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Great Lakes Expo Eval

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liked the commercial displays for regular fruit and veg and greenhouse starting - farm market great too

I love that the sessions are fluid- can come and go as I please depending on which sessions are most interesting to me. I appreciate the variety of educational sessions as well. I also really enjoyed the farm market portion of the expo- having the opportunity to taste products and observe the doughnut machine in action was also fun. I had a great time and thought things were well run. Perhaps my one suggestion would be on the parking- it wasn't clear that we should've gone through the middle gate at Lot 9- I ended up paying one day for parking, which wasn't a big deal, just maybe having the parking instructions more clear would be helpful for future years.

I got a lot of ideas from the booths in the exhibit hall. The farm stand area was also interesting.

I felt the growers' exhibit hall was well diversified, but the Farm Market exhibitor lineup could've been more imaginative. many of the vendors were offering the same stuff that's been out there for years.

Have Bridget back! Andy J was great - succession planning. You could have more vendors for the retail store

greatly enjoyed the vendors in the general area as well as the farm marketing area. also thought the seminar sessions were very beneficial

For the farm market, please remove the soap vendor from the food sources. The smell really overpowered the tasting of the foods that we wished to purchase for our on farm store. We really enjoyed talking with the equipment sales professionals. We were able to get a lot of our questions answered by very knowledgeable people.

A few of the apple speakers provided updates on issues the industry is facing today which is obviously important, however, much of the information shared was incomplete or lacked enough study time/sample size to paint an accurate picture of the issue. Clearly, it's a catch 22. We want to know what's happening with new and pressing problems, but we need more information to really leave armed with the information needed to make decisions. Not sure what the answer is here... The Farmer Market exhibit was really interesting and I'd love to see this built out even more. Specific agritourism sessions, more interactive displays, and perhaps more exhibitors like engineers, who can help farmers' ideas come to life.