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## Adams County Farmer's Market

The Adams County Farmer's Market is open for business every Saturday Morning for the coming weeks. The market is set up on the west side of the Adams County Courthouse in West Union starting at 9:00 a.m. and is open until 1:00 p.m. Anna Adams at the OSU Extension Office is a contact for more information about the market. The OSU Extension Office phone number is 544-2339.

## Delayed Corn Planting the Disease Risk in Corn

With the weather that we have had in the past few months, a roller coaster comes to mind. We had an abundance of rain until July. Well, that is not entirely true for everyone in the county or in Ohio. Some places have had rain throughout July, but some have had very little and really needed the rain that came through this past weekend. However, some parts of Ohio received flash floods this weekend. Wooster campus had nearly 6 inches of rain this weekend.

With that said we are dealing with late planted crops. Delayed corn planting increases the risk of disease in corn. Dr. Paul Pierce, OSU Extension Specialist addresses the situation in this week's CORN newsletter. You can access the CORN newsletter online at <http://corn.osu.edu>

Dr. Pierce advises to scout fields more carefully and frequently. You need to look for multiple disease developing simultaneously. Diseases will likely spread quickly.

## Southwest Corn Growers Field Day

The Southwest Corn Growers Field Day is coming up in a few weeks in Washington Court House. The date is August 13 and it starts at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin with Aaron Wilson with OSU Extension. Aaron's topic will be "Our Changing Climate: Farming with Weather Extremes".

Other topics will discuss crop insect damage, crop diseases, a Farm Bill Update and more. Lunch is provided. The location is 2770 St. Rt. 38 in Washington C. H. 43160

## Learning More to Save Money

There is a saying that you are never too old to learn. With agriculture things are constantly changing and usually learning comes with a cost. Sometimes you learn while intending to learn by attending a field day, workshop or some type of educational event. Sometimes you learn the hard way. The hard way is normally the more costly.

Recently I was talking to farmer and educator that discussed some of issues that he had dealt with in trying to get crops planted and hay or straw baled. His list of breakdowns were painful to listen to, but



I had some to compare with just like most everyone else. However, he discussed one issue that caught my attention.

He discussed have alternators repaired. I believe he had two that he took to the repair shop the same day and when he went to pick them up, he learned something the “hard way”.

The gentleman at the repair shop shared some information about his damaged alternators. One was simple, but the other one was “fried”. The repairman explained the damage as an alternator that had been basically over worked. He explained that the newer alternators (not sure when newer means) have much more ability to charge. For this reason they can basically work so hard that they fry themselves. He stated that this happens normally when the battery was flat and you jump start the vehicle and go. The alternator is charging and gets too hot.

His recommendation is that you should not let the alternator do all of the work. You need to charge the battery and the alternator will keep it charged. Just some information that might save you a trip to the repair shop and a little money regardless if it is a tractor, combine, truck or the family car.

### **Dates to Remember**

- August 6      Adams County Farm Bureau and Soil and Water Annual Meeting
- August 13     Southwest Corn Growers Field Day in Washington C. H.
- August 22     Beef and Forage Field Night at OARDC in Jackson at 5:00 p.m.