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Fair Enough

Well, the Lincoln County Fair is here this week... and right on schedule, so is the rain! It is so funny to me... we can be in the midst of the biggest drought in 75 years, but when the fair comes to town, we will suddenly have a week of unprecedented flooding!

When I was a kid growing up, I couldn't wait for the county fair to start in early September... but to me, it seemed like a rain cloud followed the fair around from town to town. I wish someone had statistics on how many times it had rained during Lincoln County Fair Week over the last 50 years or so. I think the statistics would be staggering! Yeah, I know it doesn't always rain during fair week, but sometimes it seems like it.

I remember on one occasion during my growing-up years, we were in the car on a family trip driving through some small far flung town many miles away. As I recall... we entered the town's city limits, noticed the fair was in their town, and further noticed it was raining. Interestingly, as we left the small town, the rain suddenly stopped. Some may say this was coincidence, but to me, this was just further confirmation of my theory that rain followed the fair -- no matter where the fair happened to be (even to far flung little towns).

I have often wondered why the powers-that-be don't just send the fair out to California or other drought-torn areas of the country to bring them immediate relief. But I guess that is why I am not in charge of such things.

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