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Great Lakes Expo Eval

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Trade show is amazing and was productive. Educational sessions very good. While Michigan has a very deep bench of excellent educators, it would be good to hear other presenters. We will be back!

This year was the most successful show for us as a group. We learned the most, made the most meaningful connections to growers, extension people, seed dealers etc. I think the speakers did a great service this year and we all came away excited about our business moving forward into the next season. I would say Hariclitus said it best. "A man never steps into the same river twice...". This show has opened doors and presented opportunities to us that we never could have dreamed of. Keep up the excellent work.

There is an imbalance of university research (same old)... and what is being presented, marketed, and researched @ the trade show (newer, biological approaches to farming)!

the trade show is enormously helpful. it is the main draw for me a couple years ago the expo partnered with the raspberry-bramble grower organizations and those sessions were very valuable.

The expo seems to be focused on larger operation than we are currently. We like to see more things for small farmers and an expanded high tunnel selection of sessions. We are organic would have liked to see more organic options available. The vendor side of things is always educational and beneficial. Loved the candy. Your website could be better. Too much scrolling required to find the sessions we were looking for. It would be nice if each presenter could have a outline of their presentation. The ones that did were helpful verify we were in the proper session to meet our farming practices,

More greenhouse classes. try and get more greenhouse trade show booths.

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

It was great. Lots of information and exhibitors.

Instead of having a 2-1/2 show on the floor leave show open longer on second day to 8:30 PM and on three day just finish the classes for the growers. Have a supper serviced on the second day like you do for the lunch. Third morning displays can be broken down and the floor show would only be two full days plus one longer evening.

I work for The Andersons. After spending a couple days visiting the trade show area, we would be interested in participating in the Trade Show in 2019. Would prefer a 10x10 or 10x20 more towards the center of the trade show if possible.

I took a number of students from my Agriculture Classes to be able to experience the equipment, and careers they could pursue with Agriculture knowledge, experience, and education. They spoke with numerous exhibitors about their products and learned a lot !

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.

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

Great, as always. In addition to the blueberry educational sessions, the trade show is extremely important to us.

Great Show, on Tuesday and Wednesday. It seems like the traffic for thursday is light because of the farm market day. Maybe you should shut down the main area and let vendors go by 10:00 AM

Great show, I usually learn as much on the trade floor as I do in the educational sessions. I could benefit from education on the effects of irrigation water on the ph of the soil and some recommendations on best practices to control (in my case) rise in soil ph.

Great show could have more on pesticides use and trade show is almost getting to big.

Great exhibitor turnout. I enjoyed the summer disease talks in apples.

great conference like how well the lunch was run nice diverse vendors. did not love the back gadget people accosting me to try their product great job overall

GLEXP0 really bring best Apple Growers together in a single place. Certainly, this fair helps buyers to find their best suited Fruits Growers.

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.

fewer packaging representatives

Enjoyed talking to the vendors.

Coming to the Expo helps to give me ideas to use on the garden & cash crops that we grow. I also like going thru the exhibitors, it was the largest that I have seen you have.

As a grower I am often looking to sell or buy a piece of used equipment. It would be nice if the Expo had a forum(web page, app page, etc) to be able to list anything they want to sell or buy for growers to be able to connect for a few days on. Thanks

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.