

# SARE Research Field Day

**Figs | Elderberries | Blackberries**

Saturday, September 21, 2019

11:00 to 12:30

Free to interested growers

1064 Township Rd 126

Nova OH 44859

*Just one mile north of State Route 224, West of Nova*

Hearthstone Berry Farm, a small pick-your-own farm in Nova, received a grant to study the possibility of raising figs in unheated high tunnels. They were awarded a grant to study figs as a niche crop. USDA SARE gives educational and outreach grants to farmers and ranchers to study a host of topics including sustainability, crops, production efficiency, pollinators and more. Each grant has an outreach and education component.

The field day at Hearthstone Berry Farm will run from 11:00 to 12:30 on Saturday September 21 and is the first field day for this two-year fig project. The program and tour will look at the fig research and discuss the problems and potentials going forward. We will also look at a prior SARE-funded elderberry trial and discuss how that has been used to educate growers. Finally we can look at several blackberry varieties that the farm is growing to increase the harvest season and answer



questions about the SARE grant process. Please RSVP to [info@hearthstonefarm.net](mailto:info@hearthstonefarm.net) so we can have adequate handouts and refreshments for the tour.

*If you have questions about the SARE Farmer & Rancher grant process we would be happy to answer those questions during the class.*

