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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 (juliannvann@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 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

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 combination of both.



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.



SAVE THE DATE

ANNIE'S PROJECT FOR CUT FLOWER GROWERS

MONDAY EVENINGS
6-9PM EST (5-8 CT)
JAN 20 - FEB 24

Program sites are available across Indiana. Select the location that works best for you:
Morgan/Johnson, Lake/Porter, Clark, Hancock, Warrick, Montgomery, Boone, Allen, Steuben, Virtual

Registration information coming soon!



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](#)



WINTER WORKSHOP

All-Stars



ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT
6PM CT

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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ABBY
812-385-3491

STARTING LINEUP:



JAN 6 - FEUTZ, JOHN - GIBSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Farm Bureau Policy Night - Discuss local topics and guide Gibson County Farm Bureau Inc's policy recommendations. Pizza & Drinks will be provided.



JAN 13 - MINTON, NICK - PURDUE BEEF SPECIALIST

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.



FEB 10 - SCHNITKEY, GARY - ILLINOIS AG ECONOMIST

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.



FEB 24 - QUINN, DAN - PURDUE CORN SPECIALIST

CASTEEL, SHAUN - PURDUE SOYBEAN SPECIALIST

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 [Ivy Tech Testing 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 [purchase them by clicking here](#).

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-[Illiana Watermelon Association 2025 Convention](#) (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- [UAV \(Drone\) Technology Program](#) (Boonville)

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

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