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# FACT SHEET

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## Information regarding Delaware County Agricultural Society's pilot 5 year Hotel Bed Tax Proposal

The Delaware County Agricultural Society (DCAS) does not want to tax the hard working citizens of Delaware County. By implementing this law which was signed by Governor Kasich, the voters of Delaware County will have an opportunity to decide if a 5 year Pilot 3% hotel bed tax can be imposed on guests staying in Delaware County hotels. This document provides further information regarding the DCAS efforts to save the Delaware County Fair and The Little Brown Jug. Without much needed infrastructure improvements the future of these great events is uncertain.



- **Support:** Overwhelming support for hotel bed tax plan: Resolutions supporting DCAS efforts include -
  - Delaware County Commissioners,
  - City Council of Delaware,
  - Ohio Wesleyan University,
  - Farm Bureau of Delaware County,
  - Delaware Chamber of Commerce and many others including multiple townships
- Would generate roughly **\$200,000 annually**.
- **Not one dime** of this money would go to harness horses. It is earmarked for the infrastructure (roads, electrical upgrades, ADA restrooms, safety repairs to grandstand and storm sewers & **buildings**)
- **Don't be fooled by rumors:** If approved by voters the Hotel Bed Tax in Delaware County would be 6% in some areas and 9% in others. Remaining **below** Franklin County's 10%.
- The Delaware County Fair is **audited** by the State of Ohio every two years.
- **Bonds** could be issued against bed tax income to expedite repairs.
- Economic Impact Study conducted by Ohio Wesleyan University in 2008 show the Fairgrounds **generates over 6.5 million dollars to Delaware County's economy**.
- **Fair Board Members:** 21 elected volunteers make up the Delaware County Fair Board.
- The Little Brown Jug will be celebrating its **71st** year and the fair its 79th year in Delaware in 2016.
- Delaware has over **1,200 members in its 4-H program. Help secure their future!**
- Money will be collected by Delaware County.



May 2015 water main break.



***We don't want your tax dollars, just your support!***

**Let the voters  
decide March 15th  
2016**