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# FSR marks 50 years

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**F**OR 50 years, Ohio Farm Science Review has presented the latest and greatest in farm technology. That's the plan for the next 50, too, says manager Chuck Gamble.

"This year's theme is Forecasting the Future for 50 Years," says Gamble. "The field of agriculture is so exciting right now, with the boon in technology that has taken place in the industry during the past 50 years. From genetics and seeds and the different chemistries that we have to protect plants, to the equipment we now have that uses satellite technology to make farming more precise and efficient — I can't fathom what the next 10 to 50 years will bring in agricultural innovations."

Whatever they bring, it surely will come to Farm Science Review first. More than 140,000 visitors are expected at the Molly Caren Center in London Sept. 18-20. They will discover more than 4,000 product lines from 600 commercial exhibitors, and capitalize on educational opportunities from Ohio State University and Purdue University specialists.

"I know of no other show that offers the educational opportunities that are provided here," Gamble says.

### Three themes

The staff has divided the event into three themes.

■ **Sept. 18: World Record Day.** Kip Cullers, the Missouri farmer who holds the world record in soybean yield with 160.6 bushels per acre, will talk about the production techniques he uses to accomplish incredible yields.

■ **Sept. 19: Farmer Food Drive Day.** Each person donating at least two cans of food will receive a pair of work gloves (while supplies last). The goal is to collect at least a half semiload of food, if not a full semiload, Gamble says. Organizers are working with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks.

■ **Sept. 20: Generational Day.** Participants who attend as a family can get photos taken and

### Key Points

- Farm Science Review marks 50 years by looking to the future.
- Show to feature world records, food drive, family connections.
- Tickets are \$5 in advance at all OSU Extension county offices.

placed in a Farm Science Review frame.

All three days, OSU and Purdue Extension specialists will present talks on topics ranging from shale oil leasing to crop outlooks and climate concerns.

There will also be field demonstrations every afternoon. Check out corn and soybean harvesting, with special emphasis on residue management in corn and preparing fields for cover crops.

Also, watch tillage variable-rate applications and all levels of precision agriculture. A special demonstration by OSU's Department of Aeronautical Engineering will examine the potential role of drones in crop production.

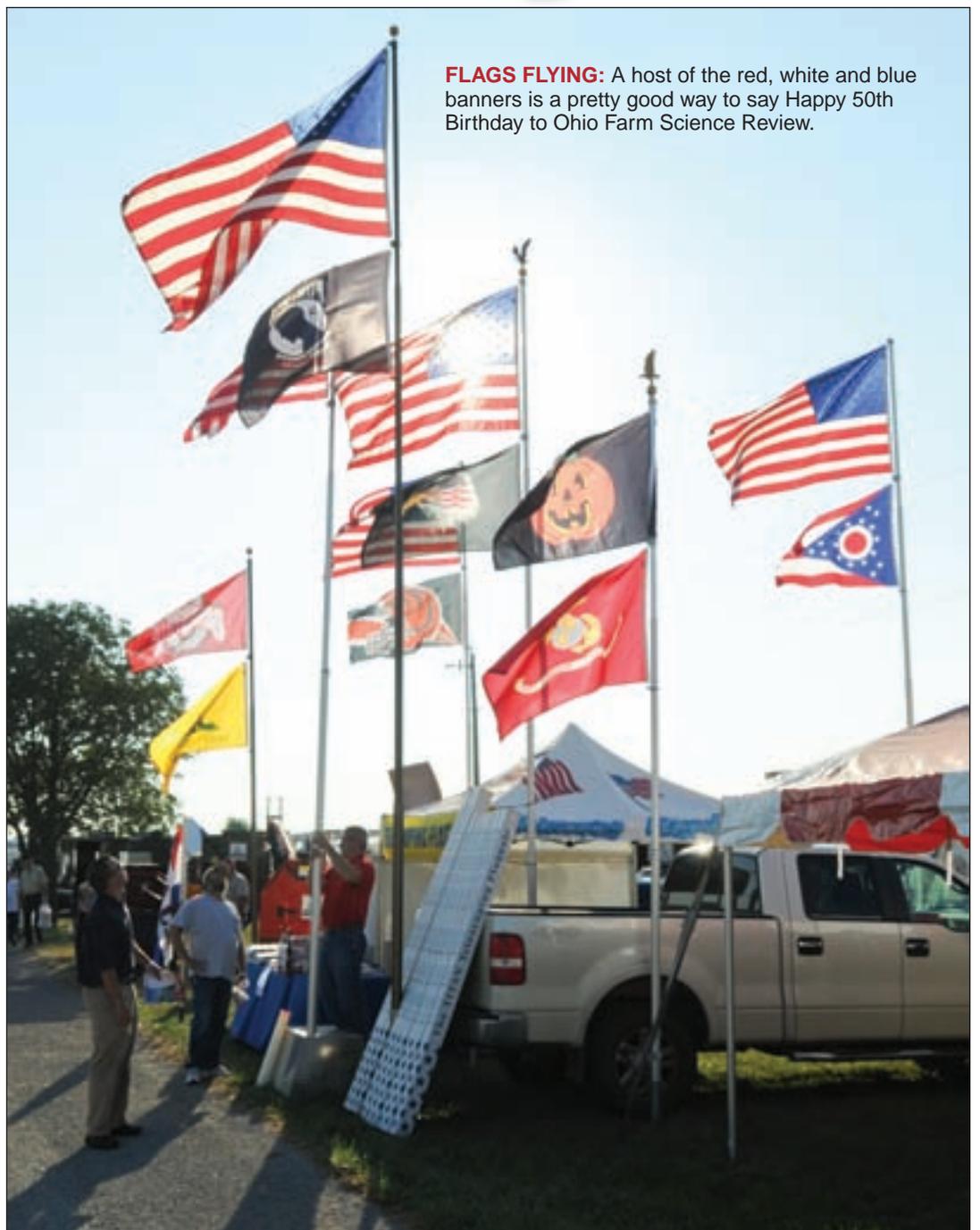
The Ohio Land Improvement Contractors have already been on-site improving the drainage in some fields. At the Gwynne Conservation Area, see how the Jawz tool can be added to a skid-steer to remove invasive species.

Also at the Gwynne Area, the results of an OSU survey of the Maumee watershed will be discussed during a presentation titled "Nutrient loss and water quality: A survey of farmer opinion," Sept. 18, at 11:30 a.m.

The show is about forecasting the future and what technology could be coming down the road in agriculture, as Gamble says, adding, "It's about bringing cutting-edge technology to farmers."

Farm Science Review pre-show tickets are \$5 at all OSU Extension county offices and at local agribusinesses. Tickets are \$8 at the gate. Children 5 and younger are admitted free. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18-19 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20.

■ **Look for the official Farm Science Review program inside.**



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