

EXTENSION *SHOWCASE*

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Extension - Noble County

EXTENSION SHOWCASE

REVIEW-2024

The staff of Noble County Extension thanks you for allowing us to serve you and your families in 2024. We look forward to the programs, events and classes we plan to offer in 2025.

4-H 2024 Stats: In the last year we have been in 29 different school-based learning session that encompassed 625 youth. These sessions include: soil erosion, pumpkin STEAM, teen leadership, gingerbread house, civic bee, spin art, snowman craft, robotics, Lego, escape rooms & more.

HHS 2024 Stats: During the past program year HHS hosted 68 programs for adults and children. Programs reached 680 Adults and 731 children over 6 counties in Indiana. One of the highlights of the past program year was the Mastering Home Food Preservation, a 4-day intensive class series that covered everything from canning and pickling to dehydration and fermentation. We welcomed students from 3 different states.

ANR 2024 Stats: ANR Hosted 44 learning events and programs from Sept. 2023 – Aug. 2024. 5 virtual programs, 6 youth programs (451 youth participants) 38 adult programs (1366 adult participants). 419 received private pesticide applicator credits, 273 received commercial pesticide applicator credits.



Harper Carmien had a great time meeting her Christmas Calf on Carmien family farm. Also photoed brother Reece Carmien and local Veterinarian / Grandpa Rick Carmien. Photo credit Carmien Family



Makinsley Gaerte surveying the family farm after the first snow fall. Photo Credit Noelle Gaerte.

UPCOMING DATES FOR 2025

AG & NATURAL RESOURCES

- 1/13 Deadline to sign up for Master Gardeners
- 1/14-16 Fort Wayne Farm Show
- 2/12-13 Ag Women Enagage Conf., Fort Wayne
- 2/25 Wabash Valley Landscape & Lawncare CCH
- 3/5 Michiana Irrigated Corn & Soybean Conference, Goshen
- 6/24 Commercial Pesticide Applicator Cat 1 Training, NEPAC
- 11/7-8:Homesteading Conference, Kendallville

HEALTH & HUMAN SCHIENCE

- 2/28 Get WalkIN - Free Email Based Program
 - Email Creigh@purdue.edu to register
 - program begins 3/3
- ServSafe Manager:
 - 3/5 in Huntington
 - 3/18 in Noble
 - 3/20 in Noble (Spanish)
- 3/11 Quick & Easy Meals – Avilla Library
Sign-up for either session - 12:00PM or 6:00PM, register at:
<https://bit.ly/QuickAndEasyRecipes2025>
- 3/14 ServSafe Food Handler in Noble

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- 2025 4-H Enrollment Happening Now 4honline.com
 - Programs Begin 1/15/25 (Soft Deadline)
- 4/12 4-H Youth Cattle Tagging & Check in
- 5/9 4-H Youth Sheep/Goat Tagging
- 5/15 4-H Animal ID
- 6/16 4-H Mini Camp
- 7/12-7/18 Noble County 4-H Fair
- 8/1-8/17 Indiana State Fair

NOBLE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

- 1/20 INAUGUATION DAY EXT. OFFICE CLOSED
- 2/17 PRESIDENTS DAY EXT. OFFICE CLOSED
- 3/8 NOBLEPALOOZA AT CLC
- 4/18 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE EXT. OFFICE CLOSED
- 5/26 MEMORIAL DAY EXT. OFFICE CLOSED
- 7/4 INDEPENDANCE DAY EXT. OFFICE CLOSED

*STAY UP TO DATE ON EXTENSION NEWS AND
EVENTS BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK*



JANUARY 14-16, 2025 ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM

January 14, 9 AM - 5 PM

January 15, 9 AM - 8 PM

January 16, 9 AM - 4 PM

PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE:

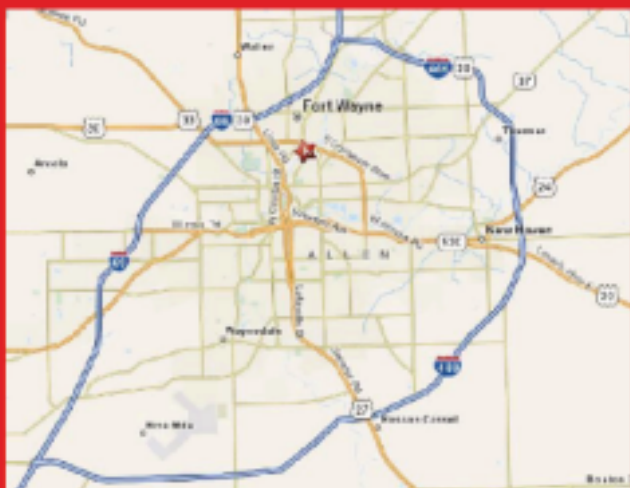
- MIDWEST AG MARKET OUTLOOK
- CLIMATE IMPACTS ON AG
- PESTICIDE APPLICATOR PROGRAM
- FARM EMERGENCY CARE
- HOT TOPICS IN LAND USE
- WATER RESOURCES
- WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, & WHY ON DRAINAGE REGULATIONS
- MAKING SENSE OF PROGRAMS
- TIPS FOR THE AG JOB SEARCH
- CORE PESTICIDE TEST PREP

COME CECK OUT OUR AG FOCUSED JOB FAIR!

**FREE LUNCH FOR THE FIRST 150 PARTICIPANTS
ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15THH AT 11:30AM.
SPONSORED BY FARM BUREAU.**

**FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW | ALLEN COUNTY WAR
MEMORIAL COLISEUM**

**[HTTPS://WWW.TRADEXPOS.COM/FORT-WAYNE-
FARM-SHOW/](https://www.tradexpos.com/fort-wayne-farm-show/)**



Educational Seminars

Provided by:



**Northeast Indiana
Soil and Water
Conservation Districts**



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Extension

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PARTNERS HERE:**



EXTENSION HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES



Upcoming ServSafe Food Protection Manager Training & Exams:

March 5th- Huntington

Life Church, Café of Hope 1-day Training/Exam 9 AM – 4 PM

900 E State St, Huntington, IN Exam @ 4 PM

Register at: <https://cvent.me/2NXBx5>

March 18th- Noble

Noble County Complex – South 1-day Training/Exam 9AM – 4 PM

2090 N State Road 9, Albion, IN Exam @ 4PM

Register at: <https://cvent.me/QVRmrW>

20 de Marzo- Noble (Spanish)

Biblioteca Pública de Ligonier 1 día de Entrenamiento/Examen 9 AM – 4 PM

300 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN en Español Examen @ 4 PM

Inscríbase en: <https://cvent.me/b5WN7M>

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING SERVSAFE CLASSES:

APRIL 22ND

Steuben Co. Extension Office

1-day Training/Exam 9AM – 4PM

317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN

Exam @ 4 PM

Register at:

<https://cvent.me/gDz8x9>

MAY 7th

Whitley Co. Extension Office 1-day

Training/ Exam 9 AM– 4 PM

524 Branch Court, Col. City, IN

Exam @ 4 PM

Register at:

<https://cvent.me/g5RbeV>

SERVSAFE FOOD HANDLER:

Friday, March 14th

Community Learning Center 401

E. Diamond St Kendallville

Training 9:00 AM-12:30PM

Food Inspector Visit 12:30-1:00pm

Exam: 1:00 PM EST

Register online at Cvent:

<https://cvent.me/obXVoz>

Serv Safe Manager VS Servsafe Food Handler

Anyone who needs certified as the food protection manager will need the ServSafe Manager course and exam.

ServSafe Manager certification fulfills the requirements in the state of Indiana to be a certified food protection manager.

On the other hand, ServSafe Food Handler is a much shorter course that offers a certificate of achievement (opposed

to certification) and is an excellent training for anyone who works with food including restaurant staff, volunteers, and

home-based vendors. ServSafe Food Handler fulfills requirements in the state of Indiana for food safety training needed

by home-based vendors.

For More Info Contact: Abigail Creigh

Creigh@purdue.edu , call 260-636-2111

Or go to: **www.purdue.edu/servsafe/workshops**

AG WOMEN ENGAGE CONFERENCE

February 13, 2025

Grand Wayne Convention Center - Fort Wayne, IN

Conference website: <https://purdue.link/AWE25>



Women in Agriculture

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**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**



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MICHIANA IRRIGATED CORN & SOYBEAN CONFERENCE

March 5, 2025, 9 am – 4 pm

Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds, Ag Hall
17746 Co. Rd 34, Goshen, IN



Register at
events.anr.msu.edu/MICS25

\$25 if registered by Feb.26

Credits requested:
IN PARP & CCH, MI RUP, CCA CEUs

Irrigation-related topics:

- Fertilizers
- Water Savings
- Weather & Climate Impacts
- Managing Disease
- Weed Control
- Water Policy Round Table

Sponsors:

Corn Marketing Program of Michigan
Michigan Soybean Committee

For more information, call 260-499-6334.

AVIAN INFLUENZA IN INDIANA



A case of Avian Influenza was confirmed in a commercial turkey flock in Jay County, Indiana this month. Control areas extend into Adams County. Infected poultry may exhibit one or more of these symptoms: lack of energy and appetite, decreased egg production, soft shells, swelling around head area, coughing or sneezing, incoordination, or sudden death. Report sick birds at 1-866-536-7593.

If you have poultry, here are a few basic biosecurity measures:

- Keep flocks away from wild birds, who are sources of disease (secure feed and watering areas)
- Keep germs away: clean and disinfect shoes, clothes, skin, crates, equipment, etc. when in contact with poultry
- Isolate birds from outside your farm for 30 days for observation before adding them to your healthy flock
- Avoid visiting other poultry farms, swap meets, and shows (clean your hands, footwear, and clothing if you do attend)

We encourage everyone with any type of poultry to obtain a premise ID: <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>



JANUARY 31ST TO FEBRUARY 1ST

For more information contact the
LaGrange County Soil and Water
Conservation District: (260) 463-3166 ext.3



Looking for an activity for your kids during Spring Break?!

Join us at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville for a hands-on cooking program! Each day we will prepare nutritious recipes, learn new cooking techniques and add a little science along the way.

Work as a team for 4 days, learning and tasting all your creations. Then on day 5 use your skills to compete in a ***Food Challenge contest!***

Open to 3rd-5th Graders in Noble County.

Save the Date! More info to come!

For questions, please call Purdue Extension - Noble County at 260-636-2111 or e-mail: creigh@purdue.edu

Quick & Easy Recipes



Free Cooking Class

Tuesday March 11th

Noble County Public Library- Avilla

12-noon or 6pm

RSVP go to: bit.ly/QuickAndEasyRecipes2025

STATEWIDE VIRTUAL BASIC TRAINING

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program

Live Webinars

Tuesdays, February 4– May 6, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM ET
/ 5:30 – 7:30 PM CT (Virtual Platform TBD)

January 28	Test Connect Session (optional) - test your connection
February 4	Purdue EMG Orientation
February 11	Plant Science
February 18	Soils and Plant Nutrition
February 25	Invasive Species
March 4	Plant Disease Diagnosis
March 11	Weed ID and Control
March 18	Animal Pests
March 25	Insect ID and Control
April 1	Pesticide Safety & Alternatives
April 8	Herbaceous Ornamentals
April 15	Woody Ornamentals
April 22	Fruit Gardening
April 29	Lawn Care
May 6	Vegetable Gardening
After May 6	Final Exam, post-test, & post-program survey

County Connections

Six bi-monthly local connection are a required part of the class and will be on Monday evenings. Class locations include Chain O'Lakes State Park, Maple Wood Nature Center, Orchard Hill Farms, and the Allen County Extension Office. See the northeast Indiana schedule for details on these meetings.



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

Step 1: Application (Deadline January 13, 2025)

Apply for the training through a Purdue Extension host county.

Visit <https://bit.ly/2025EMGStatewideVirtual> to connect with a host county near you.

Step 2: Registration and Fees

(Final approval for fees are pending. Once the local EMG Coordinator approves your application, you will register and pay for the program. Online registration will open December 2024).

- \$185.00 for an individual registration with print version of Purdue EMG Manual
- \$290.00 for two people sharing a print version of the Purdue EMG Manual, both will need application approval prior to registering and paying.
- Participants will be able to purchase a digital version of the manual for an additional \$25.00.

To learn more about the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program, visit: www.hort.purdue.edu/mg.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR 2025

Offering Research Based Education and Programs to Noble and Surrounding Counties

2025 Welcomes the return of our great annual programs.



Barn Quilt Painting/Crafting Workshop

4 Part workshop: February 24th, 25th March 3rd & 4th Albion, IN. Learn to design paint and finish a 2x2 barn quilt to display at your home or give as a gift. These unique stylish items cost \$50/person, all supplies provided. To register call the Extension office at 260-636-2111 or email creigh@purdue.edu.



Purdue Extension Homestead Conference

Join us again for this 2 day conference with loads of resources and programs for Farmers and Homesteaders. Everything from gardening to food preservation, animal care and meat processing there is something for everyone. Scheduled for November 7th & 8th in Kendallville, watch for more info to come.



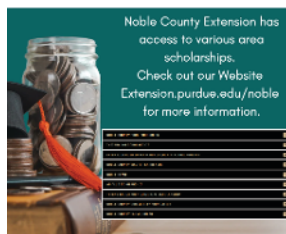
2025 Noble County 4-H Fair

Come and support us July 12th-18th for the Noble County 4-H Fair!! This year marks the 135th year of the County Fair being in Kendallville Indiana. Livestock judging shows, arts crafts cooking and science displays, various 4-H exhibits and presentations. Archery and Air Rifle shoots. There is always something new at the Noble County 4-H Fair!



Food Preservation, Pickling, Canning and More

Abigail and the Health and Human Science teams will be bringing back many food preservation classes this year. Along with specialty cooking classes and nutritional resources we are in for another delicious year!



Scholarship Opportunities

Be sure to check out website for area scholarship resources. Noble County Extension Homemakers, Noble County Farm Bureau and Noble County Master Gardeners just to name a few! Go to Extension.purdue.edu



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



Questions about joining Noble County 4-H?
Contact Matt Dice at Dice@purdue.edu
or call the Extension Office at 260-636-2111.
Check us out on Facebook :
Noble County, Indiana 4-H

4-H has something for everyone!

There are 77 different project categories
with endless possibilities to show off your
creativity.

Mini 4-H (grades k-2) have 26 different
projects to choose from while they explore
and learn along side the more experienced
4-H'ers.

Interested in a particular topic but don't
know where to start? Call the Extension
office and we can help find you a mentor!



4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN NOW

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER

4-H is for anyone who is in grades 3 through 12 as of January 1 of the previous year. It is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, color, sex or place of residence. *Mini 4-H is Kindergarten to 2nd grade.* Adult volunteers welcomed with background checks, enrollment and annual trainings.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

4-H'ers have fun with friends at meetings, social activities, tours, camps, workshops and take 4-H project & exhibits to fairs. With over 55 projects currently available in Noble County there is something for everyone.

WHAT ARE TOWNSHIPS AND CLUBS?

Your Township & Clubs connect you with other experienced 4-H'ers who are willing to help you with your projects, inspire you to try new projects, make new friends, serve in the community doing volunteer work. They also raise funds to support club activities and events. Most groups meet in a central place in the township, such as a school, church or community center. We also host meetings at 4-H Park in Albion.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Noble County's 4-H program is organized by Adult 4-H Leaders. Some specific projects are organized county clubs and meet separately from the township clubs. Parents are encouraged to get involved as well, 4-H is for the whole family to do together.

HOW TO ENROLL?

To Join Noble County 4-H :

- Sign up at V2.4honline.com (or call 260-636-2111)
- Pick a Township Club
- Enroll in Projects
- Check out Project Clubs, Events, Camps, Trips, Workshops and more!
- Showcase your work at the County Fair in July and win a chance to compete at the Indiana State Fair in August.

Costs:

- 4-H Grades 3-12 fee is \$20
- Mini 4-H Grades k-2 fee is \$5



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Noble County Annex building, Albion In