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Highland County Fair

The Highland County Fair starts this weekend. On Saturday there will be a proclamation for this being year 100 for Extension. The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 started it all. Come to the fair Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. to join us.

Throughout the fair there a number of shows and auctions for those youth with projects. The support of these youth has been outstanding over the years. Here is a list of the auctions and information about becoming involved in supporting the youth. Buyers Packets can be obtained by calling Sales Committee at 937-840-9479.

- Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 p.m.: Barrow Sale followed by Goat Sale in the Show Arena
- Thursday, September 4, 1:00 p.m.: Poultry Sale followed by Rabbit Sale in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn
- Friday, September 5, 6:00 p.m.: Steer, Feeder Calf Sale followed by Lamb Sale followed by Dairy Sale in the Show Arena.

NCR-SARE Announces 2015 Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals

The 2015 North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals is now available. I get calls in the OSU Extension offices from time to time about grant opportunities. Two of my co-workers, Alan Sundermeier and Mike Hogan, in other Ohio Counties have been involved with this program for years. They may be able to assist answering questions, so here are their email addresses: sundermeier.5@osu.edu or hogan.1@osu.edu.

Farmers and ranchers in the North Central region are invited to submit grant proposals to explore sustainable agriculture solutions to problems on the farm or ranch. Proposals should show how farmers and ranchers plan to use their own innovative ideas to explore sustainable agriculture options and how they will share project results. Sustainable agriculture is good for the environment, profitable, and socially responsible. Projects should emphasize research or education/demonstration.

There are three types of competitive grants: individual grants (\$7,500 maximum), partner grants for two farmers/ranchers from separate operations who are working together (\$15,000 maximum), and group grants for three or more farmers/ranchers from separate operations who are working together (\$22,500 maximum). NCR-SARE expects to fund about 45 projects in the twelve-state North Central Region with this call. A total of approximately \$400,000 is available for this program.

NCR-SARE will be accepting online submissions for the Farmer Rancher Grant Program. More information about the online submission system can be found in the call for proposals.

Interested applicants can find the call for proposals online as well as useful information for completing a proposal at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants/Farmer-Rancher-Grant-Program>. You can find more information about sustainable agriculture at <http://www.sare.org/> or take a free National Continuing Education Program online course about the basic concepts at <http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Courses-and-Curricula>.

Proposals are due on November 20, 2014 at 4p.m. CST.

Potential applicants with questions can contact Joan Benjamin, Associate Regional Coordinator and Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, at benjaminj@lincolnu.edu or [573-681-5545](tel:573-681-5545) or [800-529-1342](tel:800-529-1342). Applicants

should also contact Joan Benjamin if they need a hard copy or an email version of the call for proposals. We make revisions to our calls for proposals each year, which means it is crucial to use the most recent call for proposals.

Each state in SARE's North Central Region has one or more State Sustainable Agriculture Coordinators who can provide information and assistance to potential grant applicants. Interested applicants can find their State Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator online at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/State-Programs>.

Farm Science Review Tickets

Farm Science Review tickets are available at all of our OSU Extension Offices. The FSR is September 16-18 this year and the ticket prices remain the same. Ten dollars at the gate or you can get them for \$7 in advance at the Extension office, or other locations that offer the advanced purchase of tickets.

Grazing School in Wilmington

There will be a Grazing School in Wilmington on September 4 and 5 at Wilmington College. Contact Tony Nye at the Clinton Co. Extension Office if interested. Tony can be contacted at 937 382-0901 or nye.1@osu.edu.

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