, Amy Gerten, will perform management services.

The Media Director, Teri Gerten, will maintain OLICA's website and Facebook pages, as well as prepare the OLICA newsletter.

The Event Director, Pat McConnell, will plan and set up the annual meeting with the convention committee, manage the tent at OLICA field days, and help promote and set up the Summer Picnic.



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## WHERE'S DIGGER

Congratulations to Nettie Payne from Agri Drain Corporation for winning a \$50 VISA gift card. Her name was drawn from the individuals who found Digger in the last issue.

Check out our NEW Digger! The new Digger is hidden within the pages of this issue. When you find him send his location to OLICA's Executive Director at [ohiolica@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolica@gmail.com) by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Your name will be entered into the drawing for a \$50 VISA gift card.



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# NATIONAL LICA SUMMER MEETING • JULY 9 - 13, 2019 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

National LICA held their 2019 Summer Meeting in Vancouver, Washington, July 9-13. The first 2 days of the convention offered members the opportunity to tour Mount St. Helens and The Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> days were packed with educational seminars, committee meetings and an Associate's Night. The Board Meeting was held on the final day of the convention. The convention ended with a Portland City Tour.



LICA members visiting with exhibitors at Associates Night



Elli Murray & Tyler Post from Sandhills Global informing members on How to Maximize the Potential of Your Website

The Purse Auction at the National LICA Summer Meeting raised almost \$3,000 for scholarships!  
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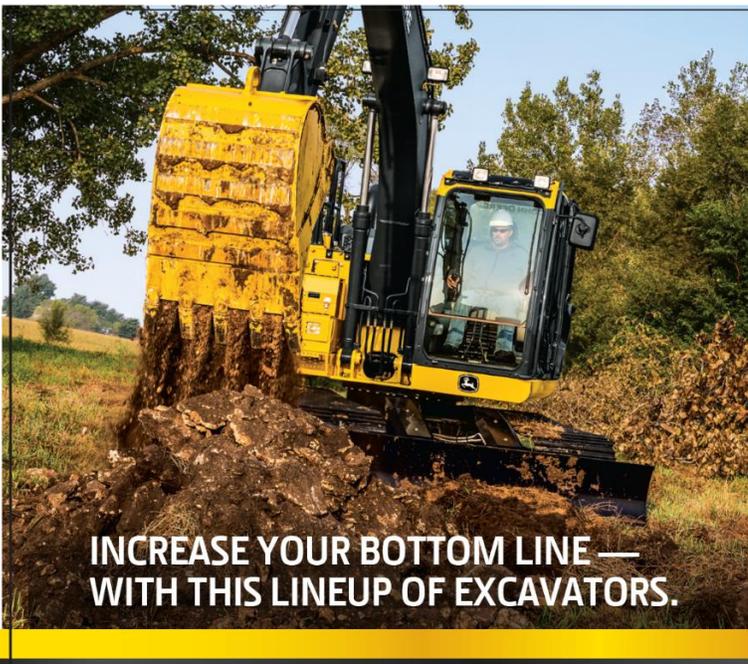
## Secretary Perdue Statement on EPA WOTUS Announcement

(Washington, D.C., September 12, 2019) - U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today praised the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for taking another step to fulfill President Trump's pledge to repeal and replace the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

"Repealing the WOTUS rule is a major win for American agriculture. The extreme overreach from the past Administration had government taking the productivity of the land people had worked for years," Secretary Perdue said. "Farmers and ranchers are exceptional stewards of the land, taking great care to preserve it for generations to come. President Trump is making good on his promise to reduce burdensome regulations to free our producers to do what they do best - feed, fuel, and clothe this nation and the world."

### Background:

One of President Trump's earliest acts in office was an Executive Order directing EPA and the Army Corps to review and potentially replace the Obama Administration's definition of the "Waters of the United States." The EPA and the Army Corps have repealed the 2015 Rule that impermissibly expanded the definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act. The agencies upcoming action will restore the regulatory text that existed prior to the 2015 Rule and will end the inconsistent regulatory patchwork that has created uncertainty and has hindered projects from moving forward that can benefit both the environment and the economy. The repeal remedies the legal and procedural deficiencies of the 2015 Rule, addresses the extensive litigation surrounding it, and recodifies and restores a regulatory process that has been in place for years. The new rule will provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses as to the definition of "Waters of the United States."



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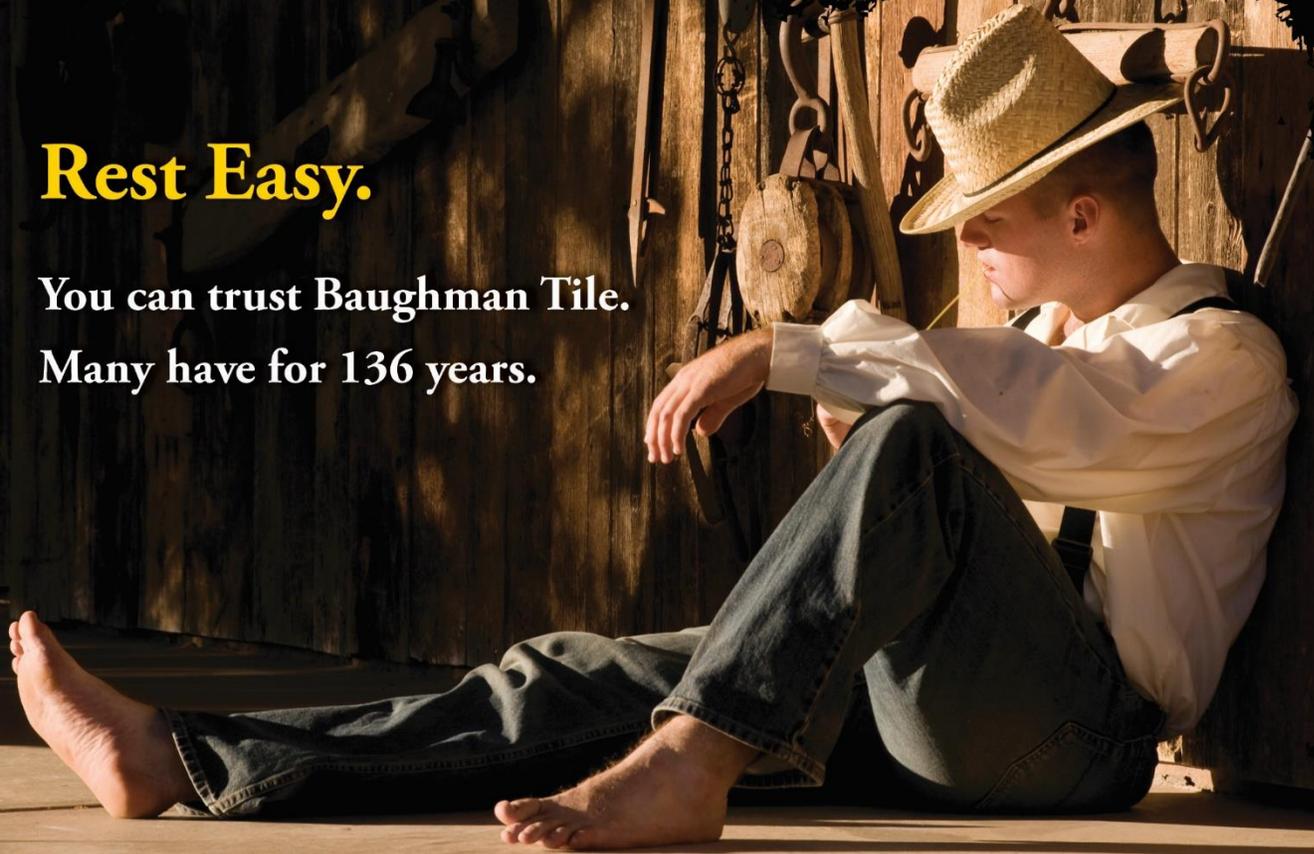
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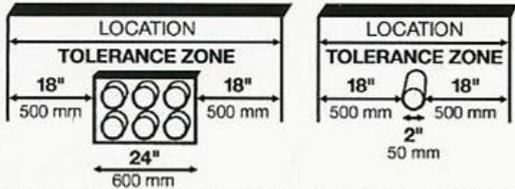
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**Location tolerance zone**  
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**Proposed excavation**  
Use white marks to show the location or boundary of proposed excavation. Surface marks on the roadways should not exceed 40 mm by 500 mm (1 1/2" x 18"). The facility color may be added to white flags or stakes.

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**Adopt uniform color code**  
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# FARM SCIENCE REVIEW SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2019 MOLLY CAREN AG CENTER, LONDON, OH

Once again, OLICA held its field day at The Ohio State University's Farm Science Review, an outdoor agricultural education and industry exposition held annually. OLICA participated by installing drainage tile to approximately 35 acres in the field demonstration area.

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2020 OLICA Annual Meeting • January 6-7, 2020 at Embassy Suites in Dublin, OH

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