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## **Greene County Commission gears up for fourth annual Ag Tour**

The Greene County Commission, along with the Greene County MU Extension, city leadership, members of County departments and delegates from the community are gearing up for the fourth annual Greene County Ag Tour.

Made possible through a partnership with the MU Extension Center, this year's tour is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25. The tour will depart from the Commission offices at the Cox North Tower at 8:30 a.m. and will return around 4:30 p.m. Due to limited seating, the tour is not open to the public, but members of the media are invited to attend or conduct interviews at the tour stops.

"This tour is a great way to learn more about the various aspects of farming and agriculture that are so vital to Greene County," said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "Much of what we do here at the County, from planning and zoning to environmental resource management, has a connection to agriculture and this annual tour is just one way to view that firsthand."

The 2019 tour covers a wide range of ag-related topics, everything from cattle production to a dairy business. Tour stops include:

- **Wind Swept Farms in Willard**, participants will learn more about the production of ADCA registered Irish Dexter Cattle and Irish Dexter Gourmet Beef.
- **Agriculture Education, Willard High School**, will tour with FFA students and learn about the next generation of farming.
- **James D. Tucker Farm in Willard**, participants will gain education about one of the few wheat row crop farms in the area.
- **Sac River Stables in Springfield**, horse stables and training tour along with 4-H Club education. Lunch will also be served at this location.

- **Hiland Dairy in Springfield**, tour of the dairy production and ice cream tasting.

“We are pleased that this tour has become an event that the Commission and other community leaders look forward to each year,” said David Burton, county engagement specialist in community economic development with MU Extension. “The MU Extension works hard to create a well-rounded snapshot of the diversity of agriculture in the County and a tour that showcases this important part of our economy.”

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*Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.*

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