

**Ohio Agriculture is Cool!**  
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I always knew that agriculture was cool, but my trip to the Ohio State Fair showed me even more ways.

I knew that the milk I drink and the food I eat doesn't just come from the grocery store, it all originates on a farm. I was really amazed when I found out that a cow produces an incredible 1,120 glasses of milk every day. I'm also glad that I don't have to milk the cow myself, which I discovered is a lot of work.

I knew a big New York strip steak on my dinner plate would make me happy any day. What I didn't know is that the roads I ride on, the paper I use at school, the sporting equipment on my playground, and so many other things in my life are made from beef cattle bi-products.

I knew that freshly grown vegetables taste the best. That's why I'm growing my very own garden (which is really cool!) When we visited the horticulture building I learned how many different types of fresh produce Ohio farmers grow each year. I also learned how to protect my gigantic tomato plants from deer, rabbits and leaf cutter worms. Cool and helpful!

I knew that the corn and soybeans grown in Ohio are ingredients in lots of different things from snack foods and delicious Soy Joy bars to chocolate. But what I discovered is that both of these crops are also renewable energy sources that can fuel vehicles. How cool is that!

I knew that sheep produce food and also wool for clothing. But I had no idea that one pound of wool sheered from a sheep could be spun into more than one mile of yarn. Amazing!

What I discovered at the fair is not only to thank a farmer for producing food products on my dinner table, but for so much more. Ohio agriculture is so cool, because it's connected to almost everything that I use in my everyday life. And now I know why Ag is Cool.