

PURDUE EXTENSION

DUBOIS COUNTY AGRI-NEWS

January 2024

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Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) Training

Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) training will take place for Indiana pork producers on February 15, 2024 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM EST at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant at 393 Third Avenue, Jasper, IN 47546.

Required presentations and written exams will be provided with registration, with those requesting certification needing to bring their PQA+ license number.

Registration for PQA+ testing materials is required through the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at kjeck@purdue.edu or at ph.(812)482-1782.



Indiana Pork Regional Meeting

Pork producers are invited to attend the IN Pork Regional Meeting to see what's happening at your pork checkoff organization, to receive timely state policy updates and to learn about the latest in international market trends. Meeting will be on February 15 at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant following PQA+ certification.

Regional meeting begins at 6:00 PM, with dinner provided. To attend, register at https://www.indianapork.org/regionalmeetings or call 317-872-7500.



Garden Seed Giveaway

Feb 2nd 4:00-6:00PM

505 W 5th St, Jasper

Door # 4
(across from Jerry Brewer Stadium)



In order to promote community health and "growing local", the Purdue Extension office has kits of free garden seed packets available for folks interested in growing their own garden for the upcoming year. Each kit contains roughly 30-40 seed packets (enough for a medium-sized garden), as well as instructions on setting up and maintaining your own vegetable operation.

Kits will be distributed until they run out on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 4:00 — 6:00 PM.

Distribution will be at the "new" Purdue Extension — Dubois County office location at

Door #4, 505 West Fifth Street, Jasper, IN.

This is a great opportunity for individuals wanting start a garden for the first time or those wanting to help their families grow their own food. For gardening information of all types, visit the Purdue Extension "Gardening Bulletins" website at:

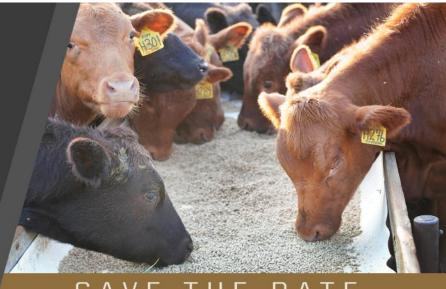
https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/gardening-bulletins/?fbclid=IwAR3cqVn0vkMLpYap32OiCnIxyeGxosWcAcHchry-sg_OSvENnMPlaCzFtJw

First Come/First Serve WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

BEEF BASICS

IN THE EASTERN CORNBELT





SAVE THE DATE

A virtual, multi-session program on Tuesdays from 6–8:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 7–8 p.m. EST.

FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH MARCH 26, 2024

Purdue Beef Basics

The Purdue Beef Team is excited to share the **Purdue Beef Basics in the Eastern Cornbelt Program!** This multi-session program is aimed at producers with less than 5 years of experience or those interested in exploring the beef industry, however, anyone is welcome to attend.

Extension educators, specialists, and industry experts will facilitate and lead program sessions. Among the topics covered are an **overview of beef cattle**, **behavior**, **and failities**, **health**, **genetic selection**, **forages**, **nutrition**, **and reproduction**.

The program begins February 6, 2024, with sessions happening every Tuesday (from 6:00 – 8:30 pm EST) and Thursday (from 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST) until March 26, 2024. The cost to participate is \$50 and the deadline to register is January 24, 2024.

Register Today: https://cvent.me/EBNPNV

Virtual Viewing/Group Option at SIPAC

If you are interested in participating in these virtual sessions in a group setting, we will be hosting a group viewing with discussions to follow presentations at the Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center if enough producers are interested in this option for the Tuesday night presentations (Thursdays will still be virtual only).

If you are interested in this sign up at the above website, then contact Ken Eck at ph.(812)482-1782 or email kjeck@purdue.edu to see if enough people want to meet as a group (participants will still be able to attend virtually at home if not enough producers are interested in group location option).

Seasonal Tips for Cattlemen

January

- 1.If adequate supplies of corn stalks exist, supplement with good quality forage.
- In very cold weather, provide windbreak or shelter and feed extra energy.
- 3. Calculate costs and possible returns associated with this year's forage enterprise.
- 4. In southern Indiana, frost seed legumes in pastures that contain less than 30 percent legumes.



- 1. Feed late in the day (after dark) to promote day-time calving.
- 2. Feed cows in good condition (condition score 5-7) a dry cow ration. Thin cows (condition score 3-4) should be fed a higher energy ration.
- Give weak calves colostrum with esophageal feeder within 4 hours of calving. Research has shown that after 4 hours the calf has lost most of its ability to absorb colostrum antibodies.
- 4. Identify calves with ear tags. Be aware of cows with aggressive behavior. Commercial operations should castrate and implant bull calves.
- 5. Record birth date, calf weight, dam and calf ID, and calving score in record book.
- 6. Overseed pastures with desired legume (if needed) before mid-March.
- 7. Frost seed clovers.
- 8. Purebred and commercial producers should:
 - Put heavy springers into calving pasture and observe them several times a day.
 - Provide extra attention to first-calf heifers.
 - Provide assistance to heifers after 1 hour and cows after 2 hours, if not making progress in calving.
 - Move cows and calves to a clean pasture away from calving pasture after calves are 2-3 days old.
- If moving heavy springers into a calving paddock or pasture and sorting cows and calves to a clean pasture is not feasible, then a large, well-drained calving pasture is needed. This area should be large enough to remain relatively clean for the calving period. Rule of thumb is 0.5 to 0.75 acres per cow.

Custom Farm Rates - 2023

Producers needing estimates for farm rates for practices from planting and harvest to tiling, hay baling and grain hauling can find averages at the following sites:

Purdue University "2023 Indiana Farm Custom Rates":

https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/resource/2023/03/indiana-farm-custom-rates/

Iowa State Univ. "2023 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey":

https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/fm1698-pdf

2024 SPRAYER SCHOOL

Training & Education Program for Commercial Pesticide
Applicators & Farmers

Agenda & Speakers

Mixing Procedures & Adjuvants
Marcelo Zimmer

TeeJet

Equipment on Roads & PPE Safety Fred Whitford

Lunch (Included in Registration Fee)

Calculations & Calibrations

Drift Management & Volitalization Jay Kelley

Cleanout & Cleanup - Machinery Maintenance & Winterization Fred Whitford

Register at this Link! https://bit.ly/sprayer2024

Checks Payable to Purdue CES, mail to Purdue Extension Knox County 4259 N Purdue Rd Vincennes, IN 47591 31 JAN

8:30AM-3:30 PM EST

Vincennes University Agricultural Center

Registration Fee Checks must be received by 1/24! \$50 PER

CCH & CCA Credits Available
Lunch Included



Extension

Vincennes University Agricultural Center 4207 Purdue Rd Vincennes, IN 47591

Contact Purdue Extension Knox County with questions at 812-882-3509. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity university.

OISC Pesticide Applicator Changes

There were some recent Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC) revisions to the Indiana pesticide rules that affect applicators, particularly those who apply Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). These revisions have been in process since 2018, and officially became a part of application rules in January 2023.



The biggest change is that <u>only</u> fully certified applicators (private and commercial) are now allowed to apply Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). The previous rule was that RUPs could be applied by anyone who was supervised by a private or commercial fully li-

censed applicator, but all must now be fully licensed.

So, how do you obtain a Private Applicator license? The most popular way to take the exam has been to obtain the training manual for the CORE exam (PPP-13), study the manual at home, and then take the exam at the Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville (other testing locations available at https://tinyurl.com/5kb6898w or ph. 877-533-2900). The test is administered by the Metro Institute, and Ivy Tech merely provides the supervision during the exam.

To prepare for the exam, the study manual can be purchased for \$40 plus shipping at https://tinyurl.com/yrjxswt5 or by calling 765-494-6794. Manuals are available in English and Spanish.

Once you receive a manual, go on-line to https://tinyurl.com/5yy5xay6 or call 1-877-533-2900 to schedule an appointment to take the exam. Leave a message and let them know when the best time is to reach you. Everyone taking the exam must show a government-issued photo ID. Contact the Indiana State Chemist at 756-494-1492 for alternative identification, if needed. A person is allowed three attempts to take the exam in 12 months' time. There is a \$55 fee for use of facilities through Ivy Tech.

National Farm Machinery Show

The National Farm Machinery Show will be held February 14-17, 2024 at the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY. Full information and schedules are available at:

https://farmmachineryshow.org/

The National Farm Machinery Show offers the most complete selection of cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment and services available in the farming industry. Business profession-

als from around the world gain knowledge and hands-on access to various technological advancements needed for the upcoming farming season during the four-day show.

Registration Form

Address: Name:

City:

Phone: (Day)

Zip:

State:

Email:

Fees:

Couples/family registration -Registration - \$50 = \$30 each additional

Total Amount Enclosed

Class size is limited to 40 registrants on a firstcome, first serve basis.

Make checks payable to:

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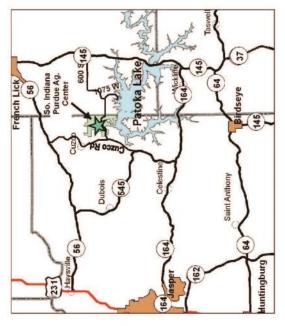
Advanced registration is required by January 29 Mail completed form along with your payment to: Veronica Helming

Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District 1486 Executive Blvd. Suite A

Jasper IN 47546

I require auxiliary aids and services due to a disability. Please contact me at the above address. (If multiple registrants, indicate the individual who needs to be contacted.)

Directions



-rom the west:

From State Rd. 545 go north on Cuzco Rd. Go 2.1 mi., Purdue Farm Rd. Go 1.2 mi. to top of hill. Turn left at past Patoka Lake dam entrance, and turn right on to stone sign and proceed 0.3 mi. to SIPAC office.

-rom the east:

Rd. Go another 0.9 mi. to entrance. Turn right at sign Go 0.2 mi. and turn right on Co. Rd. 725 S. Go 1.3 mi to Dubois Co. line where road becomes Purdue Farm 025 W. Go 1.4 mi. and turn left on Co. Rd. 1075 W. Baseline Rd.). Go 2.5 mi. and turn left on Co. Rd. From State Rd. 145 turn west on to Co. Rd. 600 S and go 0.3 mi. to SIPAC office.

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

and Natural Resources

Extension - Forestry

Woodland Owner Management for the Private Forest

One Saturday Field Sessions February 5 to March 25, 2024 Eight Monday Evenings and

11371 East Purdue Farm Rd Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center Dubois, IN 47527

The program is sponsored by:

Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources **Dubois County Cooperative Extension**

Four Rivers Forestry Committee

Dubois Soil & Water Conservation

IDNR, Division of Forestry

Forest Management for the Private Woodland Owner

View from Hickory Ridge Fire Tower, Monroe Co.

About the Course ...

Forest Management for the Private Woodland Owner is a Purdue University short course providing knowledge and resources to help landowners make informed decisions in the care and management of their forests. The workshop will run eight (8) Monday evenings, Feb 5 through Mar 25, according to the course schedule. Class size is limited to 40 registrants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

When and Where ...

February 5 to March 25, 2024

Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center is located on the north side of Patoka Lake, near the dam entrance.

The workshop will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EST) each scheduled week (except the Saturday morning field tour, running 9 am to noon)

For more program information, contact Ron Rathfon at 812-678-5049 or by email at ronr@purdue.edu

Instruction will be provided by Purdue Extension staff, and state and private sector foresters.

Course Schedule

Monday, February 5, 2024 6—9 p.m.* Forest Resource & Tree Identification

Monday, February 12, 2024 6—9 p.m. Forest Biology & Ecology

Monday, February 19, 2024 6—9 p.m. Forest Cultivation I Monday, February 26, 2024 6—9 p.m. Forest Cultivation II Monday, March 4, 2024 6—9 p.m. Managing the Woodland Investment Saturday, March 9, 2024 9a.m—12pm Field Tour

Monday, March11, 2024 6—9 p.m. Marketing Timber

Monday, March18, 2024 6—9 p.m. Wildlife Management Monday, March 25, 2024 6—9 p.m. Assistance and Resources for Landowners

'All times are Eastern Standard Time

Fee Schedule

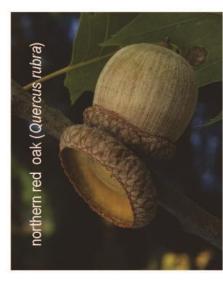
Registration includes:

- Forestry Specialists
- Thumb drive of all publications
- Tree measuring stick
- Course materials
- Snacks

\$20

Couples or family registration (first person at regular rate of \$50 with one set of materials provided as above) each additional attendee

\$30







BEGINNING FARMER





VIRTUAL PROGRAM

FARM RESOURCE PLANNING

FOR THE SMALL-SCALE AND MARKET FARMER VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

The goal of this 8-session program is to help new and beginning farmers find success through creation a practical action plan. The program helps farmers set goals, identify assets and challenges, and become aware of outside assistance and resources that can lead them towards a successful farming operation. Each participant will be encouraged to explore outside resources and supplemental materials presented in the class as well as other resources shared by classmates.

Participants will be provided with a digital copy of the Beginning Farmer workbook.

MONDAY EVENINGS • 7:00-8:30PM (EST) FEB. 5 - MARCH 25, 2024

REGISTRATION IS \$85 LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT http://bit.ly/VBF2024

IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMODATION TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT AMY THOMPSON AT AFTHOMPSON@PURDUE.EDU BEFORE JAN. 31. PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INSTITUTION.







MARCH 9, 2024 - FRIEDMAN PARK EVENT CENTER 2700 PARK BLVD NEWBURGH, IN 47630

A gathering of homesteaders, home gardeners, suppliers and enthusiasts learning and growing together!

Pre- Conference Food Preservation Workshop Friday, March 8th, 2024 - 12pm-5pm

\$35 per person No Childcare Available

Topics Include: Boiling water bath & pressure canning techniques, fermentation & pickling process, hands-on practice in the kitchen

Main Conference

Saturday, March 9th, 2024 - Registration 7:30am, Sessions start at 8am

\$40 per person Childcare Available \$20 per child

Topics Include: Vegetable Gardening, Fruit Gardening, Soils & Compost, Beekeeping, Farm Tools, Small Business Development Center, Poultry, Insects, Urban Agriculture, Cover Crops, Rainwater Storage, Food Storage and more!

Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for homesteading. **Exchange ideas**, stories, and build lasting connections with fellow homesteaders, creating a **supportive network** that extends beyond the conference.

Meet local and regional suppliers offering homesteading essentials, sustainable products, and tools to enhance your homesteading journey. Find the resources you need to turn your homesteading dreams into reality!

REGISTER NOW HTTPS://BIT.LY/SWIHC2024



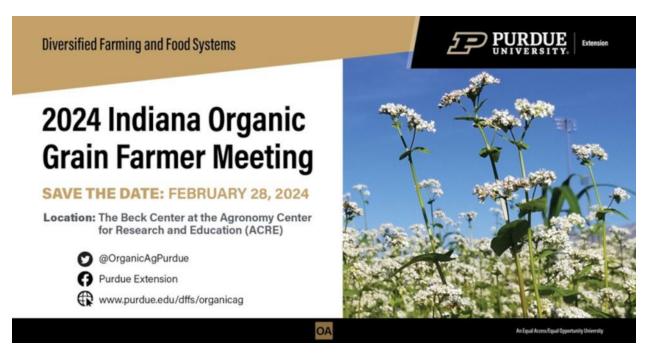


Fields of Resilience: Women's Ag Risk Management Series

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

Join the Purdue Women in Agriculture Team for this FREE webinar series on timely farm risk management issues. Sessions occur on the 4th Friday of the month at 12:00 PM EST.

Registration link: https://bit.ly/WIAWebinars2024 Register once to be signed up for each session. Recordings will be made available after each program.



Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting

Organic farmers and ag professionals will gather at the Beck Agricultural Center, 4550 US-52 W, West Lafayette, IN 47907, for the Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting on February 28, 2024. This event promises to be a beneficial experience for those invested in the organic agriculture sector.

Doors will open at 8 AM with morning refreshments and networking opportunities. The program is scheduled to begin at 9 AM, with a diverse agenda tailored to address the challenges and opportunities facing organic grain farmers in the current market.

Key agenda items include:

- **Farmer Panel**: *Diversifying Thoughtfully in a Challenging Market* Learn from experienced farmers who have creatively navigated their businesses through the everchanging organic market.
- **Presentations:** Explore topics such as organic farm finance, organic crop insurance, and organic certification. Learn from researchers about how insects may help you understand your farm better and how you can get involved with future studies.
- **Networking:** Connect with other organic farmers and meet with our trade show vendors from local and regional businesses.

Early bird pricing of \$60/person is available through January 22, 2024. Register at :

https://extension.purdue.edu/anr/_teams/dffs/organic_ag/programs/org-grain-farmer-meeting.html

For additional information, please contact:

Ashley Adair, Extension Organic Agriculture Specialist

E-mail: holmes9@purdue.edu

Phone: (765) 496-6362



Emergency Preparedness for Rural Families is an upcoming four-part extension workshop for women in agriculture will focus on emergency preparedness for rural families. The program will be held at numerous locations across Nebraska and Indiana and virtually. The series will focus on farm and ranch emergency management, first aid, fire protection, and hazardous materials.

Dates: March 5, 7, 12, & 14, 2024

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm Eastern

Cost **In-person Sessions:** \$50 per person by Feb. 20 (after that \$60) Cost **Virtual Sessions**: \$75 per person by Feb. 20 (after that \$80)

<u>REGISTER HERE FOR IN-PERSON SITE!</u> REGISTER HERE FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION.

In-person Sites Include:

Bloomfield — Comm. Event Center, Greene Co. Fairgrounds, 4503 W. SR 54

Columbus — Purdue Extension- Bartholomew County, 783 S. Marr Rd

Princeton — Gibson County Fairgrounds, 709 N. Embree

The program is a collaboration between extension women in Agriculture programs at Purdue University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, agricultural occupations have high rates of work-related injuries and deaths. While not all emergencies result in bodily injury or death, they also may cost rural families in other ways.

"Women play a critical role in ensuring the safety of their homes and rural communities," said Jessica Groskopf, director of the Nebraska Women in Agriculture program. "In many farm and ranch families, safety is an important topic, but it sometimes gets overlooked because it does not directly impact profitability."

Each state's workshop sites will be hosted by local extension personnel. Keynote speakers will be simulcast to each location, and each site will provide additional speakers and hands-on activities. Dinner will be included.

Groskopf said the program's structure is intended to strengthen networks of women in rural areas, which can provide opportunities for building trust and sharing information. "Connections are so important to rural women," she said. "We have seen the benefits that come from knowing your peers, having a place to share difficulties, and mitigate the isolation that so many of us in agriculture often feel."

The workshops seek to help participants initiate preventative practices, set up a plan to deal with emergencies before they occur and be more comfortable reacting to emergency situations.

For questions or concerns, please contact Jenna Nees at smith 535@purdue.edu or 765-653-8411.

INTEGRATED CROP-LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS STUDY



Are you interested in integrating livestock with crops on your vegetable farm?

Purdue University's Sustainable Horticulture Lab is leading an Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems study on organic farms and wants to connect with you! The study aims to determine the impact of these integrated systems on soil health, microbial communities, and food pathogens on the farm. The lab will also explore economic feasibility of these systems.

Connect with us in two ways:

- Sign up for e-mails about the project, related events, and study results
- Participate in the research as a participatory farm site

Participating farms would be required to raise chickens or other livestock, but not required to be certified organic. A paired strip trial (at least one strip) with and without livestock would be set up for the collection of soil and crop samples.

Learn more or participate in the study by contacting:

Moriah Bilenky at mbilenky@purdue.edu / 765-496-0368, or Ashley Adair at holmes9@purdue.edu / 765-496-6362.



Winter Garden Calendar

Lawns, Tree Fruits, Landscape Plants, and Woody Ornamentals

January

- Check young trees for rodent injury on lower trunks. Prevent injury with hardware cloth or protective collars.
- Cut branches of forsythia, pussy willow, crabapple, quince, honeysuckle, and other early spring-flowering plants to force into bloom indoors. Place the branches in warm water, and set them in a cool location.

February

- Check mulches, rodent shields, salt/wind screens, and other winter plant protections to make sure they are still in place.
- Prune landscape plants, except early spring bloomers, which should be pruned after flowers fade. Birches, maples, dogwoods, and other heavy sap bleeders can be pruned in early summer to avoid the sap flow, although bleeding is not harmful to the tree.
- Prune fruit trees to control plant size and remove dead, damaged, or weak limbs.

Indoor Plants and Activities

January

- Keep holiday poinsettias and other plants near a bright window. Water as top of soil becomes dry.
- Check produce and tender bulbs kept in storage, and discard any that show signs of decay, such as mold or softening. Shriveling indicates insufficient relative humidity.

February

- Check water levels daily in cut-flower vases.
- Repot houseplants as they outgrow current pots.
- Early blooms of spring-flowering bulbs can make good gifts for a sweetheart. Keep the plant in a bright, cool location for longer lasting blooms. Forced bulbs make poor garden flowers and should be discarded as blooms fade.

Flowers, Vegetables, and Small Fruits

January

- Browse through garden catalogs and order seeds and plants early for best selection.
- Sketch your garden plans on paper, including what to grow, spacing, arrangement, and number of plants needed.
- Wood ashes from the fireplace can be spread in the garden, but don't overdo it. Wood ashes increase soil pH, and excess application can make some nutrients unavailable for plant uptake. Have your soil tested to be certain of the pH before adding wood ash

February

- Prepare or repair lawn and garden tools for the upcoming season.
- Start seeds indoors for cool-season vegetables so they will be ready for transplanting to the garden early in the season. Broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage seeds should be started five to seven weeks prior to transplanting.
- Test leftover garden seed for germination. Place 10 seeds between moist paper toweling or cover with a thin layer of soil. Keep seeds warm and moist. If less than six seeds germinate, then fresh seed should be purchased.

By Rosie Lerner & Michael Dana, Purdue Pub. HO-90-W





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Jan.	26	Purdue Women's Ag Risk Mgmt.: Cyber Ecosystems (Virtual)
Jan.	31	Purdue Sprayer School (Vincennes)
Feb.	2	Garden Seed Packet Kit Give Away (Jasper)
Feb.	7	Purdue Area Corn & Soybean Day/PARP (Darmstadt)
Feb.	5	Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting (Jamestown)
Feb.	5,12,19&26	Purdue Forest Mgmt. for the Private Woodland Owner (Cuzco)
Feb.	5,12,19&26	Purdue Beginning Farmer Farm Resources Program (Virtual)
		Purdue Beef Basics in the Eastern Cornbelt (Cuzco & Virtual)
	20, 22, 27 &	29
Feb.	13	Dubois County SWCD Annual Meeting (Huntingburg)
Feb.	14	Midwest Cover Crop Council Conference (Indianapolis)
Feb.	14 - 17	National Farm Machinery Show (Louisville)
Feb.	15	Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) Training (Jasper)
Feb.	15	Indiana Pork Regional Meeting (Jasper)
Feb.	17	All About Maple Syrup (Bedford)
Feb.	21	IN Uplands Winter Food Summit 2024 (Paoli)
Feb.	22	Purdue Ag Women Engage Conference (Fort Wayne)
Feb.	23	Purdue Women's Ag Risk Mgmt.: Farm Succession (Virtual)
Feb.	28	Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting (West Lafayette)
Feb.	29-Mar. 1	Indiana Small Farm Conference (Danville)
Mar.	4, 9, 11, 18,	Purdue Forest Mgmt. for the Private Woodland Owner (Cuzco)
	& 25	
		Purdue Beginning Farmer Farm Resources Program (Virtual)
Mar.	5,7,12&14	Purdue/U Neb. Emergency Prep. for Rural Families (Princeton)

Mar. 5,7,12,14,19Purdue Beef Basics in the Eastern Cornbelt (Cuzco & Virtual)

Purdue Spring Fling & Fruit Tree Give Away (Jasper)

Purdue Southwest Indiana Homesteading Conference (Newburgh)

21, 26 & 28

Mar. 8 & 9

Apr. 20