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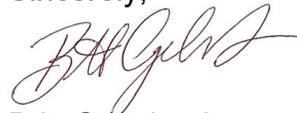
Dear Friends,

So much has changed in a month! Like all of you, our habits and plans have been upended by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Many programs have had to be moved online, postponed, or cancelled entirely. And, at the direction of the County Commissioners on March 20, our physical office on Memorial Drive is currently closed. However, as Extension Educators, we continue to work remotely, and are available by phone or e-mail to serve your needs.

As we announced in last month's newsletter, we're shifting to publishing our monthly newsletter online every month, but only printing and mailing every other month. At the time, we didn't know "social distancing" would be such a "thing" at the time of our April newsletter, but we're glad that we were already planning on this month being our first online-only newsletter!

We hope life will be back to some sort of normal soon, but in the mean time we hope you're staying home as much as possible, staying safe and well, and finding ways to enjoy these early days of spring with your family.

Sincerely,



Britt Copeland



Kara Hammes



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Brown County 4-H Livestock Update



This is not a normal year and our deadlines and requirements will reflect that. 4-H Livestock is a significant investment for any family and if you feel that the risk outweighs the reward this year there are many ways to complete or have the experience of being in 4-H this year. Completing a poster or creating a multimedia demonstration of skills are two such options. I would be remiss in saying that even if our fair has to be cancelled, which it has not been, there is still value in working with your livestock in the 4-H program. 4-H Livestock projects purpose is to impart the life skills that go into raising life stock. Leadership, responsibility, ethical treatment of animals, and more are taught through caring for livestock, mucking stalls, and helping others not through competing for trophies or banners.

At this time our fair is scheduled to go on as normal and members planning to show still

- 1.) Need to Identify/tag their animals
- 2.) Register their animals on 4HOnline by June 1st
- 3.) Complete YQCA certification.

Animal ID/ Tagging

The Brown County Animal ID/Tagging Day scheduled for May 3, 2020 has been cancelled

and the

4HOnline ID Deadline, normally May 15th, has been moved back until June 1st for all animals.

Our fair and the Indiana State Fair are still scheduled to take place which means that our animals must still be identified.

What does this mean for our livestock exhibitors?

- This year only 4-H Livestock Exhibitors (Cattle, Swine, Goats, Sheep) will be responsible for tagging their own animals and additionally
- Are required to upload two photos (one color photo of the animals head on with the tags visible and one color photo from the side profile showing all four feet) to 4HOnline.



Cattle Members who have already tagged their steer or heifer will need to go back into 4HOnline and add two color photographs if they are state fair bound

Tagging information continued on the next page

Indiana State Fair Animal ID



ISF has extended its deadlines to accommodate 4-H members as well. The initial entry deadline is July 1st. New this year is a DNA Hair sample requirement for all livestock heading to the Fair.

When scheduling your appointment to pick up your tags please indicate your intention to compete at the state fair so I can include a DNA Hair sample collection envelope, additional tags if necessary, and instructions.

How to Request Tags

- Contact the Extension Office to set up a time to pick up your Tags by filling out the [2020 Brown County Tag Order Form](#), emailing the 4-H Youth Educator directly at copelanb@purdue.edu, or calling (812) 988 5495.



Access the form here
bit.ly/tagorderform

Please note the office is closed to the public but our staff is teleworking meaning the best way to schedule this pick up time is by using the online form or emailing Britt at copelanb@purdue.edu.

- Tags come at no cost to 4-H members thanks to the BC 4-H Council. The order form is just to help me prepare your packet for pickup.
- **Pick up your Tagging Packet in the Black Mailbox outside the office at your scheduled time after April 7th or later if Governor Holcomb extends the “stay at home” order. This will be a “no contact” pick up.**
 - The envelope will contain all the required tags, taggers, and instructions needed. You will be emailed by copelanb@purdue.edu when your packet is prepared.
- **Bring back the Taggers within 24 hours by dropping them in the Drop Box or Mail Box.**
 - We own a very limited amount of taggers so prompt return of our taggers is not only courteous to your fellow 4-H Members but also essential for this process to be effective.
 - If you own a set of taggers and do not need to borrow ours please let the office know when scheduling your pick up time.
 - Extension Staff and 4-H Volunteer Leaders will not be travelling to house to house to assist 4-H members for the health and safety of our community. Please disinfect taggers before and after use.
- **Enter your Animal ID on 4HOnline by June 1st.**
 - As always the Office is here to help you enter your information on 4HOnline, email Britt at copelanb@purdue.edu for assistance.



Educational Resources on Ear Tagging

Below I have compiled videos from extension services and tagging companies to assist 4-H members in tagging their animals. While the tags might not look exactly the same in these videos the position in the ears and processes are the same. Contact your leaders or the extension office for further instruction or advice on properly tagging your 4-H animals.

[Swine- Click Here](#)

[Cattle- Click Here](#)

[Goats & Sheep County Tags- Click Here](#)

[Goats Round RFID Tags- Click Here](#)

[New Shearwell Sheep RFID Tags- Click Here](#)



This educational program will allow 4-H members to learn about the importance of animal-wellbeing, quality assurance practices, and their part in the food production system. All 4-H members enrolled in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine must complete the YQCA program annually in order to exhibit livestock at the Brown County 4-H Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair.

Previously advertised trainings have been cancelled more dates will be announced soon for in person trainings

If you plan to attend an in-person training, you should obtain a coupon code from the Extension Office to cover the \$3 cost prior to registering online, making the training free. **You must register prior to the in-person training. To register, please visit www.yqca.org.** Click “sign in/register” at the top right corner and select sign in with 4HOnline. You may also complete this training online for \$12.

Online Options

Online trainings are normally \$12 but in light of COVID-19 during April they have been reduced to \$9 by the YQCA Board. To take advantage of this sale you will need to obtain a coupon code directly from YQCA. We are looking into making a bulk order of coupons from YQCA. If you would like to order your own coupon now email copelanb@purdue.edu to receive the coupon order form. More information coming soon.

COUNTY ONLY Free Online Option

Anyone state fair bound must complete YQCA. If you plan to only show at the county level an option is being made available to complete the Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Module and complete a Qualtrics document to prove completion. This option is not ready yet but will be emailed out through 4HOnline when it is. **Completion of either YQCA or the Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Module is required to exhibit livestock at the Brown County Fair. YQCA is required to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair.**

Staying At Home: ONLINE RESOURCES

The Purdue Extension 4-H Youth Development team has gathered a list of at-home learning resources for families to utilize during social distancing related to COVID-19.

purdue.ag/4hhomeactivities

Animal Science

ExtensionHorses.org online courses for free for 30 days
[Purdue Veterinary Medicine daily activities for grades K-3 via Facebook](#)

Computer Science

www.hourofcode.com is a gateway to a multitude of resources, www.scratch.mit.edu is a block based program created by MIT for young people to learn computer science.



4-H Animal Science Web Series

Tuesdays at 3 pm EST

Indiana 4-H - Animal Science webinar series! Tune in on Tuesdays at 3:00 EST for live discussions and demonstrations. Links to participate are posted weekly on the Indiana 4-H Facebook page, included below and emailed through 4HOnline!

Join the meeting here: from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://purdueextension.zoom.us/j/842933975>

Webinar Schedule

April 7th- Dog Showmanship

April 14th- Rabbit Showmanship

April 21- Meat Goat Showmanship

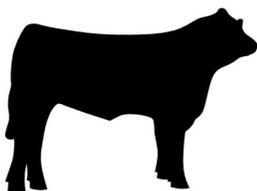
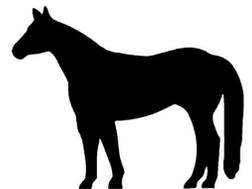
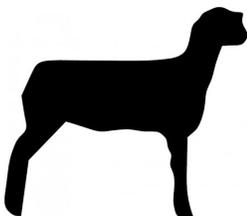
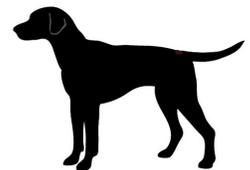
April 28- Llama Learning

May 5- Sheep Showmanship

May 12- Horse Safety

May 19 - Swine

May-26- Beef Showmanship





Southeastern Indiana's Got Talent



Area 1 4-H Performing Arts Contest

CONTEST IS STILL ON AND GOING VIRTUAL!

Now is the perfect time to showcase your talents by making a video submission to our contest! Upload your skit, musical performance, special skill, or talent!

- Upload a five minute video by April 25th
- Judges will select winners
- Video submissions will be compiled and posted to a private YouTube link on May 1st
- Winners will be announced in the Video!

TO ENTER GO TO
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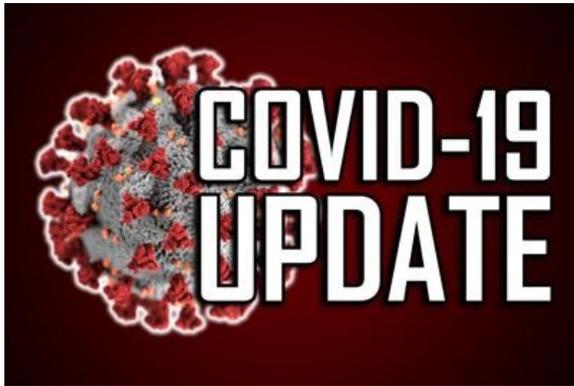
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Purdue Extension COVID-19 Response & Resources for Indiana Residents

At times, it can seem like the recommendations and guidelines surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak are getting updated or changed every day. Purdue Extension is compiling guidance and resources on these changes to help Indiana residents navigate these difficult, and sometimes confusing, circumstances.

Visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/label/44> for all the most up-to-date information and resources related to COVID-19, including guides for farmers, businesses, and individuals.

At this time, all face-to-face Purdue Extension events have been canceled through at least May 18.

However, Extension offices across the state and throughout the country are making online learning resources widely available. Check out the next few pages for more ideas on things to learn and ways to spend your time in the coming weeks.



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Health & Human Sciences Update



Maintaining financial control during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Many are experiencing unanticipated loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences (HHS), created nine fact sheets

outlining the steps that individuals should take to maintain financial control and minimize hardship amid a reduction of income.

HHS Extension suggests that people in such situations assess the scenario and take control of what they can to minimize stress. It is important to manage well-being by taking it one day at a time and keeping mentally and physically healthy.

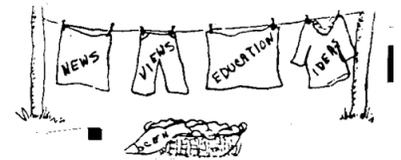
The fact sheets outline how to determine a person's net worth and recommend thinking about non-financial resources — such as skills and talent — that may be helpful in this uncertain time. Once someone has a clear view of family or individual resources, they should consider using available community, state or national resources. The fact sheets include a list of these resources, with contact information.

After assessing these additional resources, set priorities for spending and create a budget. Prioritize expenses such as housing, food and medicine, insurance, utilities, and lender payments and eliminate any nonessential expenses. HHS Extension recommends reaching out to lenders and creditors to ask if they have any relief available during the pandemic.

Be aware of fraud and scams and know your rights. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb also ordered the suspension of residential eviction proceedings or foreclosure actions, and providers of essential utility services are prohibited from discontinuing service to customers during this state of emergency.

The fact sheets can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/36749>.

Brown County Homemaker's Extension Line



UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL 2020

At this time all club meetings and face-to-face events are canceled until at least mid-May. This includes the spring meeting and garage sale. The 2020 Home and Family Conference has also been canceled.

Until we can start meeting again in person, stay safe, stay well, and stay in contact with other club members via phone or technology if you're able. These are trying times for all of us, and a little bit of human connection, even through the phone, can go a long way to brightening your day.

DISCOVER WELLNESS WHILE AT HOME

2020 WEBINAR SERIES



March 26
**How High Do
You Bounce?
Building Your
Resilience**

April 2
**Caregiver Self-Care:
Overcoming The
Challenges Of
Caregiving**

April 9
**Simplify Your
Life By
Clearing The
Clutter**

April 16
**Who Gets
Grandma's Pie
Plate**

April 23
**Being Mindful
During Difficult
Times**

April 30
**Someday Is
Today-Live
Your Bucket
List**

Featuring six dynamic sessions presented by University of Illinois Family Life Extension Educators, "Discover Wellness At Home Series" will help you and your family thrive during difficult times and decisions.

**All Sessions offered
2:00 PM-3:00 PM
From Your Home
No Cost to Participate**

Register two days
prior to webinar
Register online and view extended
session descriptions at
go.illinois.edu/wellnessathome

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For more information, contact Karla Belzer
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Online Marketing Strategies With Low Budgets Webinar Series

Presented By:
Ariana Torres, Ph.D.
Purdue University

Register for
all 3 sessions at:
<https://tinyurl.com/y83ma4k4>



Best Practices in Online
Marketing
April 7, 2020
1:00-2:00 p.m. EST

Social Media 101
April 14, 2020
1:00-2:00 p.m. EST



Saving Time Using
Social Media Strategies
April 21, 2020
1:00-2:00 p.m. EST



For more information, please contact Purdue Extension - Putnam County at smith535@purdue.edu or 765-653-8411. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

Become a Certified UAV Pilot

Purdue Extension UAV Technology Program

FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Test Preparation Course Topics

- ⇒ FAA Test Preparation
- ⇒ Flight Instructions
- ⇒ Camera Settings
- ⇒ Flight Plans and Record Keeping
- ⇒ Data Management
- ⇒ Image Quality & Troubleshooting
- ⇒ Sensors & Artificial Intelligence
- ⇒ Emergency Preparation



Hands-on Experience



Endless Applications

Location

Hosted online

Date(s) & Time

Apr 6, 2020 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Apr 7, 2020 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Apr 8, 2020 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Apr 9, 2020 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Apr 10, 2020 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Cost: \$200 per person

Registration:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/lnqzbc>

Registration closes April 1, 2020 at 4:00 pm!

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Mark Carter

Carte264@purdue.edu

765-348-3213

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Industrial Hemp 101

April 8, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Via WebEx

(online webinar format)

Free Webinar!

To register, please call Purdue Extension in Whitley County, 260-244-7615, by **April 3** with name, phone number and email address. Connection link will be sent to registrants.

Or, email John Woodmansee, program coordinator, at jwoodman@purdue.edu

Topics:

- General production models
- Managing pests, diseases, and weeds
- Hemp grown for research production vs. commercial production
- Difference between industrial hemp and marijuana (from the Indiana State Seed Administrator's perspective!)
- What do I need to do if I want to grow industrial hemp in 2021?
- Production issues and challenges

Speakers:

Marguerite Bolt

Purdue Hemp Production Specialist

Don Robison, MBA

Seed Administrator, Office of Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner



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Ag & Natural Resources Update

Spring continues, as do plant pests and other issues



Thankfully, the plants in our landscapes and surrounding forests didn't get the memo about the worldwide disruption to everyday life. All around us, flowers, shrubs, and trees continue to bloom and leaf out. Unfortunately, as you get back out and start working in your yard, you may notice disease and insect damage, or other issues with your plants.

I am still available via phone or e-mail to assist with diagnosis and identifying treatment options, and the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory continues to be open to receive samples. But did you know they also accept digital photo submissions, in addition to physical samples?

The online photo submission form can be found at <https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/ppdl/Pages/digitalimages.aspx> and the same \$11 sample handling fee covers both the photo sample and any physical samples requested as follow-up. You can contact PPDL directly with questions at ppdl-samples@purdue.edu or call 765-494-7071.

Indiana Corn Marketing Council Ballots available online

Board members of the Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC) determine the promotional, educational and research activities funded by the corn checkoff. ICMC's strategic plan focuses on market development, production research and farmer services. Priorities include ethanol, transportation infrastructure, production research, livestock promotion and international exports.

Forms for electing new Board members would normally be available in all county extension offices, but this year must be accessed online. Farmers can download any necessary forms at www.incorn.org/elections or by calling Chris Weldon at the ICMC office at 1-800-735-0195.

For more information about Indiana Corn Marketing Council, visit www.incorn.org



National cover crop survey for farmers

Previously, the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC), and American Seed Trade Association have partnered to perform a national cover crop survey of farmers.

After taking a break from doing the survey the last two years, they are once again sending out a national cover crop survey to farmers. The survey questions are primarily geared to grain farmers but there are some questions specific to horticulture producers and a fair number of questions that any type of crop producer would find relevant. Most questions are for farmers already using cover crops, but there are a few for farmers not yet using cover crops.

Farmers are asked to complete the online survey **by April 12th**. CTIC is providing some VISA gift cards on a random basis to farmers who complete the survey. The survey link is <https://bit.ly/CCSurvey2020>

Volunteers, Youth, Homemakers & Community Calendar: April 2020

6	4-H Council Meeting	VIRTUAL	7 pm
7	4-H Animal Science Web Series– Dog Showmanship	VIRTUAL	3 pm
8	Hemp Webinar	VIRTUAL	6:30-8 pm
9	Jr. Leader Meeting	VIRTUAL	6 pm
14	4-H Animal Science Web Series– Rabbit Showmanship	VIRTUAL	3 pm
14	4-H Fairboard Meeting	VIRTUAL	7 pm
21	4-H Animal Science Web Series– Meat Goat Showmanship	VIRTUAL	3pm
25	Deadline to Enter Southeastern Indiana 4-H Got Talent	VIRTUAL	
28	4-H Animal Science Web Series– Llama Learning	VIRTUAL	3pm
May 1	Southeastern Indiana 4-H Got Talent goes Live!	VIRTUAL	6 pm

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The Purdue *Fast Start* program is an opportunity for Indiana high school students to earn up to a year of free college credit from Purdue University. A partnership between Modern States (the online learning platform for advanced-placement courses) and Purdue University will assure Purdue University admission to all students who pass a minimum of five College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. A \$1 million gift from the founder and CEO of Modern States, Steve Klinsky, and his wife Maureen will cover the cost of 10,000 CLEP exam fees. If you are or someone you know is planning to attend Purdue University this is an awesome opportunity to jump start your collegiate career. Questions can be directed to Purdue Undergraduate Admissions or the Purdue Extension—Brown County Office.

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