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Bruynis is the county extension educator for agriculture and natural resources in Ross County Ohio. As an educator, Bruynis works closely with local advisory committees and volunteers to conduct needs assessment and priority setting to determine emphasis of educational programs that concentrates on critical economic, environmental, social, and agricultural management issues. Bruynis develops or modifies educational curriculum to teach in a variety of settings that includes classroom, workshops, field days, and one-on-one instruction. Bruynis focuses his teaching on improving management skills, gaining new knowledge, farmer adoption of technology, and raising awareness on issues affecting agriculture.

Programming specialization is focused in the areas of farm policy, business planning, tax management, and risk management topics. Significant effort in informal curriculum development and teaching in farm policy was invested including the topics of Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) from the 2014 Farm Bill and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) and Supplemental Revenue Assurance (SURE) from the 2008 Farm. Other significant efforts in Bruynis' specialization include teaching and scholarly writing on topics relevant to the Ohio Income Tax Schools, Annie's Project workshops (risk management education focused on farm women), and estate planning workshops.

As Area Leader for Clinton, Fayette, Pickaway, and Ross Counties, Bruynis manages the County Extension office operations. Local funding is secured annually from the County Commissioners by communicating quarterly all programs completed and impacts to the community. Additional funding is sought and secured through grant and contracts to support extension staff and program expenses. Office equipment is maintained and upgraded appropriately according to need and priority. Monthly office conferences are held to encourage inter-office communication and teamwork. Performance coaching and performance reviews are completed with twenty-four employees annually. Bruynis also is responsible for filling all vacant position including revising position descriptions, interviewing, and coaching new staff.

Work History

- 2018 - Present. Associate Professor, Extension Educator, and Area Leader, Ohio State University Extension, College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences
- 2015-2018. Associate Professor, Extension Educator, Ohio State University Extension, College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences
- 2010 - 2015. Assistant Professor, Extension Educator, Ohio State University Extension, College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences
- 2009 - 2010. Extension Educator IV, Ohio State University Extension, College of Food, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences
- 2000 - 2009. Extension Educator III, Ohio State University Extension, College of Food, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences
- 1994 - 2000. Extension Agent II, Ohio State University Extension, College of Food, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences

Education

- 2007. PhD, The Ohio State University, Agricultural and Extension Education Services, Human and Community Resource Development.
- 1995. MS, The Ohio State University, Agricultural Economics, Agriculture Economics.
- 1982. BS, Wilmington College, Agricultural Economics; Agricultural Production Operations, General, Major: Agriculture, Minor: Business Administration and Economics

Selected Professional Awards

- 2020. Epsilon Sigma Phi - Team Teaching Award, Extension and Non-Extension Collaborators (Farm Bill Education) - First Place, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Ohio State University
- 2020. ESP Team Teaching Award: Extension & Non-Extension Collaborators; 1st Place, Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Eta Chapter
- 2020. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Business Management: National Winner (Farm Bill Education), National Association of County Agricultural Agents

- 2020. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Business Management, National Winner, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2019. Educational Poster, National Finalists, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2017. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management, National Winner, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2017. Search for Excellence in Livestock Production, National Winner, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2015. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management, National Finalist, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2015. Search for Excellence in Livestock Production (Jackson Field Night), 1st Place State, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, Ohio Chapter, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2014. Team Teaching Award - One Program Area - 5 or more members - Agricultural Lenders Seminars - 2nd Place, Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Eta Chapter, The Ohio State University
- 2014. ESP Team Teaching Award - One Program Area - 2-4 members - Agricultural and Natural Resources Tax Teaching Team - 1st Place, Epsilon Sigma Phil Alpha Eta Chapter, The Ohio State University
- 2013. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management (Ag Lenders School), Regional Winner and National Finalist, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2012. ESP Team Teaching Award (Shale Oil & Gas Tax Issues), One Program Area, 5 or more members, Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Eta Chapter, The Ohio State University
- 2011. NACAA Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management (Annie's Project) - National Finalist, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2011. NACAA Search for Excellence in 4-H Programming (Leadership Wyandot County) - Regional Winner, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 2009. ESP Tools for Teaching & Media Contest; Team Teaching Awards; One Program Area -2-4 Members, 3rd Place, Alpha Eta Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi, The Ohio State University

Selected Bulletins, Tech Reports, and Fact Sheets

- Hartschuh, J.M.; Shoemaker, D.; Eastridge, M.; Weiss, B. et al. (2019). 15 Measures of Dairy Farm Competitiveness Hawkins, E.M.; Arnold, G.; Badertscher, M.; Barker, J. et al. (2019). 2018 eFields Report. [Bulletin]
- Zoller, C.T.; **Bruynis, C.** (2018). Conducting A SWOT Analysis of Your Agricultural Business [Fact Sheet]
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2015). Wheat Grain Response to RyzUp SmartGrass. The Ohio State University, Columbus (Technical Report)
- **Bruynis, C.L.** and Gearhardt, L. (2015). Financial Considerations of On-Farm Renewable Energy (Factsheet) The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2014). Effects of VersaMax and VersaMax plus Bioforge on Soybean Yields. [Published] Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (Technical Report)
- McConnell, E. and **Bruynis, C.** (2012). Ross County™™ Forest Economy. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (Factsheet)
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2012). Ohio Agricultural Sales Tax Exemption Rules. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (Factsheet)
- Skeeles, J.C., **Bruynis, C.L.** and Cunningham, R.N. (2012). The Nursing Home Dilemma. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States. (Factsheet)
- Skeeles, J.C., **Bruynis, C.L.**, and Cunningham, R.N. (2012). Medicare and Medigap. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States. (Factsheet)
- Romich, E., and **Bruynis, C.L.** (2012). Renewable Energy Policy Series: The Effect of Renewable Energy Projects on Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV). (Factsheet)
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2011). Evaluation of Effect of Insecticide Application on Soybean Yields. (Technical Report)

Selected Journal Articles

- Wells, K.A.; **Bruynis, C.**; Garcia, L. (2021). On-Farm Hog Processing Demonstration for Teenage Exhibitors: Blending Academic, Laboratory, and Farm-Based Learning. *Journal of Extension*,
- **Bruynis, C.L.**, Shoemaker, D.E., Ward, B., Custer, S.G. (2016). Implementing an Innovative Educational Program Delivery Strategy to Teach 2014 Farm Bill Changes to Ohio Farmers and Landowners. *Journal of Extension*, 54 (3), 31AW3.
- **Bruynis, C.L.**, Fisher, J., Dugan, D.A., Grimes, J., Bergefurd, B., Wells, K. (2014). Building a Successful Field Night Through Collaboration. *Journal of NACAA*, 7 (2), 3.
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2013). Profitability and Income Variability Between Farm Land Rental Arrangements. *Journal of NACAA*, 6 (1), 17.

- Marrison, D.L.; Breece, D.; **Bruynis, C.**; Gastier, M.; McCutcheon, J.; Ward, B.; Woodruff, J.; Zoller, C. (2010). Determining the Effectiveness of the Ohio Farm Transition Program. *Journal of the NACAA*, 3 (1), 6.
- Bruynis, C.L. (2010). Comparing Landowner Profitability Between Cash Rent and Crop Share Arrangements. *Journal of NACAA*,

Selected Abstract and Short Entries

- **Bruynis, C.L.**; Wells, K.; Garcia, L.. (2021). Teaching Youth Swine Harvesting and Processing. *National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference Proceedings*, 71-71.
- Apsley, D.; Marrison, D.; **Bruynis, C.L.** (2020). Educating Ohio Woodland Owners How to Manage Timber Sales. *Proceedings of the 105th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 88-89. Retrieved from
- **Bruynis, C.L.**; Bennett, A.; Douridas, A.. (2020). Helping Ohio Farmers Manage Risk with Grain Marketing Education. *Proceedings of NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*, 89-90.
- Beers, L.; Barrett, E.E.; Bennett, A.; **Bruynis, C.** et al.. (2020). Area Leaders - Hybrid Administrative and Program Positions in Extension. *National Association of County Agricultural Agents Proceedings 105th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*, 226-227.
- Griffith, M.; Brown, B.; Zoller, C.; **Bruynis, C.** et al.. (2020). Building a Team to Conduct Farm Bill Education Programs for Ohio Farmers. *Proceedings of the 105th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 87-88.
- Marrison, D.L.; **Bruynis, C.**; Workman, J.. (2020). How to Engage Farmers on Emerging Ag Issues at Large Ag Shows. *Proceedings of the 105th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 196-196.
- Marrison, D.L.; Apsley, D.; **Bruynis, C.** (2020). Helping Ohio Woodland Owners Manage the Risk of Timber Sales. *2020 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference*.
- Marrison, D.L.; **Bruynis, C.**; Workman, J. (2020). Ask the Expert – Engaging Farmers on Risk Management Issues at the Farm Science Review. *2020 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference*.
- Marrison, D.L.; Ward, B.; **Bruynis, C.** (2019). Helping Ohio Farmers & Tax Professionals Understand the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017. *Proceedings of the 104th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 72-72
- Scheckelhoff, B.; Nye, T.; Hall, P.; **Bruynis, C.** et al.. (2019). Equipping women landowners and operators with farmland leasing knowledge and communication skills. *Proceedings of the 104th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*
- **Bruynis, C.L.**; Marrison, D.; Ward, B.. (2018). Teaching Agricultural Tax Management to Ohio Farmers and Tax Preparers. *Proceedings of the 103rd Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 94-94.
- **Bruynis, C.L.**; Marrison, D.; Ward, B.. (2018). Increasing the Agricultural Tax Management Capacity of Ohio Farmers and Tax Preparers. *2018 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference*.
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2017). Teaching Grain Marketing Tools and Strategies. [Abstract]. *Proceeding of the 102nd Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*, 79-79.
- Marrison, D.L.; **Bruynis, C.**; Lewandowski, R.; Custer, S. et al.. (2017). Ohio's Passing On The Family Farm Initiative. *Proceedings of the 102nd Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 80-80.
- **Bruynis, C.L.** (2015). Management Essentials for Farm Managers. [Abstract]. *National Association of County Agricultural Agents Proceedings Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*.
- Clevenger, W.B., **Bruynis, C.L.**, Douridas, A.R., Lewandowski, R., Ward, B.W. (2015). Agricultural Lenders Seek Professional Development From Ohio State University Extension. [Abstract]. *National Association of County Agricultural Agents Proceedings Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*.
- **Bruynis, C.L.** and Roberts M.. (2015). Grain Marketing Education via Distance Learning Technology. [Abstract]. *Proceedings of the 2015 National Extension Risk Management Conference*
- **Bruynis, C.L.**, Romich, E., and Clevenger, W.B.. (2015). Reducing Farm Financial Risk with Solar-Electric Generation. [Abstract]. *Proceedings of the 2015 National Extension Risk Management Conference*.
- Clevenger, W.B., **Bruynis, C.L.**, Lewandowski, R. and Ward, B.W.. (2013). Teaching Ohio's Ag Lenders Makes Important Impact on Reaching Ohio Farmers. [Abstract]. *Proceedings of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents 98th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference*, 82-83.
- **Bruynis, C.L.**, Nye, L.A., Fisher, J.C., Bergefurd, B.R., and Dugan, D.A.. (2013). Embracing Ohio's New, Beginning, and Minority Farmers. [Abstract]. *Proceeding of the International Farm Management Association Congress 2013, Volume 2*.
- **Bruynis, C.L.** and Marrison, D.L.. (2013). Farm Transition & Estate Planning: Helping Ohio Farm Families Face the Future. [Abstract]. *2013 National Farm Management Conference*.

Selected Research Funding

Year	Title	Sponsor	Role	Amount
2020	Leasing Land 101: Equipping Women Landowners and Tenant Farmers with Farmland Leasing Knowledge and Skills to Reduce Legal, Financial, and Human Risk	North Central Risk Management Education Foundation	Co-PI	\$37,000
2018	Assessing Grain Marketing Risk and Implementing a Marketing Plan for Grain Producers in Ohio	North Central Risk Management Education Foundation	Co-PI	\$25,383
2014	Ready, Set, Go: Preparing Farms to Successfully Manage Risk	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Co-PI	\$41,003
2014	Farm Bill Education	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Co-PI	\$91,882
2013	Competitive Benchmarking: Assisting New York and Ohio livestock producers to increase profitability and manage risk in a volatile environment.	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Co-PI	\$130,440
2013	Rocking the Boat: Deep Water or High Tide on the Beach?	North Central Risk Management Education Foundation	Co-PI	\$44,959

Selected Service Activities

2022	Chair, Farm Management Specialist Search Committee, OSU Extension
2019-2021	Regional Representative, National Public Issues Committee, Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Extension Fraternity
2017-present	Peer Reviewer, Journal of National Association of County Agricultural Agents Association
2017-2021	Farm Management In-Service Planning Committee, Columbus, OH
2015-2017	North Central Region Director, National Association of County Agricultural Agents Association
2014-2017	Public Issues and Leadership Development (PILD) Planning Committee, Washington DC
2013-2015	North Central Region Vice-Director, National Association of County Agricultural Agents Association
2011-2015	Vice Chair. Administrative Skills Committee, National Association of County Agricultural Agents.
2004-2011	National Chair (4 yrs) and Vice-Chair (3 yrs). Scholarship Committee, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
1999-present	Active Member, Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Extension Fraternity
1994-present	Active Member, National Association of County Agricultural Agents Association