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## **Farm Science Review**

The Farm Science Review is something that takes place every September in Ohio. It is one of the largest farm shows in the United States. If you are in agriculture and have never attended the Farm Science Review you need to put it on your “Bucket List”.

The Farm Science Review covers several hundred acres. Most of the ground is demonstration plots that have field demonstrations going on during the show. Equipment in use for you to see in operation is only part of the show. There is so much to see that it is doubtful that you can see it all in one day. There are 80 acres of exhibits with everything from hand tools, to cattle handling equipment, to combines, to corn stoves and everything in between.

The Farm Science Review takes place on September 20-22 in London, Ohio. London is located northwest of Washington Court House and between Columbus and Dayton near I-70. Tickets are available at any OSU Extension Office for \$7 prior to September 20. Tickets are \$10 at the gate which opens at 8 a.m. each day. The show ends at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

For more information about the Farm Science Review, including golf cart information you can log onto <http://fsr.osu.edu> or call me at 937 515-2314.

## **Seeding Your Lawn**

This year has been a real challenge for some homeowners. There has been no brown grass, and no weeks that the lawn did not need mowed. Maybe it needed mowed twice some weeks during the summer. The problems can consist of several things that grew that you did not want. Some things that grow well in wet areas may have taken over the lawn. In most cases this will not be there next year unless we are really wet again. However, I know I have had calls about “starting over” so here is a little information about seeding the lawn.

Seeding can be done until October 1, depending on the timing of frosts and soil moisture, emergence and maturation of seedlings may not be as successful. Once the ground freezes, surface soil moisture is unavailable, and seedlings with a meager root system will desiccate and die. If seeding is not done by October 1, wait until next spring to perform dormant seeding. Starter fertilizer is essential for proper germination and development of seedling turfgrass, as seedling root systems have difficulty accessing nutrients, especially phosphorus, unless it is on the soil surface. Starter fertilizer NPK ratios should be 1-2-1 or 1-1-1. When possible, apply starter fertilizer again in 5-6 weeks.



## **Do You Spray Your Fruit Trees?**

Is it time to spray your fruit trees now? The answer is no, but the reason I ask is because now may be the perfect time to assess the situation. You may have trees loaded with fruit, or maybe you HAD trees loaded with fruit. In either case, the reason I bring up a spray program now is so you can make decisions for next year based on what you are seeing or just seen happen. A good apple or pear crop can be ruined quickly and it can happen nearly anytime during the growing season. If you value the fruit from these trees you might want to consider a spray program for future years. We have a bulletin from Ohio State University Extension that has a complete spray program for home owners. If you would like more information, stop by the OSU Extension Office or e-mail me at [dugan.46@osu.edu](mailto:dugan.46@osu.edu)

### **Dates to Remember**

Sept. 3 -10	Highland County Fair
Sept. 20-22	Farm Science Review
Sept. 26 – Oct. 1	Brown Co. Fair