

# Another Great Year for the WV Country Store

Once again, the West Virginia Country Store at the State Fair of West Virginia was a huge success! During the 10-day fair, thousands of people walked through the Gus R. Douglass Agriculture Annex. Some were there to browse, others to shop, but everyone took home a better idea of what West Virginia producers have to offer.

“It is evident the commitment to buying local continues to grow,” stressed Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “The total sales for the store came to \$67,178. Our WV Grown vendors and their increased participation has a lot to do with that success.”

Of the 40 vendors featured in the store, nearly all spent at least one day sampling their products. John Spangler, a Monroe County farmer and owner of Jumpin’ Johnny’s Popcorn, said the Country Store was a great place to get the word out about his product.

“It exposed my popcorn to a wider audience than just my local area because so many people travel from all over the state and the country to come to the fair,” he said.

The West Virginia Country Store will be back at the State Fair of West Virginia in 2019. We hope you’ll be back too!



