



WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

Name of agricultural enterprise or farm: Shick Farms Incorporated

Biography: I am proud to help my father on our family farm in Hardin County. Being involved in 4-H and FFA allowed me to start my agriculture career at an early age. At 16 I cash rented ground, which I later purchased. I earned a bachelor's degree in Ag Business from The Ohio State University. After graduation, I started a consulting business where I worked with area farmers/extension offices in the Indian Lake Watershed, doing intensive pest management. I worked with Honda scouting specialty soybeans that were being exported to Japan for tofu. I did soil sampling using precision technology. I worked with local colleges offering job shadowing/internships to Ag students.

I am involved with a local college helping their administration build a curriculum for future precision technology classes. In 2011 I moved into the crop insurance industry working as a claims adjuster for John Deere Financial, which is a very rewarding career.

I am fortunate to be able to instill values that I learned from growing up on a farm into my 13 year old twins. It is very rewarding to watch them learn firsthand the morals, values and hard work ethics that agriculture instills. I don't know where their paths may lead, but agriculture has given them a firm foundation to build their lives upon.

Favorite quote or saying:

"Grow where you are planted."

"She believed she could, so she did."

I really like these quotes because it defines my career in agriculture perfectly. My intention was originally to earn a bachelor's degree in business. It was my high school FFA advisors and my guidance counselor at The Ohio State University that encouraged me to focus on an Ag Business degree. I am very thankful that I took their advice.

Advice to the future generation of women in agriculture:

The world of agriculture has been a great industry to be involved in. Agriculture has provided me with a very rewarding and satisfying career with endless opportunities. I would encourage all young men and women with an interest in agriculture to become involved in their agriculture community on some level. Whether it is with local 4-H clubs, Farm Bureau, FFA chapters, local schools or farming operations. Agriculture offers many job opportunities and is a great industry to build a career in. My career in agriculture has challenged me to do and learn new things every day. My brother's favorite quote is one that I've tried to follow. "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead where there is no path and leave a trail." I encourage each and every one to do just that.

Hardin County honors **MOLLY SHICK**

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