Using SMAP Soil Moisture Measurements for Carbon Flux Studies in Ohio

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Soil Moisture Active and Passive (SMAP) satellite measurements of Soil Moisture and Carbon properties will be validated using local in-situ test sites and lab measurements by the Carbon Management and Sequestration Center (C-MASC) of the SENR and Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. These validation tests of remotely sensed information will assess SMAP’s data quality and also facilitate the use of SMAP data to understand properties which impact soil quality.

OSU Collaborative to Reduce and Redirect Consumer Food Waste

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Reducing the amount of food waste (FW) that consumers generate and redirecting FW from landfills to sustainable outlets are key goals that, if met, can transform the food system by bolstering food security and enhancing environmental sustainability. To achieve this we are creating and testing a smartphone app that conveniently and accurately measures household FW that can be used to evaluate various campus and community interventions. To guide its creation and the trial of new interventions, we will collect national data concerning consumer awareness of and engagement with FW and we will engage campus, local and national experts and stakeholders in evaluating current best consumer FW programs and in generating ideas for new education, communication and market interventions to reduce or redirect consumer FW.
New Directions in Food Security: Balancing the Growing Need for Meat Protein with Animal Welfare and Biodiversity Conservation

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Our project addresses the compelling challenge of balancing food security with public interests in animal welfare and carnivore conservation. Specifically, we investigate different social and ecological factors that contribute to an understanding of carnivore-livestock dynamics within eastern landscapes. Findings will help pave the way for more equitable and sustainable meat-production systems.

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TEST PLOTS is a new student journal presenting research gardens as a landscape typology. TEST PLOTS reviews research gardens created by multiple disciplines, uncovering their relationship with territorial transformation.
A systems approach provides a novel methodology to integrate across complex features of the food environment. We apply this approach using data collected by the interdisciplinary Food Mapping Team in Columbus, Ohio to identify transformative policies for promoting optimal health.

Ohio producers can be severely impacted by downy mildew on cucumber and powdery mildew on pumpkin and squash. Our multi-disciplinary team will explore how a UAV-based system equipped with multiple sensors can be used to scout crop fields and recognize specific diseases by their “signature” on leaf tissue. Implementation of an autonomous disease detection system can help producers protect against yield loss and ensure economic viability of the farm operation.

The Humanities Institute will partner with the Ohio Humanities Council to produce Ohio’s Changing Nature, a magazine-style illustrated reader in environmental humanities. Support from InFACT will help tell stories of agriculture change throughout the state over the past thirty years, from family farms to global markets. A backing website with additional material will foster public conversation about sustainable futures for Ohio’s natural environment and its farmers.
Our Common Home Food Security Project: A Youth Based Approach to Climate Resilient Agriculture

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Utilizing space at YMCA-Northland in Columbus, Ohio and a school in Accra, Ghana, youth and adults will connect to establish gardens and engage in 4-H activities to enhance food security, promote climate resilient food systems, and positively develop youth through life and livelihood skills. This was inspired by a visit to Ohio State and the city of Columbus by Cardinal Peter Turkson, an internationally known environmental and social activist who was instrumental in drafting Laudato si: On Care For Our Common Home.

Ohio’s Food and AgriCulture Vision for the Future: A collective impact strategy and research agenda for InFACT and Ohio Food System Partners

This project will connect OSU leadership and expertise to facilitate a shared vision among food policy and program leaders in this state. This vision will be the foundation for a collaborative and accelerated transformation of our local food systems.

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