

## Farm Science Review Talking Points

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- Media inquiries should be directed to Sherrie Whaley.3@osu.edu
- For the first time in its nearly 60-year history, the Farm Science Review, scheduled for Sept. 22 to Sept. 24 in London, Ohio will not be held in-person due to the continued spread of COVID-19 across the U.S. and Ohio.
- A virtual show will be implemented for 2020.
- Farm Science Review attracts over 100,000 visitors from all over the United States and Canada, who come for three days to peruse 4,000 product lines from 600 commercial exhibitors and learn the latest in agricultural production.
- Multi-generational audience attends from all over the U.S. and Canada
- We need to prioritize everyone's health and ensure we are doing our part to avoid contributing to the spread of the virus during this global pandemic.
- The current conditions in Ohio are not conducive to hosting a large in-person event.
- The State of Ohio Responsible Restart guidelines currently limits mass gatherings. We do not anticipate any foreseeable changes in the next few months that would provide for the ability to meet our average daily in-person attendance of between 35,000 to 50,000 visitors.
- Farm Science Review management and its executive committee have worked diligently to plan for another incredible show demonstrating the newest developments in equipment, research, and application to support agricultural production.
- While we would ultimately have liked to wait until closer to the event to make a decision, we felt compelled to let suppliers, exhibitors, and partners know so they can begin to plan for a virtual show.
- We are committed to delivering a robust and innovative show in support of agriculture during this pandemic. While it may look different, we will continue to meet the needs of our growers and partners through access to exhibitors, virtual demonstrations and education about the most recent advancements in agricultural production. More information will be shared in the forthcoming weeks about the program and how to engage.
- Please visit the Farm Science Review website at [fsr.osu.edu](http://fsr.osu.edu) for ongoing updates.

