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Kasich says Ohio State Fair is the best

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COLUMBUS - Gov. John Kasich isn't calling the Ohio State Fair one of the best in the United States.

He's not settling for No. 2, either.

"We're the best darn fair in the entire country," Kasich said shortly before cutting the ceremonial ribbon marking the opening of the 158th State Fair on Wednesday. He added later, "You've got the Civil War encampment, the Budweiser horses, the butter cow, the corn wall, the 9/11 traveling memorial, fireworks, of course. You can sample Ohio wines and beers. The chocolate pig — I'm looking forward to that. Farm animals. And, of course, as you all know, we can milk a cow."

More than 800,000 people are expected to attend the 12-day event, which runs through Aug. 7 at the state fairgrounds north of downtown Columbus.

This year's fair will include nightly fireworks, free admission for fourth-graders and beer and wine sales. It also will include the mainstay livestock showings and fair competitions — upward of 31,000 entries were submitted in contests last year.

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Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Governor Opens Ohio State Fair

COLUMBUS, Ohio — At the ribbon cutting of the Ohio State Fair, Gov. John Kasich called the event the "best darned fair" in the country.

Kasich said that the fair's agricultural displays offer a chance to show that bread doesn't just appear in a grocery store.

Kasich rode a John Deere tractor with his two daughters, but told ONN's Denise Alex that he's not sticking with the tradition of sleeping in a barn like past governors.

"I'm going to do all the fair that I can today (Wednesday), but no staying in the barn for me. I need a nice soft bed so I can work hard for Ohio," said Kasich.

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Governor Says 'Agriculture Is Cool' At The State Fair

[COLUMBUS, Ohio](#) (AP) - [Gov. John Kasich](#) plans to show that [Ohio](#) agriculture is "cool" as he kicks off the State Fair today with a ribbon cutting and presentation of awards in an "Ag is Cool" student art contest.

[Kasich](#) and his family plan to tour the fairgrounds and show off Ohio's agriculture industry. The fair will host a number of interactive education stations highlighting agriculture in the state.

Among other attractions are an [energy-efficient adobe building](#), an authentic Civil War encampment, a petting zoo and a butter sculpture of a space shuttle and [astronaut](#).

Also Wednesday, as [Ohio](#) struggles with an 8.8 percent unemployment rate, the fairgrounds will feature a job fair hosted by the state [Department of Job](#) and Family Services the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corp.

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New State Highway Map introduced today at the Ohio State Fair

COLUMBUS - To kick-off opening day of the 2011 Ohio State Fair, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) revealed the new Ohio State Highway Map, which for the first time includes a QR code that allows smartphone and mobile device users instant access to real-time traffic information.

"This new map not only highlights many of Ohio's destinations, but gives motorists a helpful tool to get them to their destinations quickly and safely," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray, who was on hand for the occasion.

"Distributing the map at the fair has been a long standing tradition, and it is appropriate the new map should make its debut here."

State-issued highway maps began in Ohio in 1912, when the first copies were made available through the then Department of Highways. Since then the distribution of the map has become a regular and popular service to the general public.

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