

ANR NEWSLETTER

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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. Additional FSA disaster assistance program information is available at disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

More Resources

On 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.



Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources

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.



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

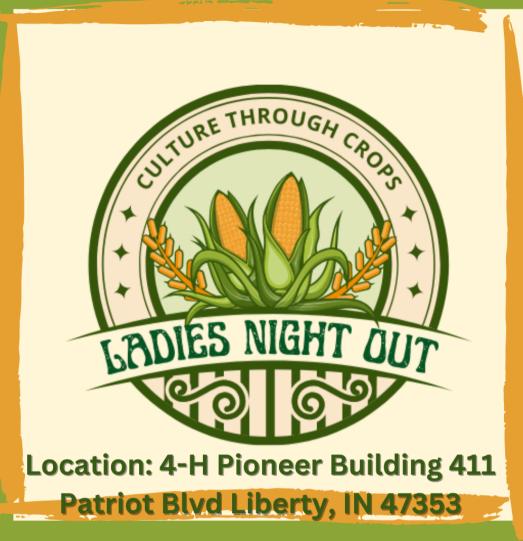


Join the Ag Week Committee!

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



Extension - Jay County



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





Extension



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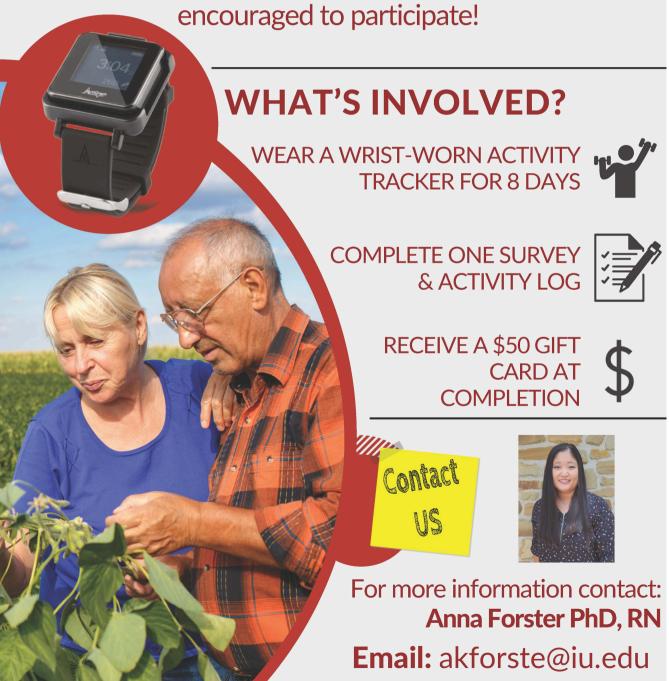
If you need to get your PARP license and need one of the manuals to study (CORE or any of the categories), please call the Jay County Purdue Extension office at 260-726-4707 so you can borrow a manual for free!



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!



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.

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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 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

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 (If Applicable)	Branch (Add Multiple Branches on Back)
	Please indicate at which location you will be participating.
☐Steuben Co	nty – August 13 □ Daviess County – August 20 □ Decatur County – August 21 □ Hendricks County – August 22
Please adv	ticide containers will not be accepted, please follow label directions for proper disposal of empty pesticide containers ise below if bringing container sizes 55 gallons or above (Drum, Mini Bulk), containers not documented on form will not be accepted*** List of pesticide products to be disposed:
1.Trade Name _.	
	☐ Solid Pounds ☐LiquidGallons ☐Aeroso i Bulk?☐ _{Drum (# of Drums)} ☐Mini Bulk (# of Mini Bulks)
2.Trade Name	
Check One:	
Check One:	Solid Pounds □Liquid Gallons □Aerosol i Bulk? □ Drum (# of Drums) □ Mini Bulk (# of Mini Bulks)

RETURN BY August 9, 2024, to Nathan Davis, at 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 / 608-772-9278



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Office of Indiana

State Chemist

How many PARP points do you have?

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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If you would like to receive timely updates by email, please contact Emily Kring at 260-726-4707 or email 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