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The Wooster Area is the center of one of Ohio's finest agricultural and industrial regions. Long known for quality education and research, the area also is home for corporate offices and manufacturing facilities of leading businesses and industries, many of which are recognized in the following pages for their generous support of the 90th Annual Meeting of The Ohio Academy of Science.

Although the population is over 90,000, the area (Wayne County) is predominately rural with over 58% of the land in agriculture and 24% forested. Ranking fourteenth in size of land area among Ohio counties, Wayne County is served by four railroads, two airports and nearly 250 miles of highways.

By being located in the Glaciated Appalachian Plateau the area is well endowed with minerals derived from the underlying Mississippian and Pennsylvanian bedrock and the overlying glacial deposits from the Ice Age. Principal mineral production includes limestone, coal, sand and gravel, salt, clay, oil and natural gas.

Named an All-American City in 1974, Wooster, the county seat of Wayne County, is the largest city in the area. Wooster was founded in 1808 and named in honor of David Wooster, a Revolutionary War General. A balance of agriculture and industry combine to strengthen the local economy.

Other cities in the area with populations over 1,000 include Orrville, Rittman, Creston, Dalton, Doylestown, Shreve, Smithville and West Salem.

The Wooster Area is home for many companies. Principal products and services include paint brushes, cookware, seamless steel tubing, metal processors, housewares, corrugated containers, automotive products, hydraulic components, microphoto processing, and food products. There also are other secondary manufacturing companies.

The Wooster Area ranks third in the state in total cash receipts from farming - over $73 million per year. The area leads the state in dairy products and is fourth in income from cattle, fifth in poultry and eggs and second in potato production. Over 290,000 acres are in farmland.

Over $45 million is contributed annually to the area's economy from the budgets of five important institutions: The College of Wooster, The Ohio Agricultural
The Wayne County Courthouse was the first Wayne County entry in the National Register of Historical Places by the National Park Service. The Courthouse was begun in 1878 and the building is interesting in its uses of various types of architectural design in the French Renaissance in the southern portion and Victorian in the northern section. Student and interested group tours are available (phone 262-1841). Courthouse is open to the public 8:00-4:30, Monday through Friday. Photograph courtesy of The Daily Record.
Research and Development Center (OARDC), The Agricultural Technical Institute, Wayne General Technical College and Apple Creek State Institute.

The College of Wooster, the host of this meeting, is a leading liberal arts college. Over the years the College and many faculty and students have played an active role in shaping The Ohio Academy of Science. The same is true for OARDC. Since its founding in 1891 the Academy has enjoyed excellent support from the faculty and researchers at OARDC.

The Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) and Wayne General and Technical College help round out the Area's higher education offerings. The ATI provides one and two year curricula in agribusiness and is part of The Ohio State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

Wayne General and Technical College, located in Orrville, is a branch of the University of Akron. It was opened in 1973 to offer two year programs in Electronic Technology, Mechanical Technology, Secretarial Science and Commerce.

Apple Creek State Institute is a facility of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The Area's several public, parochial and private schools serve nearly 20,000 students. Libraries include six public, two post-secondary and one special. They house collections of nearly 500,000 volumes.
THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Madison Hill, south of Wooster, Route 250

This growing facility, a part of The Ohio State University, has a campus of 1,900 acres, with over 750 scientists and workers conducting experiments for the improvement of the world's plant and animal production. Open to visitors are the 115 acre Secrest Arboretum, research plots of lawn grasses, orchards, rose garden, and dairy, swine, sheep and turkey research units. Tour information: phone 264-1021. Photograph courtesy of OARDC.
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