

Good Morning, my name is Ben Marshall and I'm with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Produce Safety Program.

Talking about our poster we definitely thought outside of the Box. We wanted to highlight one of the Amish communities we work with. Now you can see the poster here and read through step by step, but I thought it would be fun to again step outside the box to explain our poster and our work in Clark, MO to the tune of the Beverly Hillbillies. Now I'll say my coworkers have not heard this, the one that was going to do this is actually working on something else, so I may get fired after this, and I am NO singer, but here's our story of Clark and our contact there, Henry, who has been instrumental in getting us in front of others and working in the community.

Now let me tell you story about a man name Henry, a young Amish boy trying to keep his family fed, when he looked one day he was harvesting some food, and up from the road came a bumbling crew...in a white car that is, with state workers and some sort of inspectors talking about a RULE.

Well Henry came up and said howdy do, Ken and Adam said hey you harvesting food? Henry said yep let me show you what I do, and the next thing you know Henry was learning something new....cleaning and sanitizing, keeping records, water test, what this RULE is all about.

Well the next thing you know the word spread throughout and the others in the community said, hey come on out, so 30 OFRR's later and a little education and they all are excited about the new information...on safe food that is, now they are getting new buyers, excited about their food safety programs and knowing how to get all their questions answered.

So the story continues with many visits there, they say come on back till we know we can share, to others in the state with all that we do, what can you bring us so we can practice clean and safe food...swag we mean, Sanitizing buckets, animal contamination flags, record templates, water samples, exemption forms, self-evaluation forms and much much more

They opened up their doors to 400 of their friends, the Western Auction Meeting is where we did our demonstrations, it was full of questions and lots of opened eyes, so we took down name and addresses and we said we will catch you on the other side....scheduling more OFRR's across the state, farm visits and delivering donuts

So it's again out of the office and on our merry way, we say thanks to Clark for the story of today, now we live in our trucks and spread their story true, so on to the next farm where we hope they will learn something new.....going from no sense of food safety, to a great example of hard work and determination to be ready for the rule and safe food.

Even though we can **always be better**, they now have a sense of **what food safety is** and **why it's important** and we feel that is where we have helped and can continue to help **make a difference** with growers out there. It can be fixed in a day, but the reality is, it's a change in the way our growers do things and that takes **time, persistence and a willingness to WANT to change** and the Community of Clark Missouri is showing that willingness and working towards it.

So this is their story and we thought it was a good one to share.

Thank you