

June 2025 Newsletter

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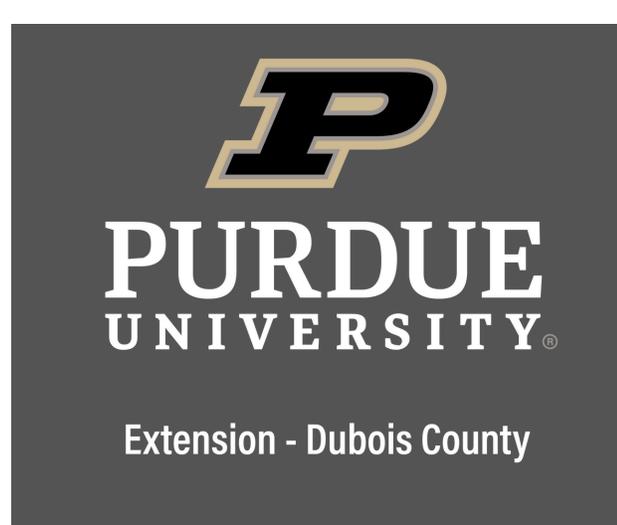
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2025
Dubois County 4-H



WHERE LEADERS ARE
GROWN

July 14-18, 2025

Keep track of everything fair with our
fair website

<https://duboiscountyfairgrounds.com/>

This is your one stop shop for the fair!
Schedule, Flyers, Volunteer sign up to
help with check in and judging, we will
also post the show bills on this site!

Keep up to date on our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/dubois>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us on in our new Story Garden!

July 16, 2025

9-11 AM EST

At the Dubois County 4-H Fair

This will be a fun, interactive event that includes a craft, story, a tour around the fair grounds, and a meet and greet with some farm animals!

The Story Garden is a place for kids to use their senses while the play and learn about the garden.

Stocked with educational books and activities about gardening, farming, and farm animals; it is a wonderful place to sit and read or play with your child.

The Story Garden will be open to the public throughout the week during the Dubois County 4-H Fair.



STORY GARDEN

BECOME A PRESERVATION PRO

June 27th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

DC Health Dept Education Room

Ideal for youth in grades 3-12



Learn all about freezing, drying, pickling, jams & jellies
Each participant leaves with something!

Products can be submitted into the 4-H fair

Sign up for this exciting event in 4-H Online
<https://v2.4honline.com>

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Health and
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How Can HHS Help You?



Money



Food and Nutrition



Family



Healthy Communities



I created a quick survey to gather input about future programs that people would enjoy seeing. Please follow this link.

bit.ly/HHSSurvey23

If you're seeking a presenter for your group or organization in regards to food, nutrition or other wellness topics, reach out. Chances are we can help!

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PARENTS FOREVER

****This course is appropriate for adults only. Please make childcare arrangements.**



to register,
visit bit.ly/ParentsForeverIN
or scan the QR code



**Financial
assistance may be
available**

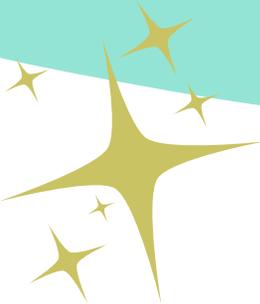
BOOK DRIVE

The Purdue University Dubois County Extension Office is looking for book donations!
We are looking for your favorite new or gently used books about gardening, farming, and farm animals.
Book donations can be dropped off at our office or sent to P.O. Box 588 Jasper, IN 47547



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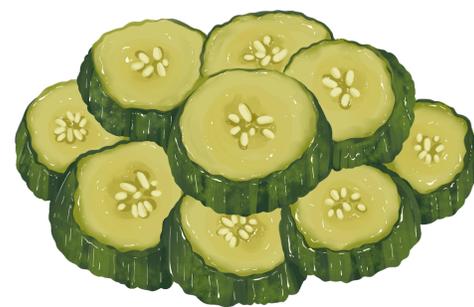
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Weed Laws and the Dubois County Noxious Weed Board

As the planting season wraps up in Dubois and surrounding counties, landowners and managers are reminded that now is the time to complete weed eradication efforts on any noxious weeds on their properties. Not only does control make sense economically for better crops and higher yields, but it is also a requirement for landowners under Indiana law.

Indiana Code (IC) 15-16-8 law states that a person owning or possessing real estate in Indiana must control noxious weeds on property they own or manage by cutting or mowing and, if necessary, by plowing, cultivating, smothering or using chemicals in the bud state of growth or earlier, to prevent detrimental plants from maturing. Named specifically in the law as noxious plants in need of control are Canada thistle, Johnson grass, poison hemlock, Columbus grass, bur cucumber, shattercane, common waterhemp, marestail, Palmer amaranth, rough pigweed, and smooth pigweed.



Individuals not attempting to control these weeds are notified by the Weed Board upon complaint or observation of the need to control the spread of these weeds, and, if no actions are taken, the Weed Board is empowered to control the weeds themselves with costs passed on through the landowner's county taxes.

Charged with enforcing this law in Dubois County are the following individuals and their respective positions: Don Lueken (Chairman), County Highway Department; Patrick Eckerle, Soil & Water Conservation District; James Meyer, Township Trustee; Mark Hochgesang, Agricultural Interest; and Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension. Individuals with official complaints about noxious weeds may complete and file the complaint form found at:
https://www.duboiscountyin.org/departments/county_noxious_weed_board.php

Soil Testing is Foundation for Success in Lawns

With Spring just around the corner, homeowner thoughts are turning to this summer's gardens. For best vegetable yields, gardeners should consider routine soil tests to insure that their plants have the right nutrients available and in the correct amounts.

For folks wanting to soil samples for their garden, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at ph. (812)482-1782 to schedule a garden visit and soil test. As part of Dubois County's "Dig-It!" Program run through our SWCD, Purdue Extension can help provide one free garden soil test to local residents.



Results and follow-up visit will provide the owner with specific fertilizer and liming suggestions based on the submitted test results and intended plant use for the garden. (Results are laboratory done and much better than the questionable results we've sometimes seen from inaccurate store-bought "quick kits").

Spring Vegetable Planting Calendar

Earliest Ranges of Dates for Spring Planting of Select Vegetables in Dubois County

Asparagus	Mar 15-Apr 15	Onion(1)	Mar 15- Apr 10
Bean, Lima	May 1 - June 20	Onion seed	Mar 15- Apr 1
Bean, Snap	Apr 25- June 30	Onion sets	Mar 10- Apr 1
Beet	Mar 20- June 1	Parsley	Mar 20- Apr 20
Broccoli	Mar 25- Apr 20	Parsnip	Mar 20- Apr 20
Brussels sprout	Mar 25- Apr 20	Peanut	May 5- June 1
Cabbage	Mar 10- Apr 1	Pea garden	Mar 10- Apr 10
Carrot	Apr 1- May 15	Pea, black-eye	May 10- June 15
Cauliflower	Mar 15- Apr 20	Pepper(1)	May 10- June 1
Celery	Apr 10- May 1	Potato	Mar 15- Apr 10
Chard	Apr 1- June 15	Pumpkin	May 10- June 15
Chervil and Chives	Mar 10 - Apr 10	Radish	May 10- June 1
Chicory	June 15- July 1	Rhubarb (1)	Mar 10- Apr 10
Collard	Mar 10- June 1	Rutabaga	Mar 20- May 1
Cornsalad	Feb 15- Apr 15	Salsify	Mar 20- May 1
Corn Sweet	Apr 15-June 15	Shallot	Mar 15- Apr 15
Cress, upland	Mar 20- May 1	Sorrel	Mar 15- May 1
Cucumber	May 1 - June 15	Soybean	May 10- June 20
Eggplant	May 10- June 1	Spinach	Mar 1- Apr 15
Endive	Mar 25- Apr 15	Spinach New Zealand	May 1-June 15
Fennel, Florence	Mar 25- Apr 15	Squash	May1- June 15
Garlic	Mar 10- Apr 1	Sweet potato	May 10- June 10
Horseradish	Mar 20- Apr 20	Tomato	May 5- June 10
Kale	Mar 20- Apr 10	Turnip	Mar 10- Apr 1
Kohlrabi	Mar 20- May 1	Watermelon	May 1- June 15
Leek	Mar 15- Apr 15		
Lettuce head	Mar 20- Apr 15		
Lettuce leaf	Mar 20- May 15		
Muskmelon	May 1- June 1		
Mustard	Mar 20- May 1		
Okra	May 1- June 1		

(1) Plants (transplant instead of direct seeding on indicated dates)

(2) Generally fall-planted

(3) Substitute turnips in Dubois County

— No information available

Source: *Growing Vegetables in the Home Garden, USDA Bulletin 202.*



Pasture Ecology



SOUTHERN INDIANA PURDUE AG CENTER DUBOIS, INDIANA

11371 E. Purdue Farm Rd | Dubois, IN 47527

\$40 person per event

June 18, 2025
9:00am - 4:30pm EDT

Pastures are not a just one-dimensional system used to support grazing livestock. Healthy pastures are full of life both above the soil surface, and below the soil surface. In this day long pasture ecology class, we will look at the entire pasture system and all the life it supports above and below the growing forage.

Topics Covered will Include

Soil Science, Water Infiltration,
Soil Health, Plant ID, Dung
Beetles, Root Structures, Bird and
Grassland Interaction, Toxic Plants

Direct questions to towerj@purdue.edu or 812-678-4427

Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
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Register Online under the events tab

www.indianabeef.org
www.indianaforage.org

Mail-in Registration: IBCA 8425 Keystone Crossing, Suite 240 Indianapolis, IN 46240

Full Name: _____

Circle if member of - IBCA IFC

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment Type: Credit Card or Check **\$40/day/person**

Address: _____

Credit Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, Discover)

City: _____ Total enclosed _____

Credit Card # _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Expiration Date ___/___/___ CV Code _____

Please make checks payable to **Indiana Beef Cattle Association**
8425 Keystone Crossing, Suite 240 Indianapolis, IN 46240

If accommodations are needed please contact 812-678-4427.

Registration closes June 10th

2ND ANNUAL HIKE & LEARN

JUNE
07

Join the Patoka Lake Steering Committee & Hoosier National Forest for a Hike & Learn in celebration of National Trails Day! This FREE event will host several partners and cover many aspects of water quality and forest health. Short, guided hikes as well as booth activities will be available for all ages.

8AM-
NOON

JASPER FARMER'S MARKET



Located at:
100 Third Ave, Jasper, IN 47546

Guided hikes to be led at the Jasper Riverwalk during the event. Stay tuned for times and more information!



Although the planned activities may seem mild, always take precautions when exploring the outdoors such as bringing water, wearing sun protection & proper footwear.





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**Youth
 Development
 4-H**


**2025
 Dubois County 4-H**



We are all looking forward to the 2025 Dubois County 4-H Fair! It is one month away. The 4-H Fair takes place July 14-18. Please read entire newsletter to learn about changes for this year, how to get involved, when events take place and more.

Thank you,
 Lauren Fenneman

Keep track of everything fair with our fair website
<https://duboiscountyfairgrounds.com/>
 This is your one stop shop for the fair! Schedule, Flyers, Volunteer sign up to help with check in and judging, we will also post the show bills on this site!



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4-H Band Group

Dubois County 4-H Band App Page - To assist in learning about upcoming events, sign ups and more we are going to utilize the 4-H Band page as an additional resource.

This is an opt in and you will still get the information via 4-H Online, Purdue Extension Facebook Page and email.

<https://band.us/n/adaaA2B4zd668ding>

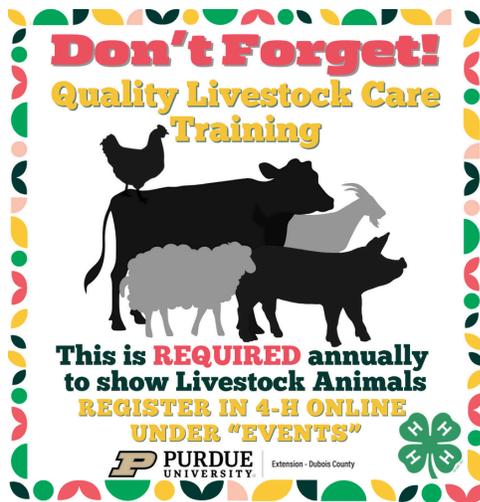


CHANGES for 2025

Computer- Please keep a lookout for an email on final information on when to turn the project in. Depending on judge it might be early judged or can be turned in with the rest of the projects.

**Exhibit Buildings - To help with traffic flow and to make sure every project can shine.
 PROJECT LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED.**

Quality Livestock Care Trainings



To exhibit BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H.

Members must be registered BEFORE attending a training at <https://25dubois4HQLCtraining.4honline.com>

Members may attend any training dates listed, OR a training in another county, OR complete the online YQCA training

July 1st Proof of Completed Certificates due
Last Chance!!!

• June 18, 5:30- 7:00PM Clover Pavilion, Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds

Important Reminders

Mini 4-H Liability Waiver -

Mini 4-H (Grades K-2) members that will be exhibiting livestock at the 2025 Dubois County 4-H Fair must complete this waiver. If you have difficulties, paper copy is still accepted. Please complete this by check in of 4-H Fair. For directions and a copy of the Mini 4-H liability waiver go here:

<https://25duboismini4hanimalliability.4honline.com>

Premise ID Information -

Premise ID is required for any 4-H livestock animal (beef, dairy, goat, rabbit, sheep, and swine) that will be exhibited and entered in the food system. It provides the information needed to trace the animal from processing back to the farm to ensure a safe food system and necessary biosecurity.

If there were animals on the property beforehand, then you will need to check if there is a premise id already assigned. To check to see if there is an existing Premise ID email animalid@boah.in.gov (Include your name and physical address in the email.)

To obtain a new Premise ID please go here <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration/> and you can complete an online form. It will ask you questions about what animals will be on the property but there is a spot that you can select 4-H as the reason animals will be located on the property.

4-H Electric Project Members -

Supplies for the project can be purchased online at EE in a box and link to the 4-H Project Ideas is here: <https://shop.eeinabox.com/category.sc?categoryId=90> You also can purchase the parts yourself at any electrical supply store

July 1-

Proof of Completed Youth for the Quality Care of Animals or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Certificates due to be eligible for animal shows (Livestock animals. No quality care certificate needed for cat, dog, horses, llamas and alpacas, and small pets)

June 23rd -

FairEntry due to receive project labels and have a smooth check in

Upcoming Events



CALLING ALL MERMAIDS AND PIRATES TO MINI 4-H CAMP!

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE 4 H'S:
HEAD, HEART, HANDS, & HEALTH
WHILE GOING ON A PIRATES ADVENTURE!

THE DAY WILL END IN WITH A DEEP DIVE TO THE SPLASH ZONE
SO A TOWEL AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IS RECOMMENDED!

SIGN UP HERE BEFORE SLOTS CLOSE UP!
SEE YOU THERE MATES!

JUNE 19, 2025
8AM TO 12PM
DUBOIS COUNTY CLOVER PAVILLION



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**TIME TRAVELER'S TOOLKIT:
EXPLORING ANCESTRY**




A workshop for all levels! Learn more about the Genealogy Room at the Jasper Public Library. Add to your toolkit to complete your ancestry.

TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2025	FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM	JASPER PUBLIC LIBRARY 100 THIRD AVE SUITE B JASPER, IN 47546
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REGISTER : [HTTPS://DUBOIS4HTIMTRAVELERSTOOLKIT.4HONLINE.COM](https://dubois4htimetravelerstoolkit.4honline.com)



FREE

Geared for youth Grades 3-12.

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IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT LAUREN FENNEMAN PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 812-482-1782 OR LHAASE@PURDUE.EDU BY MAY 27, 2025.



Power Operator Contest – June 6th starts at 6:00 pm in the Clover Pavilion. Registration 5:45 pm. Sign up in 4-H Online.



Dubois County 4-H Junior Leaders

4-H members in grades 7-12 the opportunity to provide their Adult 4-H Volunteers with additional assistance in their 4-H Clubs and related activities while serving as mentors and role models to the younger 4-H members by sharing their experiences with them.

The **RESPONSIBILITY** of leadership, the **CHALLENGE** of assisting others, and the **OPPORTUNITY** to expand your personal experiences best sums up the objectives of the Junior Leader project.

If you are unable to make all the meetings that is fine. Please make it too as many as possible.

- June 9th – 7 pm, Disc Golf, Meet at Clover Pavilion.
- July 7th – 7 pm, Clover Pavilion meet, Exhibit Building cleanup for 4-H Fair
- September 8th – 7 pm, Clover Pavilion – 2025-2026 club year planning

4-H Volunteer Corner

4-H Fair Volunteer Info Session – June 26th from 7:00 – 8 pm in Clover Pavilion. Wish to volunteer at the Dubois County 4-H Fair and don't know what to do? Come to learn the ins and outs of the 4-H Fair and where we could use your help. To sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch>

Save the Date future Adult Leader Meetings:

- June 10th – 6:30 pm, Clover Pavilion



Upcoming Events

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Youth
Development
4-H


June

- 1-24: Enter 4-H Fair exhibits in Fair Entry,
- 2 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Clover Pavilion Office
- 5 County Petroleum Power Operator Contest, 6:00 pm, Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds
- 9 Junior Leader Meeting, 7 pm, Dubois County Clover Pavilion, Disc Golf
- 11 Adult Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Farm Bureau Building on 4-H Fairgrounds
- 11-13 4-H Academy at Purdue, Grades 9-12, Purdue University
- 18 Quality Livestock Care Training, 5:30 pm, Clover Pavilion
- 19 Mini 4-H Summer Break Camp, Grades K-2, 8:30 am -12, Clover Pavilion
- 21-23 4-H Band Workshop, Grades 9-12, Purdue University
- 21-23 4-H Chorus, Grades 9-12, Purdue University
- 23 FairEntry due to pick up Project Labels early, duboiscounty-indiana.fairentry.com
- 23 Hay Coring, 3-6 pm, Clover Pavilion
- 23-25 4-H Round-Up, Grades 7-9, Purdue University
- 26 Project Label and Supply Pickup Night, CP, 5:00-7:00 pm
- 26 FairEntry and Volunteer Training for Dubois County 4-H Fair, 7:00 pm, Clover Pavilion
- 27 Preservation Pro, 9 am - 4 pm, Dubois County Health Department
- 28 Area Tractor Operator Contest, Gibson County
- 29 Fashion Revue and Verbal Communications, 1:30 pm, Jasper High School Auditorium
- 30 Early Judged Projects Creative Writing and Genealogy Due, 4 pm, Purdue Extension office



July

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- 4 FairEntry due to receive project labels and smooth check in, duboiscounty-indiana.fairentry.com
- 7 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Clover Pavilion Office
- 7 Junior Leader Exhibit Building Cleanup, 7 pm, Clover Pavilion
- 8 Project label Pickup Night, 5-8 pm, Farm Bureau Building
- 8 Livestock Pen Selection 6 pm and Informational meeting, 7 pm, Show Corral
- 9 Adult Leader Grandstand Cleanup, 6:30 pm, Grandstand Food Stand Clean Up
- 10 Project Check In, 5:30-7 pm, Fairgrounds
- 11 Project Check In and Community Judging, 5:30-7 pm, Fairgrounds
- 12 Closed Project Judging, Exhibit Buildings
- 12 Horse and Pony Check In, 4-6 pm, Horse Barn
- 13 Animal Project Check In except Horse and Pony

JULY 14-18: 2025 Dubois County 4-H Fair

August

- 3 Strassenfest Parade, Jasper, IN
- 1-17 2025 Indiana State Fair, Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, Indianapolis
(Closed Mondays)





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