

Dear Landowner,

2008 is a reappraisal year for real estate values in Butler County and numerous other counties throughout the state. As part of this process, Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) is being revalued.

These CAUV values are increasing for 2008 after years of declining values. These increased values were adopted and prescribed by the Tax Commissioner of Ohio and are the result of studies and research by the Ohio Agricultural Advisory Committee. Quite an involved system and calculation is used by this committee to arrive at these values. Individual county Auditors have no input into setting these values.

In order to help you understand this process better, there will be a public meeting on September 4, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the main auditorium of Butler Tech. This will be hosted by myself, the Cooperative Extension Service of The Ohio State University, Butler County Farm Bureau, and The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

Myself and my staff, Steve Bartels, Extension Agent, Agriculture; and Larry Gerhardt of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation will be present.

You will also find enclosed with this letter the new CAUV values for your property.