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## Stakeholder Notification

### **Randolph County Indiana Declared a Natural Disaster Area Indiana Counties of Delaware, Henry, Jay and Wayne Eligible as Contiguous Counties**

Agricultural producers in Delaware, Henry, Jay, Randolph, and Wayne counties who lost property due to recent natural disasters are eligible for physical loss loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers these loans for losses caused by the tornado, high winds, hail and excessive rain that occurred on March 14, 2024.

FSA is offering these low-interest emergency loans to producers with a qualifying loss. Approval is limited to applicants who suffered severe physical losses only, including the loss of buildings and livestock. The deadline for producers in designated primary and contiguous counties to apply for loans for physical losses is November 29, 2024.

**Impacted Area:** Indiana, Ohio

**Triggering Disaster:** Tornado, High Winds, Hail and Excessive Rain on March 14, 2024

**Application Deadline:** November 29, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Randolph

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**  
Indiana – Delaware, Henry, Jay, and Wayne

Ohio – Darke County

Physical loss loans can help producers repair or replace damaged or destroyed physical property essential to the success of the agricultural operation, including livestock losses. Examples of property commonly affected include essential farm buildings, fixtures to real estate, equipment, livestock, perennial crops, fruit and nut bearing trees, and harvested or stored crops and hay.

Please contact FSA for more information on loan eligibility and the application process. FSA office information is available at [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-center-locator). Additional FSA disaster assistance program information is available at [disaster.fsa.usda.gov](https://disaster.fsa.usda.gov).

#### **More Resources**

On [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov), the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).



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## Pond Clinic

Learn best practices in managing your pond's vegetation, fish stocking and management, and nuisance wildlife control

May 9th at 6 pm  
Frank Merry Park  
18505 N County Rd. 550 E  
Dunkirk, IN 47336

Register by calling 260-726-4707

Purdue is an equal opportunity/access institution.

# COMPOSTING & UPCYCLING FUN!

May 13 • 6 PM

At the Jay County Public Library



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**Register by calling the Jay County Public Library at 260-726-7890 or visit the Jay County Public Library to reserve your spot today!**



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

# *Deborah Coleman's Retirement!*

WHO: EVERYONE THAT LOVES DEB

WHAT: AN OPEN HOUSE FOR DEB

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 21 FROM 4:30-6:30 PM

WHERE: EL CAMINO REAL, PORTLAND

WHY: BECAUSE 44 YEARS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION!

\*YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR YOUR OWN BILL

**Join the Ag Week Committee!**

**All are welcome, just show up to  
our next meeting at the Farm  
Bureau office in Portland on  
May 31st at noon!**



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**Location: 4-H Pioneer Building 411  
Patriot Blvd Liberty, IN 47353**

**Monday, June 17, 2024  
6:00 PM**

The culture through crops program allows participants to tour Central America through its agriculture, and culture. We end the night with authentic cuisine demonstration and tasting.

**Cost \$25 for class and meal**

Enroll at: <https://tinyurl.com/corntortillatasting>

**Call (765) 458-5055 for assistance**



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**The Purdue Extension office at 126 N Meridian St. will be closed Friday, June 28th through July 16th. You will find us at the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall Office. Hours may vary.**

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**\*\*\*\*\*PARP\*\*\*\*\***

**If you need to get your PARP license and need one of the manuals to study (CORE or any of the categories), please call the Jay County Purdue Extension office at 260-726-4707 so you can borrow a manual for free!**



# FARMERS WANTED!

*Are you a farmer over the age of 65? If so, we need your help!*

We are studying mood/emotions and daily physical activity. All **farmers age 65+ of any activity level** are encouraged to participate!



## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

WEAR A WRIST-WORN ACTIVITY TRACKER FOR 8 DAYS



COMPLETE ONE SURVEY & ACTIVITY LOG



RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD AT COMPLETION



Contact  
US



For more information contact:  
**Anna Forster PhD, RN**

**Email:** [akforste@iu.edu](mailto:akforste@iu.edu)

**Call:** (812) 343-9587

# 2024 OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Information Form

- WHAT:** An OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program designed to collect and dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) is being sponsored by the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC). This disposal service is free of charge up to 250 pounds per participant. Over 250 pounds there will be a \$3.00 per pound charge. This is a great opportunity for you to legally dispose of unwanted products at little or no cost.
- WHO:** All public and private schools, golf courses, nurseries, farmers, ag dealers, public, cities, towns, municipalities and county units of government or others receiving this notice are eligible to participate.
- WHEN:** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Local Time
- WHERE:**
- August 13, 2024: Keystone Cooperative – Porter County  
210 East 400 South Valparaiso, Indiana 46383
  - August 14, 2024: NISWMD – Steuben County  
2320 West 800 South Ashley, Indiana 46705
  - August 15, 2024: Becks Foundation Seed Facility – Tipton County  
6159 West 550 North Sharpsville, Indiana 46068
  - August 20, 2024: Premier Ag – Daviess County  
11815 US-50 Loogootee, Indiana 47553
  - August 21, 2024: Kova Fertilizer – Decatur County  
1330 N. Anderson St. Greensburg, Indiana 47240
  - August 22, 2024: Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
1900 E. Main St. Danville, Indiana 46122
- HOW:** Complete the enclosed Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Participant Form to the best of your ability. Mail, fax or e-mail the completed form to Nathan Davis at 765-494-4331 or [cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu](mailto:cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu) no later than Fri., August 9, 2024. Questions may be directed to Nathan at 765-494-7108. Then bring your leak free and safe to transport containers to the collection site. DO NOT mix materials.

**\*\*\*Empty pesticide containers will not be accepted, please follow label directions for proper disposal of empty pesticide containers\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Bulk containers not documented on form will not be accepted\*\*\***

# 2024 OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Participant Form

I have the following pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) to bring to the OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program. I understand that there will be no charge for disposal of up to 250 pounds of pesticides per participant.

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable) (Add Multiple Branches on Back)

Please indicate at which location you will be participating.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Porter County – August 13  | <input type="checkbox"/> Daviess County – August 20   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steuben County – August 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Decatur County – August 21   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tipton County – August 15  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hendricks County – August 22 |

\*\*\*Empty pesticide containers will not be accepted, please follow label directions for proper disposal of empty pesticide containers\*\*\*

\*\*\*Please advise below if bringing container sizes 55 gallons or above (Drum, Mini Bulk), bulk containers not documented on form will not be accepted\*\*\*

List of pesticide products to be disposed:

1. Trade Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Solid \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds  Liquid \_\_\_\_\_ Gallons  Aerosol  
Drum or Mini Bulk?  Drum (# of Drums) \_\_\_\_\_  Mini Bulk (# of Mini Bults)

2. Trade Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Solid \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds  Liquid \_\_\_\_\_ Gallons  Aerosol  
Drum or Mini Bulk?  Drum (# of Drums) \_\_\_\_\_  Mini Bulk (# of Mini Bults)

3. Trade Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Solid \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds  Liquid \_\_\_\_\_ Gallons  Aerosol  
Drum or Mini Bulk?  Drum (# of Drums) \_\_\_\_\_  Mini Bulk (# of Mini Bults)

RETURN BY August 9, 2024, to Nathan Davis, at [cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu](mailto:cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu) OR 765-494-4331 (fax). Questions may be directed to Nathan at 765-494-7108. Additional pesticide products to be disposed of may be listed on the back of this form or a separate sheet.

# Soil Health Assessment Project



## Want a FREE soil health assessment?

### *A new project at Purdue can help you!*

A USDA-funded project, led by the Purdue Agroecology Lab, is working to measure soil health across the state on organic and transitioning farms.

#### **You may qualify for a free soil health assessment if:**

- You are a certified organic farmer of any type (grain, specialty crops, pasture/hay, etc.)
- Your farm (of any type) is in the three-year organic transition period

By participating in this project, you will receive a prepaid sampling kit from the Purdue team. You will use this kit to mail soil samples from your farm back to us for comprehensive assessment. Results will be shared in early 2025.

#### **Your soil health assessment will provide both your farm and the research team with the following information:**

- Comprehensive soil health data for your farm includes metrics such as soil organic matter, pH, soil fertility (available P, K, S, etc.), cation exchange capacity, water holding capacity, and soil health indicators such as microbial biomass, enzyme activities, potentially mineralizable C and N, soil protein, etc.
- A report of the soil health status of organic farms across Indiana
- Research on how various organic management practices impact soil health in Indiana

#### **If you'd like to participate, please reach out to:**

Dr. Yichao Rui at [ruiy@purdue.edu](mailto:ruiy@purdue.edu) / 608-772-9278

## How many PARP points do you have?



**Office of Indiana State Chemist**

**1st** Go to [oisc.purdue.edu](http://oisc.purdue.edu)

**2nd** Click on "My Records" - gold bar across the top

**3rd** Click on "Applicator Login" - down the left side at the bottom.

**4th** You will be prompted to enter your first & last name and the last four digits of your social security number. You will be taken to a page with all of your information concerning your license.

\*Reminder: every five years you need to earn three points. Once you have your three credits and prior to your license expiring you must reapply by sending in the appropriate form and \$20 to activate your license.

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<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/jay/>



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# SAVE THE DATE

## Davis Purdue Ag Center (DPAC) Field Day



**Thursday, August 29, 2024**  
**7:30 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**6230 SR-1 Farmland, IN 47340**



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If you would like to receive timely updates by email, please contact Emily Kring at 260-726-4707 or email [ekring@purdue.edu](mailto:ekring@purdue.edu). Likewise, if you are moving and need to change your address, please contact us so you don't miss any issues.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in our programs, prior to the meeting, contact Emily Kring at (260) 726- 4707