



Johnson County Agri-Times

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER





Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources

4th Grade Agriculture Days 2024



>>> THANK YOU!

We had an incredible two days of fun for the 4th Grade Ag Days. Over 900 students, 40 volunteers, and 80 FFA members came together to teach our 4th grade students in the county about agriculture. Thank you to everyone that helped with our event!

Educator Notes

>>> THANKFUL



There is so much to be thankful for! As we come to the end of the year and into the Holiday Season, I would like to express how thankful I am for each of you that has made my transition into extension so smooth. Thankful for the warm welcomes and the patience as I learn my new role. Thank you to the volunteers that make many of our programs possible here in extension. Whether you are a Master Gardener, Extension Homemaker, or 4-H Volunteer, your contributions, involvement, leadership and support of Purdue Extension is greatly appreciated.

I invite you all to take part in our needs assessment. The Johnson County ANR program is looking for your input with programming. The goal is to provide meaningful education for producers and consumers throughout the county. I appreciate your feedback! https://bit.ly/ANRneeds

As we enter 2025, please remember our extension staff and consider having us for an educational program. Maybe your club, church, organization, classroom or business is looking for an educational program. We would be happy to work with you! Please give our office a call to discuss programming requests or ideas.

- Linda Clutz Health & Human Sciences Programming (Iclutz@purdue.edu)
- Heather Dougherty 4-H & Youth Development Programming (hdougher@purdue.edu)
- Shalee Bradley Agriculture & Natural Resources Programming (sdaming@purdue.edu)

Save the dates! There are a lot of programs happening this winter into spring. Keep up to date on our website or Facebook page. The website is updated weekly with new flyers and materials pertaining to agriculture and natural resources. Direct link to the ANR Page - https://bit.ly/JoCoANR

With gratitude,



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Congratulations Cathy! Cathy Cook will be retiring in December. On behalf of the Purdue Extension Johnson County team, we would like to thank Cathy for her hard work in making our programs and office run smoothly throughout your years of service. Please join us in thanking Cathy for her time in extension by attending her retirement party. Please see the invitation below. Cathy's favorite sweet treats will be provided for guests to enjoy!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

RETIREMENT PARTY

HONORING

Cathy Cook

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 4:30 - 6:30 PM

PURDUE EXTENSION JOHNSON COUNTY EDUCATION ROOM

484 N MORTON ST

FRANKLIN, IN 46131

MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING

Purdue Extension Johnson County is delighted to invite you to our upcoming Master Gardener Basic Training, designed to inspire and equip both novice and season gardeners with valuable skills and knowledge. Whether you're looking to start your own garden or enhance your existing one, this program offers something for everyone. Topics include but are not limited to soil and plant science; diagnosis of plant problems; pesticide safety; and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.



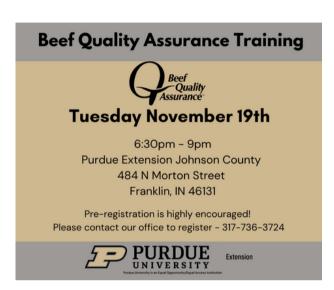
ANNIE'S PROJECT FOR CUT FLOWER GROWERS

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 information will be available soon!



BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

The 2024 Beef Quality Assurance Training. BQA is a nationally coordinated, state-implemented program that provides information to beef producers and consumers on how common-sense husbandry techniques can be paired with scientific knowledge to raise cattle. Its programs include best around ensuring end-product safety practices wholesomeness, protecting herd health and animal wellbeing, and good recordkeeping. This certification is great when marketing your cattle! At the conclusion of the training, you will take a test over the materials to complete your training. Certification cards will be printed, and your certification will be valid for three years.





FORAGE QUALITY SEMINAR

Are you interested in improving your understanding of forage quality? We have the program for you! Purdue Extension Johnson County is pleased to host the "Understanding Forage Quality" Virtual Seminar. On Tuesday November 12th, 2024 at the Johnson County Extension Office. Join us in person or online if you are unable to make it in. Please see flyer for additional details.



INCUBATORS IN THE CLASSROOM

Do you know a teacher that would be interested in taking part in the Incubators in the Classroom program? We still have availability for the spring.

Teachers will request up to five incubators and eggs.

They will hatch the eggs in one weeks time. Students love this program!

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Please consider allowing your voice to be heard. In order to better serve the community, the ANR team needs your feedback. Use the QR code or use the link: https://bit.ly/ANRneeds to fill out the survey.



AG WOMEN ENGAGE

Join us for the 2025 Ag Women Engage Conference. Mark your calendar for a great few days of fun and fellowship with women in agriculture across our great state. Enjoy breakout sessions that fit your educational needs and listen to a keynote from "Fancy Lady Cowgirl" Courtenay DeHoff.





WOMEN IN AG - L/VE! WEBINAR SERIES

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Women in Agriculture









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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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 bit.ly/WIAgLive.

LOOKING AHEAD

Keep these important dates on your calendar. The 2025 PARP program will have lots of great educational sessions such as Markets, Weather, Intensive Corn Management and more. More information to come for registration!

Again this year, we will be hosting the Ag
Day Breakfast and Purdue Extension
Johnson County Annual Meeting as a
combined event. See you at Scott Hall on
March 19th for a morning of celebrating
Johnson County Agriculture!

SAVE THE DATE

02/18/25

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AG DAY BREAKFAST & EXTENSION ANNUAL MEETING

03/19/25



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