

“PRESERVING OUR FAIRGROUNDS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH”
A campaign for the Sandusky County Agricultural Society.
About the Fair, Ohio’s Agriculture and Other Interesting Facts

TAKE ME OUT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS:

- 50,000 – 60,000 individuals attend the Sandusky County Fair each year.
- Over 2,000 open class and Junior Fair exhibits are entered each year.
- 1,200 – 1,300 individuals become Fair members each year, exhibiting their special products, collections and favorite items.
- Sponsors donate \$50,000 - \$60,000 each year, funds used to help with Fair operating costs.
- 750 individuals and organizations are registered bidders for the sales each year.
- The impact of the Fair on the local economy is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, considering revenues generated at area hotels, department stores, service stations, restaurants, grocery stores, etc.
- Fair board members volunteer hundreds of hours each year to their favorite hobby – the Sandusky County Fair.
- 4-H programs are available in every county and parish in the U.S. Local 4-H member projects culminate with judging and exhibition at the Fair.

DID YOU KNOW:

As one of the state’s leading industries, Ohio agriculture can boast about the following products:

Soybeans: the top ranking export in Ohio generated \$2.87 billion in 2012, with \$1.73 billion from exports. In the U.S., soybeans are the second largest crop in cash sales and the top agricultural export.

Corn: U.S. corn growers produce 36.2 percent of the world’s corn, more than any other country. Ohio corn producers brought in \$2.85 billion in 2012, and ranked No. 7 in the nation for exports. A little over half of the corn grown in Ohio is used for animal feed; the rest is exported, used for fuel, or for sweeteners.

Dairy products and milk: The no. 1 producer of Swiss cheese, Ohio earned \$1 billion in cash receipts from dairy products in 2012. Did you know that carbon dioxide bubbles cause the holes in Swiss cheese?

Hogs: Pork, the most widely eaten meat in the world, is responsible for 7.2 percent of all Ohio farm receipts, or \$724.62 million in 2012. Each market hog raised produces 371 servings of pork.

Cattle and Calves: Cattle and calves are raised on 25,501 Ohio farms, and generated \$552.81 million in 2012. The ground beef from a single steer is enough to make approximately 720 quarter-pound hamburgers. Cattle can be found in every single Ohio county.

Chicken eggs: Ohio is ranked second in the nation for egg production, and earned \$523 million in 2012. One laying hen in the U.S. produces anywhere from 250 to 300 eggs annually.

Greenhouse and nursery: Greenhouse and nursery products, such as Christmas trees and floriculture, earned \$365.17 million in cash receipts in 2012. Ohio greenhouses and nurseries also produce aquatic plants, bulbs and more.

Wheat: Ohio producers harvested 31 million bushels of wheat, which is enough to make 6-5 billion servings of pasta. Approximately three-quarters of all U.S. grain products are made from wheat flour.

Broilers: Chickens raised for meat, generated \$189.6 million in cash receipts in 2012. Americans consume 83.6 pounds of chicken per capita, more than any other country in the world.

Turkeys: Ohio's turkey flocks consume more than 252 million pounds of corn a year. Turkeys are raised on 876 farms in Ohio and earned \$158.22 million in cash receipts in 2012.

AND...

Ohio's egg, chicken and turkey farms create more than 14,600 jobs annually. Ohio's agricultural industries represent \$93 billion of the state's economic output, employing one in seven Ohioans directly or indirectly.

Ohio's agricultural market exports many different products.

Ohio ranks 1st in the production of Swiss cheese out of all 50 states, 2nd in eggs, 3rd in tomatoes, 6th in soybeans and 9th in corn for grain.

The agriculture, food processing and eatery industries are heavily intertwined in Ohio. For example, Ohio being the 3rd largest producer of tomatoes in the U.S.; in turn has the world's largest ketchup processing plant right here in Fremont!

Ohio is 16th in the nation for beef production and 5th in flower production.

The number of farms in Ohio, while decreasing, stood at 75,700 in 2007, covering 14,200,000 acres of land. 47.5% of all farms are operated by residents aged 35-54.

The dairy sector of Ohio's agriculture industry is growing.