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Why is the produce from my garden cracking?

The age old phrase “waste not, want not” lives on and you can still enjoy the cracked fruits of your labor. However, if you’re looking to enter your harvest in the county fair next year, research shows there are multiple factors that must be considered in order to avoid cracked produce.

Genetics, environmental conditions (water availability, extreme temperatures, intense sun exposure, day/night temperature fluctuation, and high humidity), and nutrient availability effect the cracking of fruit. Certain nutrient deficiencies—particularly in boron, potassium, calcium, and zinc—have also been linked to increased fruit cracking.

Testing your soil to manage nutrient balances, choosing cultivars that are less likely to crack, being aware of water uptake in plants, and applying shade can prevent cracking.

*Note: over-applying or applying extended shade decreases photosynthesis which can decrease yield and effect quality.

Even though your cracked fruits may not win at the county fair, they are still worthy of being used as toppings for tacos, sliced up and salted for a snack, or canned to be enjoyed later. Keep growing!



BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

*Paint a barn quilt and
learn about its history*

Choose your session:



**August 9th, 9 am to 4 pm
Union County Fairgrounds**

- Questions? 765-458-5055



**October 4th, 9 am to 4 pm
Madison County Fairgrounds**

- Questions? 765-641-9514

\$60 COST INCLUDES:

- **Lunch**
- **Barn quilt materials**

Create your own colorful 2' x 2' geometric masterpiece while learning about the history of Barn Quilts and the benefits of hobbies for reducing stress!

Scan the QR Code or Register through the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/d68zx4my>



DAVIS PURDUE AG CENTER FIELD DAY

AUGUST 26, 2025

7:30 am Check In

Program 8:00am to 1:00 pm

6230 IN-1, Farmland, IN 47340

Speakers and Topics

Tar Spot Update - Darcy Telenko

Biological Residue Breakdown of Cornstalks - Brittane Bertram & Jessica Thurman

Grain Bin Entrapment - Travis Nicholson

Weed Management - Tommy Butts

Combine Technology - Adam Shanks

OISC Regulatory Update - Leo Reed



CCA Credits Available

Nutrient Management 0.5

Integrated Pest Management 1

Professional Development 1

Sustainability 0.5

PARP Credits - 1

To Register

Call Purdue Extension Randolph County

Office 765-584-2271 or email

aalka@purdue.edu.

Last day to register Friday, August 15, 2025

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Amy Alka at aalka@purdue.edu by August 1, 2025

CCH Credits available:

1-Agricultural Pest Management (3)

11-Aerial Application (2)

14-Fertilizer Certification (1)

2-Forest Pest Control (1)

3A-Ornamental Pest Management (1)

3B-Turf Pest Management (1)

4-Seed Treatment (1)

5-Aquatic Pest Management (1)

6-Industrial Weed Management (1)

7A-Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health Related Pest Management (1)

7B-Termite Control (1)

7D-Fumigation (1)

8-Community-Wide Mosquito Management (1)

RT-Registered Technician (3)

FARMERS AND FAMILIES, JOIN US FOR OUTSIDE THE TRACTOR

**SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 6 PM
BUBP BUILDING AT THE JAY CO. FAIRGROUNDS**

- ✓ **FREE DINNER: BBQ CHICKEN**
- ✓ **DOOR PRIZES**
- ✓ **LOCAL FARMER PANEL**
- ✓ **INFLATABLES FOR THE KIDS**

**FARM SERVICE, LEGAL, FINANCIAL,
MEDICAL BOOTHS WANTED!**

***IF YOU ATTEND THIS EVENT AND THE REMC
FARMER SUPPER ON 9/11, YOU'LL BE ENTERED
TO WIN A \$50 CHAMBER GIFT CARD!***

**RSVPS PREFERRED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE
260-726-4707**

COURTESY OF THE AG WEEK COMMITTEE

TRAILER BACKING

Skill Building Workshop



Women in Agriculture

Date: September 9th, 6-8 pm

Cost: \$20

Location: Gravel Lot next to the
Bob Schmit Memorial Building,
Jay Co. Fairgrounds

Please **RSVP** by Sept 8th by
following this link or the QR
Code:

bit.ly/JayCoTrailerBacking

Register
Here



JAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

806 E. VOTAW STREET
PORTLAND, IN 47371

DINNER INCLUDED

Join us for a hands-on event designed to empower and educate attendees in the art of backing up a trailer. Whether you're seasoned at it, or just starting out, mastering this skill is essential.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner.

Cash or checks can be mailed to 126 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371 or pay the day of the event.

Questions? Contact Emily Kring, Jay County ANR Educator
260-726-4707 or ekring@purdue.edu

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FARMERS' SAFETY SUPPER

THIS EVENT IS FREE!



- September 11, 2025
- Jay County REMC: 484 S 200 W, Portland
- 5:30pm to 7:00pm

WE ARE INVITING FARMERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY TO A FREE MEAL AND SAFETY PRESENTATION. WE WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS FROM JAY COUNTY REMC LINEMEN DISCUSSING THE DANGERS OF POWER LINES AND SAFE WORK PRACTICES. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A DEMONSTRATION BY THE PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF WHEN WORKING AROUND GRAIN BINS.

Space for this event is limited!
You can RSVP by calling us at
260-726-7121, emailing us at
nicholsc@jayremc.com, or by scanning the QR
code provided.



**RSVP BY
AUGUST 28**

Forestry Tour

Sept. 20th, 2025

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Learn forest management techniques to regenerate oak and improve growth of young stands

\$10, Includes lunch

Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/476t4rdv>



Topics:

Oak management techniques

How to select and release crop trees

How to ID and manage oak wilt

Purdue Miller Property, Grant County

1st Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/N5KzT8jQpoTJp55m6>

2nd Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/x1oJ1aPcLHWjqHh56>

Sponsors:



Forestry and Natural Resources



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Purdue Extension - Grant County

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Marion, IN 46953

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UPCOMING PARP CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

July 31st: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

- Grant Co Field Day

August 5th: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

- Agronomy Day Jay County PARP

August 20th: 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

- Noble County Manure PARP

August 26th: 8:15 am to 12 pm

- Randolph County DPAC Field Day PARP

September 10th: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

- Whitley County NEPAC Field Day PARP

September 17th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

- Blackford County Farmer PARP

If you need a list of continuing credit hours (CCH) for your commercial license, call the Extension office and ask for Emily!

*If you have any questions, call 260-726-4707 and we will give you more information about these events!

How to find upcoming PARP or CCH events:

PARP

1. Search 'Purdue Extension PARP Events'
2. Select 'PARP Events - Purdue University College of Agriculture'
3. Either click 'View all PARP events' or scroll down to 'East district', click +, click 'View approved East District PARP events'

CCH

1. Search 'OISC Website'
2. Select 'Pesticide' in the orange bar at the top of the page
3. Scroll down for 'Find CCH programs for credit'
4. On the lefthand side of the page, hover over 'Pesticide programs', select 'CCH courses'
5. At the least, select which category of CCHs you are needing and hit 'search'

*****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!

How many PARP points do you have?



**Office of Indiana
State Chemist**

1st Go to 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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Events with the opportunity to obtain continuing credit hours

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1. Search "PARP events Purdue University".
2. Select "View all approved PARP events".
3. To find events closer to our area, scroll down to "view events by district" and select that option.
4. Select "East district".
5. Select "View approved East district PARP events"

Events with the opportunity to obtain continuing credit hours

Commercial (CCH)

1. Search "Office of the Indiana State Chemist" or "OISC".
2. Select "Pesticide".
3. Find "Continuing Education (CCH) & Private Applicator Recertification (PARP)".
4. Select "CCH Programs for credit".
5. Toggle over "Pesticide Programs" and select "CCH Courses".
6. Search by the "category" that they need and by the date they need the points.





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