

JOHNSON COUNTY AGRI-TIMES

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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Harvesting Her Voice

»»» Finding Your Role on the Family Farm

While the busy season for the ANR programming is slowing down, we know our clients are gearing up for a busy spring! The picture above is the fantastic group of women that came to our Harvesting Her Voice: Finding Your Role on the Family Farm event. We heard from a panel of farm women sharing their stories and then learned more about communicating within the family business.

EDUCATOR NOTES

>>> WHIRLWIND



Wow! What a whirlwind the last couple of months have been. I want to say thank you to anyone who has taken the time to come out to a Purdue Extension Johnson County program over the course of the past few months. If I was to put all of the programs in here, this newsletter might be 20 pages long... But, whether it was PARP, Annie's Project or including me in your school programming, I appreciate you! Without great clients like you, we wouldn't be able to provide fantastic programs.

A few highlights that aren't mentioned in the newsletter would be the Master Gardener Program. We currently have 25 individuals take our class and talk about a fun group. We will be hosting another Master Gardener class around the same time next year if you are interested in joining in on all of the fun.

Southwest Elementary in Greenwood, Indiana invited me to take part in a new Garden Club program! We have 15 4th grade students meeting with me once a week to learn more about gardening. These students also have raised beds on school property and will be able to take what we learn into the garden beds.

Check out the great programs and information in our spring edition of the ANR newsletter. If you have questions or are interested in programming, please reach out!

See you at a program soon!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shalle Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ANNIE'S PROJECT FOR CUT FLOWER GROWERS

We wrapped up a six-week course centered around risk management and production practices in relation to Cut Flowers. Co-hosting with Morgan County, we were able to educate 20 cut flower growers from central Indiana. This program fostered connection between local flower farmers.



JOHNSON COUNTY PARP & GREENE CROP CONSULTING ANNUAL MEETING

An amazing turn out for our PARP program in conjunction with Greene Crop Consulting Annual Meeting. 140 people in attendance and 100 of them receiving either PARP credits for CCHs. Are you interested in becoming a private applicator?

Find more information: <https://ag.purdue.edu/departement/extension/ppp/>



Planning for the Future

CODE RED

"CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FARM OPERATION"

It is never too late to have a plan! Learn how you can prevent a code red situation for your family, business or farm operation by having a completed Code Red plan. This tool developed by the Purdue Women in Agriculture Team is a must-have tool for every family, business, and farm operation. The tool includes important information such as passwords, bank account information, rental agreements, insurance papers and power of attorney documents, and much more in one easy location. After completing the Code Red plan, it should become the "go to" tool if something happened to a key member of the management team. We hope this tool will help farm families then turn a code red situation into a code green and the business can continue to operate on a daily basis. Code Red also can be a tool that helps families get motivated to get started on estate and/or succession planning.

DO YOU WANT TO ORDER YOUR OWN CODE RED FLASH DRIVE OR DOWNLOAD THE EXCEL FILE? Contact Shalee Bradley at sdaming@purdue.edu for instructions or visit:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/wia/codered.html>

PROTECT YOUR FLOCK

What is HPAI?

HPAI is a highly infectious and fatal form of avian influenza that can strike poultry without warning. Although most avian influenza viruses are classified as low pathogenic (LPAI) and cause mild or no symptoms, some LPAI strains can mutate into HPAI viruses. Wild migratory waterfowl are considered the natural reservoir for these viruses.

Clinical Signs of HPAI in Poultry

HPAI can cause sudden death in birds without warning. Other clinical signs include:

- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production, including soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of combs, wattles, and legs
- Nasal discharge, coughing, or sneezing
- Incoordination and diarrhea

If you notice any of these signs in your flock, immediately contact the USDA APHIS at 1-866-536-7593 for assistance and further steps. Visit www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/df-resources/df-resources for more information.



Protect Your Flock
From Avian Influenza

- Prevent waterfowl from accessing or mingling with your birds.
- Wear dedicated clothing and shoes to care for your flock. Do not visit other poultry unless absolutely necessary, and wear different clothing/shoes before entering your premises.
- Wash hands before and after handling birds, feed, or waste.
- Clean and disinfect equipment in contact with birds or waste.
- Check birds daily for signs of illness or death. Signs include: lack of energy, decreased or malformed egg production, swelling of head, purple discoloration on wattles/combs/legs, Stumbling, diarrhea, sudden death.
- Obtain a premise ID number from the Board of Animal Health.

More info? Scan.



CALL 1-866-536-7593
to report sick or dead poultry

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CROP DISEASES TO MONITOR

Dr. Darcy Telenko, Associate Professor of Botany & Plant Pathology recently gave an update to ANR educators around the state regarding diseases and what to watch for this spring with our field crops. If you find any of these please contact the Johnson County office and report to Shalee Bradley.

Corn:

- Tar Spot
- Curvularia
- Corn Stunt
- Foliar Issues
- Ear Rots - Particularly Gibberella

Soybeans:

- Red Crown Rot



Characteristic Curvularia leaf spot symptoms on a corn leaf.

Image: K. Wise



Foliar symptoms of red crown rot.

Image: N. Kleczewski



Fungal fruiting structures characteristic of tar spot.

Image: E. Zaworski



Red crown rot stem discoloration.

Image courtesy of N. Kleczewski, S. Geisler, and D. Telenko.



Pink mold on the ear characteristic of Gibberella ear rot.

Image: A. Robertson

SUCCESSION PLANNING TEAM

Purdue University Extension



Cultivating Strong Indiana Farm Families through the Succession Planning Process by Providing Educational Opportunities and Current Resources

RESOURCES WE PROVIDE

- Regional Workshops
- First Steps in Succession Planning (introduction presentation)
- Farm Family Meetings
- YouTube Recoded Presentations
- *The Farm's Legacy: A Guidebook for Intra-Family Succession* workbook
- Podcast Series: *Farm Succession/Transition Planning Series*, in collaboration with Center for Commercial Agriculture

TOPICS WE COVER

Communication

Balancing Work and Family – Creating Boundaries

Operating Agreements

Buy/Sell Agreements

Job Descriptions

Management Transfer

Setting Goals and Objectives for the Business

Conflict Management

Advisory Board for Your Farm

Roadmapping Your Succession

Retirement Planning

Farm and Family Business Functioning (Using the FB-BRAG)

Financial Preparedness for Succession

Estimating Living Expenses and Income Needs

Dividing Business Income

Valuing Sweat Equity

Contingency Planning

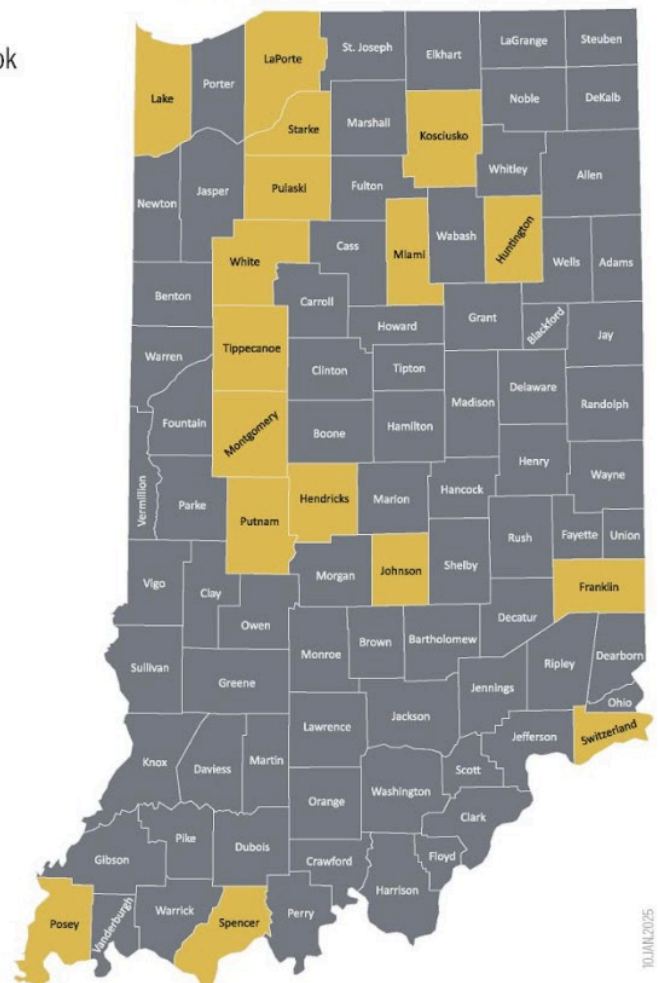
Risk Assessments

Transferring Farm Machinery through a Lease

Fair vs. Equal

SUCCESSION PLANNING TEAM (SPT) LOCATIONS

Counties indicate SPT locations



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<https://bit.ly/4161SeT>



The Succession Planning Team

HOME VEGETABLE GARDENING

Join us for an informative program designed for current and future gardeners to learn modern, sustainable vegetable production practices suitable for home growing. You'll gain expert insights on selecting the best vegetable varieties to suit your space and needs, as well as pest management strategies to keep your garden healthy. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this program will equip you with the knowledge and tools to grow a thriving, sustainable vegetable garden at home.

April 8th, 15th, 22nd

Register -- <https://cvent.me/Mmy7XQ>



Register Now!

HOME VEGETABLE GARDENING

April 8, 15, and 22
6:30-8:30 PM EASTERN
5:30-7:30 PM CENTRAL

Program sites are available in Allen, Johnson, Putnam, Elkhart, Dubois, Henry, Scott, Decatur, Porter, Owen, and Boone Counties. Virtual option as well

Cost: \$30

Register here: <https://cvent.me/Mmy7XQ>
Deadline to register: March 28, 2025



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