

# Johnson County Agri-Times

### AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

January 2025



ANR Educators, Andrea Hatfield (Boone Co), Heidi Potter (Clark Co), PURDUE PETE, Lais McCartney (Hancock Co) and myself enjoying our time at the Purdue Extension Professional Development Conference in December.

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# Happy New Year!

### Goodbye 2024, Hello 2025!

Another new year has begun! November and December were full of planning for 2025 and professional development opportunities. I can't wait to share with you all that is in store for this year.

# Educator Notes >>> NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMS



The beginning of the New Year always brings around new goals, new ambitions, new resolutions. I challenge you to make one of your 2025 goals to support Purdue Extension Johnson County. Whether that be attending a program, joining a volunteer group, or simply sharing us to your friends and neighbors, there are many ways to support us. To be a little biased, I challenge you to take part in a program within the Agriculture & Natural Resources sector of Purdue Extension Johnson County. Maybe there isn't a program that fits your needs, that's ok, I am always open to new ideas.. Have an idea? Feel free to stop in the office, call or email me with your input to bring a program to life.

An exciting program I am looking forward to this year is the Annie's Project for Cut Flower Growers. Starting on January 20th, together with Morgan County, we will be hosting a class that is tailored to risk management and production practices in relation to Cut Flowers. We have not had an Annie's Project in several years and with the Cut Flower niche growing in Johnson County, this program is the perfect opportunity for growers to learn the business and production side of things. There is still time to register, if you have someone in mind that would be interested, please send them my way!

A lot of other great programs on the 2025 calendar and something for all sectors of agriculture. Check out the rest of the newsletter for events happening within the first quarter of 2025. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and check our website for links to register.

See you at a program soon!

Best,

Malle & Brodley

#### ANNIE'S PROJECT FOR CUT FLOWER GROWERS

Calling all novice and experienced cut flower growers! Join us this winter for Annie's Project for Cut Flower Growers course. This six week course will cover the 5 areas of agriculture risk as they relate to growing cut flowers. The focus will be on nurturing skills in new business development, financial management, strategic marketing, competitive production practices and liability geared toward fostering sustainable growth. This program will be a joint effort with Morgan County and will be held at the Sycamore at Mallow Run Winery.

Registration: https://cvent.me/xbkgdZ



January 20th: **Real Colors Personality** Assessment

January 27th: Working with a Lender **Budget Management** Workshop

February 3rd: An Entrepreneur's Guide to **Business Law** Insurance

February 10th: **Local Resources & Funding** Filing Business Taxes

February 17th: **Developing a Marketing** Strategy

February 24th: **Cut Flower Farmer Panel** Discussion Farm Stress

NORTH CENTRAL

RISK

# for Cut Flower Growers

PROVIDING PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SKILLS TO NEW AND ASPIRING WOMEN FARMERS WHO FACE UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN THE CUT FLOWER BUSINESS

This six-week course is a discussion based workshop bringing women together to learn from experts in production, financial management, human resources, marketing, and the legal field.

There is plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting, and connecting with your presenters and fellow participants.



Program sites are available across Indiana. Select the location that works best for you! Or join virtually! Your Local Contact is: Michele Jones Morgan/Johnson County 765-342-1010, jonesm@purdue.edu

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#### Cost: \$65 JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 24 MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-9 PM EST **REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE JANUARY 13TH AT:** HTTPS://CVENT.ME/XBKGDZ

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Emily Kresca at eluc@purdue.edu or 574-372-2340 by January 13.

## WOMEN IN AG - LIVE!

The Purdue Women in Ag Team is thrilled to announce the upcomping webinar series, "Women in Ag - LIVE". Join us for the monthly series to learn more about topic effecting the agriculture industry today. These topics include Pesticide Basics, Grain Bin Safety, Land Leases and Meat / Meat Alternatives. Learn from extension educators from across the state in this series. These webinars are open to anyone. Register at <u>bit.ly/WIAgLive</u>.





Women in Agriculture



Geoff Schortgen Purdue University



Marty Huseman Purdue University





Join the Purdue Extension Women in Ag Team for the 2025 webinar series centered around topics effecting the agriculture industry today!

12pm-1pm, EST - Webinar on Zoom

January 23rd - Pesticide Basics with Geoff Schortgen February 27th - Grain Bin Safety with Marty Huseman March 27th- Land Leases with Bill Horan May 22nd Meat & Meat Alternatives with Monica Nagele



**Register Here: bit.ly/WIAgLive** 



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# AG WOMEN ENGAGE CONFERENCE

Join us for the 2025 Ag Women Engage Conference February 13, 2025 Registration Check-in Starts 8:30 a.m Eastern Program 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Grand Wayne Convention Center 120 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The Purdue Women in Agriculture Team is excited to offer this annual event designed to educate and uplift women involved in any aspect of the agricultural industry. Through preconference workshops, a keynote speaker, and breakout presentations, attendees will learn how to better manage risk, enhance their farms and agribusiness operations, and network with other ag women throughout Indiana. The Ag Women Engage Conference is open to participation by all.

> Registration is LIVE - <u>https://cvent.me/q5GOdw</u> Visit <u>https://purdue.link/AWE25</u> for more information!



#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER -- COURTENAY DEHOFF

Courtenay is a strong agriculture advocate and has taught tens of thousands in the industry the importance of sharing their story in order to bridge the disconnect between rural and urban communities. She is an executive producer and co-host of "Backroad Cowgirls", a digital series highlighting the diverse faces of agriculture and their stories.

# GREENE CROP CONSULTING ANNUAL MEETING JOHNSON COUNTY PARP



# 2025 CROP MANAGEMENT MEETING STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE MARGINS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 8 AM (DOORS OPEN 7:30) SCOTT HALL, JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

PARP & CCH CREDITS AVAILABLE (MUST RSVP FOR CREDITS)



# HARVESTING HER VOICE: FINDING YOUR ROLE ON THE FAMILY FARM

We are thrilled to announce the continuation of the Harvesting Her Voice program. Join us on February 26th for a night of fellowship with fellow farm women sharing their stories of how they got to where they are today in relation to the family farm. We are so excited to be offering this event in partnership with both Putnam and Morgan County. Registration coming soon!

# SAVE THE DATE

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# FINDING YOUR ROLE ON THE FAMILY FARM

# FEBRUARY 26TH, 2025 MOORESVILLE, INDIANA



#### Women in Agriculture

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#### Save the Date for the Johnson County Ag Day Breakfast & Purdue Extension Annual Meeting!

This year the breakfast will be held on Wednesday March 19th, at 7:30AM with our Purdue Extension Annual Meeting Open House to follow.



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