

In the line of agricultural fairs Salem does not play a second part, but on the other hand, equals the best as a county exhibit. The fairs are held annually under the auspices of the Marion County Agricultural Fair Association. The officers are John W. Larimer, president and H. T. Sweeney, secretary. The grounds are in good condition and provided with all the necessary buildings and a splendid half mile track. It holds a membership in the State Fair Association and attracts considerable outside attention by the fine stock exhibits and general good display.

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