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Posey County ANR Update November 2024

A Fond Farewell

It is with feelings of sadness and excitement I announce that my last day with Purdue Extension-Posey County will be this **Friday, November 22nd**. I have accepted the position of Executive Director of Wesselman Woods in Evansville. I've enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people throughout the county at PARPs, the county fair, at farmers' markets, and while working on the Mt. Vernon Community Forestry grant. Thank you for welcoming me into the community!

The **Mt. Vernon Community Forestry Program** is continuing to develop. Anyone interested in helping to create tree canopy in the city, educate others about the benefits of trees, or just get involved with a worthy cause, reach out to the Project Coordinator, Julie Vann (juliannyann@gmail.com).

The Indiana Master Naturalist Posey County 2025 course is also scheduled to continue. I will continue helping with the program as an IMN volunteer. Purchasing a spot in the course for someone who loves the outdoors would make a fantastic Christmas gift! Learn more and find registration forms on the Purdue Extension Posey County website.

Private Applicators ~ Mark your calendar for Posey County Ag Day on January 22, 2025! Sponsored by the Posey County Co-Op and CountryMark, the event will take place again in the morning at the Posey County Community Event Center at the Fairgrounds. There are a few PARP events scheduled before the end of 2024 listed below. If you're not sure how many credits you need, you can always visit the (OISC - Office of Indiana State Chemist Home Page), click on "My Records", then click on "Pesticide License Search".

Feel free to reach out to me before Friday this week if I can be of any final assistance. If you know anyone who might be interested in filling the ANR position here in Posey County, have them stay on the lookout for the job posting on the Purdue Careers website. Wishing you all the best and hope to see you again in the future!

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Learn More: Leaving a Lasting Legacy

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

VIRTUAL TRAINING REGISTRATION INFO

February 4 – May 6, 2025

PURDUE EXTENSION

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

February 4 Purdue EMG Orientation

Plant Science February 11 February 18 Soils and Plant Nutrition February 25 Invasive Species March 4 Plant Disease Diagnosis

Weed ID and Control March 11 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 Vegetable Gardening May 6

After May 6 Final Exam, post-test, & post-program survey

County Connections

Weekly local connection hour with your county's Extension Master Gardener Coordinator. The day, time, and place for the local connection hour will be determined by your EMG County Coordinator and could be in person, a virtual web meeting, or a



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





Indiana Master Naturalist Offered in Posey County!

Purdue Extension ANR is working in partnership with Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites New Harmony to bring the Indiana Master Naturalist (IMN) program to Posey County! The course will be held in New Harmony at Thrall's Opera House from 1:00-4:00 PM on the second Saturday of the month, January 11, 2025 through October 11, 2025. A few of the classes will be held at nearby locations (i.e., Harmonie State Park, Hovey Lake, and Twin Swamps). Topics for the IMN Posey County 2025 course will include:



- Environmental Interpretation
- Tree Identification
- Wetlands
- Foraging
- Invasive Species
- Native Plants
- Wildlife Tracking
- AND MORE!!

Click to Register for Indiana Master Naturalist

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT

FT BRANCH SENIOR CENTER
112 N RAILROAD ST, FT BRANCH, IN

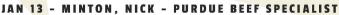
QUESTIONS? CONTACT ABBY 812-385-3491

STARTING LINEUP:



Farm Bureau Policy Night - Discuss local topics and guide Gibson
County Farm Bureau Inc's policy recommendations.

Pizza & Drinks will be provided.

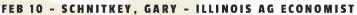


Livestock/Beef Nutrition – What do your cattle need to get them through the winter and into the next breeding season? Nick will provide recommendations and discussion to get you on track.



JAN 27 - TELENKO, DARCY - PURDUE PLANT PATHOLOGIST

Plant Pathology/Disease – The leading research expert in plant pathology, Darcy will provide insights into the disease outlook for the year, the impacts of tar spot and more.





Ag Outlook - Discover the trends in profitability and income for your farming operation with Dr. Schnitkey, of farmdoc.

Market Outlook Panel – Hear the outlook opinions of multiple local grain buyers in one room. Meal will be provided.





Two Dudes and a PARP - Dan & Shaun will provide insight into the corn & soy research they've been doing. PARP & CCH credits will be available. Meal will be provided.

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PRIVATE APPLICATORS

- *Click here to see upcoming PARP events.
- *Click here if you would like to see how many PARP programs you have or to look up your expiration date (You need 3 programs in 5 years), click on applicator login.
- *If you need to take the Private applicator exam you can go to <u>Ivy Tech Testing</u> Centers in Terre Haute or Evansville or Vincennes University (Vincennes).
- *We have a few CORE manuals that Posey County residents can borrow from the Purdue Extension office, or you can <u>purchase them by clicking here</u>.

PUBLICATIONS

Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rental Rates

USDA Weekly Crop Progress & Weather Report

Purdue Landscape Report

Purdue Crop Chat with Dan 'Corn' Quinn & 'Soybean Shaun' Casteel

Purdue University Commercial AGNews Latest Issue

Vegetable Crops Hotline Current Issue

November Yard & Garden Calendar

December Yard & Garden Calendar

CALENDAR

Nov 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)

Dec. 11 - Area 3 Beef Meeting (Petersburg) Register by calling 812-385-3491

Dec. 13 - Market Ready Producer Training (Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds)

Dec. 13 - Agriculture Outlook Breakfast (Vincennes)

Dec. 19-Gibson County PARP (Princeton)

Dec 24-25 Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day (Office Closed)

Jan. 6-Feb. 24 - Farm Winter Workshops (Ft. Branch)

Jan. 11 - Indiana Master Naturalist Posey Co Begins

Jan. 16-19-<u>Illiana Watermelon Association 2025 Convention</u> (French Lick)

Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11-Succession Planning Workshop (Vincennes)

Jan. 22 - Posey County Ag Day (Posey Co. Community Event Center)

Jan. 28-Crop Management Workshop (Vincennes)

Jan. 31-Sprayer School (Vincennes)

Feb 4 - May 6 Virtual Master Gardener Course (Statewide)

Feb. 13-14- <u>UAV (Drone) Technology Program</u> (Boonville)

Wednesdays, Feb. 5- May 14-Master Gardener Basic Training (Vincennes&Washington)

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