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JANUARY 2024

UPCOMING PARP CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

January 24th: 10 am to 12 pm

- Wells County PARP

January 25th: 7 pm to 9 pm

- LaGrange County Vegetable Growers PARP

February 2nd: 8:30 am to 11:15am

- Huntington County PARP

February 8th: 10 am to 12 pm

- Adams County Cover Crop PARP

February 13th: 9 am to 1 pm

- Jay County Agronomy Day

February 21st: 9 am to 1 pm

- Blackford County Ag Best Grower's Meeting

February 26th: 9 am to 4 pm

- LaGrange Michiana Irrigation PARP

February 28th: 3 pm to 5 pm

- Jay County Soil/Water PARP

February 29th: 9 am to 12 pm

- Franklin County PARP

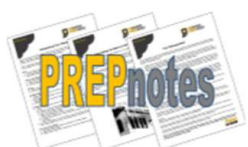
If you need a list of continuing credit hours (CCH) for your commercial license, call the Extension office and ask for Emily!

*If you have any questions, call 260-726-4707 and we will give you more information about these events!

Reducing Heat Loss in Your Home

Heating is one of the biggest utility expenses faced by homeowners (or renters). Fortunately, there are many steps that can help to reduce heating costs, and make your home more comfortable during the cold months of the year. While a few of these recommendations are expensive and perhaps not feasible in some cases, many are simple and will only take a few minutes of your time.

1. Install overhead and sidewall insulation. Adequate insulation is one of the most important factors in reducing heat loss and will increase the comfort of your home in both summer and winter. Under most conditions you should have the equivalent of 6 inches of fiberglass thermal insulation over your top floor ceiling. 3.5 to 4 inches of sidewall insulation is also recommended.
2. Weatherstrip and caulk around all joints and frames of windows and doors.
3. Install energy-efficient insulating glass windows and doors. In older houses, storm windows may still be used. If upgrading windows is not practical, clear plastic window insulating kits greatly cut down on drafts and heat loss through windows.
4. Clean and change furnace filters regularly. Furnaces should be checked and cleaned by a qualified repairman once a year. Air filters should be cleaned and replaced when they become loaded with dust or lint.
5. Close window draperies at night. Regular draperies reduce heat loss slightly; insulated draperies cut down heat loss even more.
6. Seal as tightly as possible any openings which may permit cold air leakage from the attic. Leakage is likely to occur around attic stairway doors, pulldown stairways, electric light fixtures, ceiling fans, air ducts, and plumbing vents or pipes. Air leakage from the attic not only increases heat loss but also increases the possibility of moisture condensation in the attic. Condensation could wet insulation and building materials, eventually causing structural damage and reducing the effectiveness of the insulation.
7. If your basement is heated, close off upper wall construction that is open to the attic. However, be sure to provide exterior vents into the wall cavity. Crawlspace vents may be covered to prevent heat loss.
8. Repair leaking hot water faucets. Leaky faucets waste both heat and water.
9. Close fireplace dampers when they are not in use. This will keep heated air from escaping up the chimney.



PREPnotes are adapted from the “Disaster Handbook for Extension Agents”. Reviewed and updated November, 2019. Additional sources cited as appropriate.



See the next page for more information

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

2 LOCATIONS IN ONE DAY:

GASTON FAIRGROUNDS - GASTON, IN
JAY CO FAIRGROUNDS - PORTLAND, IN

AG OUTLOOK MEETINGS

JOIN US IN DISCUSSING: 2024 Economic Outlook | Land Values
Farm Succession Planning

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JOIN US FEBRUARY 12

You are invited to TWO informative agriculture outlook seminars discussing land values and estate planning for your farm. Join us for one or BOTH - whatever your schedule allows; we would love to have you!

Contact the HALDERMAN
MAIN OFFICE at
800.424.2324

with any
question



LOCATION | GASTON FAIRGROUNDS
7449 W COUNTY RD 850 N, GASTON, IN 47342

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN | 8:00 am (Breakfast Provided)

SPEAKING TOPICS INCLUDE:

LAND VALUES & OUTLOOK | 8:30 am

Howard Halderman, President of the Halderman Companies

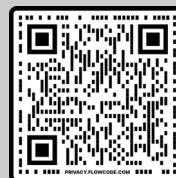
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK | 9:15 am

Michael Langemeier, Associate Director, Center for Commercial Agriculture at Purdue University

BREAK | 10:30 am

FARM SUCCESSION PLANNING | 10:45 am

Heather Caldwell, Fayette County ANR Educator



RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 29, VISIT:

<https://bit.ly/DelawareCoAgOutlook2024>

LOCATION | JAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - EXHIBIT HALL
806 E VOTAW ST, PORTLAND, IN 47371

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN | 11:30 am (Lunch Provided)

SPEAKING TOPICS INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK | 12:00 pm

Michael Langemeier, Associate Director, Center for Commercial Agriculture at Purdue University

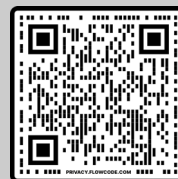
FARM SUCCESSION PLANNING | 1:15 pm

Heather Caldwell, Fayette County ANR Educator

BREAK | 2:00 pm

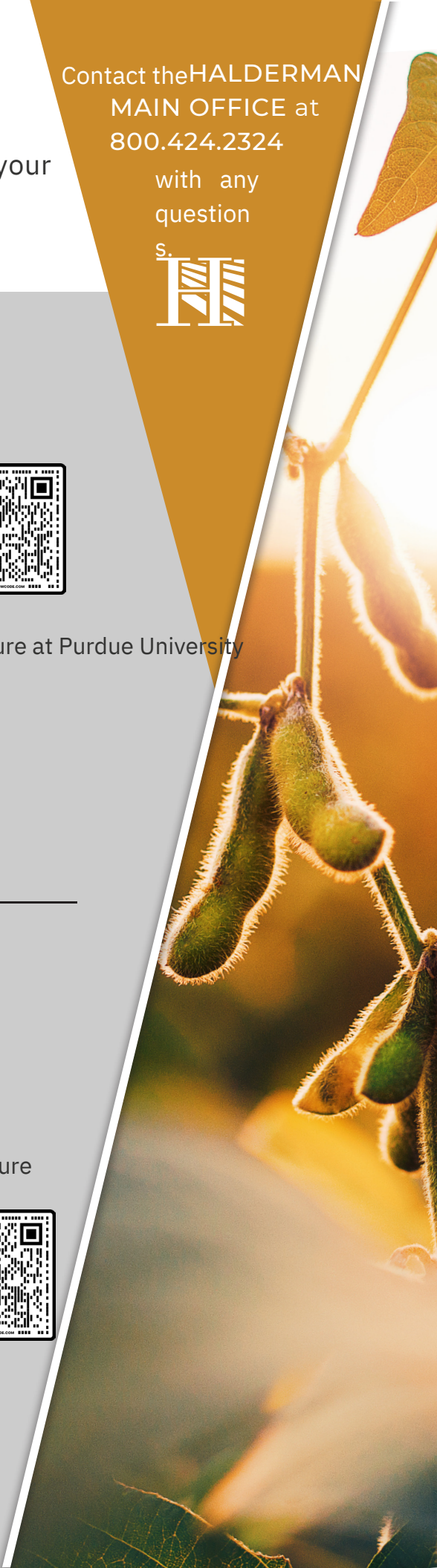
LAND VALUES & OUTLOOK | 2:15 pm

Howard Halderman, President of the Halderman Companies



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**Jay County Soil & Water Conservation District
Annual Meeting/Program - Wednesday, February 28, 2024
Bob Schmit Memorial Hall - Jay County Fairgrounds**



Extension - Jay County

3:00-5:00 PM -PARP CREDIT

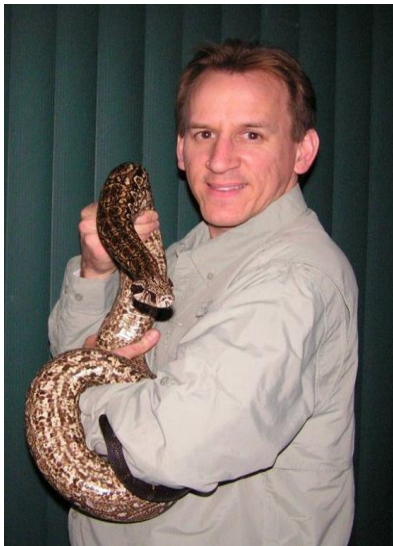
Bring your Pesticide License or last 4 digits of SSN for registration. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution

6:00 PM Dinner (complimentary)

Soil & Water Conservation District Business & Conservation Recognitions

Speaker - Indiana Jim & Python Pam

Reptile & amphibian education located in Indianapolis, IN.



Jim is an amateur herpetologist and a Master Naturalist. His life-long passion for reptiles and his wide range of field experience in herpetology has led him to acquire a vast knowledge. Jim and his wife, Pam co-operate Indiana Jim's Reptile Experience, a wildlife education program. His passion goes beyond amphibians and reptiles. Jim is co-coordinator of the Central Indiana Frog Watch chapter. He is also active in the Indiana Native Plant Society, Central Indiana Land Trust, and the Boone County Invasives Cooperative. In his free time, he enjoys photography, music, camping, kayaking, botany, ornithology, entomology, and anything nature related.

Participate in the PARP session & stay for dinner/program

~ or ~

Come for dinner & enjoy the program

The dinner/program is free & we encourage you to attend!

This speaker will be of particular interest to anyone interested in Live Animals! Reservations for dinner must be received on or before Friday, February 9th. Please RSVP at 260-726-4888, ext. 3015 or taylor.suman@in.nacdnet.net for meal count purposes.



JOIN US FOR AN INVASIVE SPECIES

WEED WRANGLE

MARCH 16TH @ 10 AM

CEYLON COVERED BRIDGE AT THE LIMBERLOST PARK

9486 COUNTY RD 950 S, GENEVA, IN 46740

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

-INVASIVE PLANT ID

-HOW INVASIVE SPECIES ON YOUR PROPERTY ARE COSTING YOU MONEY

-BEST PRACTICES FOR INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

AN "INVASIVE" PLANT IS A NON-NATIVE PLANT THAT INFESTS NATURAL AREAS AND CAUSES ENVIRONMENTAL OR ECONOMIC HARM, OR HARM TO HUMAN HEALTH.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SATURDAY, March 2nd, 2024

6:00 pm

The Jay County Farm Bureau will be sponsoring a Family Fun Night on March 2nd at the Wesleyan Church Gym 209 South Hendricks St., Bryant, IN. A pizza and salad buffet will be served at 6:00 followed by BINGO and additional games for all ages. This event is FREE to all Farm Families and those in Ag related professions. Come join us for an evening of Fellowship, Food, Family and Friends. Please RSVP to Connie Muhlenkamp at 260-729-2046 or stop by the Farm Bureau office in Portland to make your reservations for your family today. Need not be a member to attend!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RURAL FAMILIES



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March 5th and 7th: Dunkirk Fire Department

Farm Emergency Management and First Aid

March 12th and 14th: Portland Fire Department

Fire Protection and Hazardous Materials

4 Sessions Total: Each session 6:00-8:30 pm

**Giveaways & dinner
every night!**

Learn how to best initiate preventative practices, set up a plan to deal with emergencies before they occur, and be more comfortable reacting to emergency situations!

Keynote Speakers and Local Firefighter Presentations!

Register at: <https://purdue.link/empprepared24>

Register by Feb. 20th for \$50 per person. After Feb. 20th, \$60 per person.

Dinner is included at the start of every session.

Participants should plan to attend each session!

Call Emily Kring at 260-726-4707 for more information

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TRANSFERRING THE FARM'S LEGACY



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Polly Dobbs,
Dobbs & Folz, LLC

Developing and implementing a succession plan can be a difficult task. Oftentimes, producers are left wondering where they should start, when they should start, and how can we do this with minimal conflict.

In this day-long workshop, you'll learn about transferring the management of the farm, developing a financial roadmap for succession planning, dealing with conflicts, and hear from Polly Dobbs, Dobbs & Folz, LLC. Polly will be discussing common pitfalls, tools to overcome the pitfalls, buy-sell agreements, and the upcoming tax changes that could effect your strategy.

Participants will be invited to meet with members of the Purdue Succession Planning Team following the educational workshop.

DATE/LOCATION

Feb. 21, 2024
10:00 am – 3:30 pm
Eastern

Grand Wayne Center
Fort Wayne, IN

COST

\$50 registration fee when
attending Ag Women
Engage Conference

\$60 registration fee if not
attending conference

REGISTRATION

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

Deadline **Feb. 13, 2024**

Questions? Contact 765-653-8411
or smith535@purdue.edu



Women in Agriculture



The Succession Planning Team


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CONFERENCE

Feb 14, 2024

 Crowne Plaza Indianapolis

Register by 2/6

(no on site registration)

www.midwestcovercrops.org/meetings/



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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Rob Myers

Director,
Center for Regenerative Ag,
University of Missouri



Barry Fisher

Fisher Soil Health

FARMER PANEL

BREAKOUT SESSIONS



VISIT WITH VENDORS AND SPONSORS

Join us also for the
MCCC ANNUAL MEETING
February 13

2-day registration includes..

- Networking reception
- Student poster competition
- Research updates from across the Midwest

How many PARP points do you have?



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2nd Click on "My Records" - gold bar across the top

3rd Click on "Applicator Login" - down the left side at the bottom.

4th You will be prompted to enter your first & last name and the last four digits of your social security number. You will be taken to a page with all of your information concerning your license.

*Reminder: every five years you need to earn three points. Once you have your three credits and prior to your license expiring you must reapply by sending in the appropriate form and \$20 to activate your license.

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PLANT COMPATIBILITY & MATCHMAKING



Tuesday, February 13 @ 6 PM
Jay County Public Library



Have you wondered what plants are safe to plant together or which ones are okay to do rotational gardening with? Purdue Extension's Justin Curley will teach you how to become the ultimate plant matchmaker!



Please register for this event by calling or visiting the library.



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The Jay County Ag. Newsletter is an educational service of the Jay County Cooperative Extension Service. Additional information is available from the Jay County Extension Service located at 126 Meridian St., Portland.

If you would like to receive timely updates by email, please contact Jessica Kerrigan at 260-726-4707 or email jkerrig@purdue.edu. Likewise, if you are moving and need to change your address, please contact us so you don't miss any issues.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in our programs, prior to the meeting, contact Emily Kring at (260) 726-4707