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Manure Expo August 3 and 4

How is that for a title to start out? Yes there will be a Manure Expo on August third and fourth at the site of the Farm Science Review in London, OH. With all of the issues with water quality and the use of manure for crop nutrients, this should be an excellent opportunity to learn methods for manure applications that will be water quality friendly.

For registration information and details about the program, go to this address:
<http://www.manureexpo.org/> The website includes a video and discusses nutrient management.

Fair Week in Adams County

It is hard to believe, but it is fair season. The Adams County Fair kicked off Sunday with what appeared to be an outstanding crowd. I was there Sunday night and I did not see much of the grounds, but the parts I did see looked good. I saw new paint on buildings, I heard the Grandstand looked great, and I saw more places for people to sit and visit. The fair runs through Saturday, so make a trip to the fair.

With the fair in session, this is a great opportunity to discuss the completion of some projects. Youth put a lot of time, money and energy into their projects. For those projects that sell, the community businesses have always been very supportive in all 3 counties that I cover for OSU Extension. It is great to see youth rewarded for what they have accomplished. It is also great to see the support.

I hope the youth understand the support that is given to them and that they appreciate it. In my time as an educator in both the local schools and extension I have seen some supporters come and go. I hope those who have gone did not leave because of a negative experience.

It is my hope that both youth and their parents share their appreciation for the time and money spent on sale day at the county fair. Businesses spend lots of hours and dollars supporting our youth. Hopefully there is an immediate “thank you” to the buyers once the auctioneer says “SOLD”. In addition to that opportunity to thank the buyer immediately, there are more opportunities that I have seen several people do. Some of those include offering to buy them something to drink, a sandwich or even a gift card. For this week in Adams County, a Beef BBQ ticket might be a good choice. I am sure Corbett Phipps will be there selling tickets near the Jr. Fair Board Office. I hope everyone does something to show how much they appreciate those who buy, and those who bid, but did not get the winning bid.

Maybe all of us should think of it this way. Each project is worth some value if it is not sold at the fair. Whatever that value may be, consider that additional money as a gift. If someone just walked up to you at the fair and handed you \$100 would you thank them? How about if they offered to give you



\$500? Would you just walk away upset because they didn't give you more? I doubt anyone would.

Then you have the issue of the back bidder who lost out on the winning bid. Remember, it had to stop somewhere. Only one winning bid per item sold. The back bidder pushed it to the point it stopped and kept the winning bidder bidding to that point. So, again if you are just walking around the fair and someone walks up to you and offers to "give" you \$400 and say you can have it as long as someone doesn't offer to give you more than \$400. Are you going to upset at the person who offered to "give" you \$400 if someone else shows up and gives you \$500? I hope not. I hope you thank them BOTH either right before or right after your parents or child thanks them. Your actions and reactions may be critical for sales in the future. If you are going to leave an impression, please leave a GOOD ONE.

Top 10 Things That Don't Make Sense to Farmers

We can always use a good laugh. Some of these may hit home for you, they did for me. This showed up in the Beef Blog this week, so read and enjoy.

10. Three-thousand acres of dirt and his wife buys potting soil at the farm store.
9. His daughter spends \$100 on ready-for-the-rag-drawer, pre-faded, pre-ripped jeans.
8. People buy snack foods with the half-life of plutonium but insist on free-range eggs.
7. Town folk spend \$2/ear to feed squirrels.
6. Computer-smart kids can't count back change or read a clock with hands.
5. The acreage owner down the road waters the heck out of his lawn so he can mow it more often.
4. The lady in line ahead of him orders deluxe cheese nachos and a diet soda.
3. His wife's explanation of why new carpeting is more important than a 4-wheeler.
2. Warnings on chemical labels telling you not to drink the stuff.
1. Politics — anything about politics.

Dates to Remember

July 23 Hops Yard Open House 10:00 a.m. several locations including 2 in Brown County and one in Clermont.