

# ON THE HORIZON

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*In Boone County*

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# How To Prevent Combine Fires



Recent weather conditions present the opportunity for combine fires – take preventive steps now!

Follow the link below to learn how YOU can prevent combine fires this harvest season.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## Compost 101 Workshop

Learn the basics of composting and how it can improve soil health and productivity in your garden.

Free  
Lunch  
Provided-Be  
sure to RSVP!

October 23  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
\*Free Program\*

Garden  
Tour!

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds

RSVP to 765-482-0750 or booneces@purdue.edu



[Click here to learn more](#)

## Food Entrepreneurs: “Ask an Expert”

Have questions about starting or growing your food business? Join Purdue’s Food Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing Institute for free group office hours with experts in food safety, product development, marketing, and business planning.

When: Oct: 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> | Nov: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> | Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

Capacity: 5 participants per session

Questions: Femi@purdue.edu or 765-494-2758

[Click Here to Sign up](#)



# Produce Grower Training – Online

Learn about FSMA Produce Safety Rules, GAPs, and produce safety best practices. Fulfills §112.22(c) training requirement. Course manual included and certificate provided (with full attendance).

Nov 4, 2025 | 9 AM – 5 PM ET  
Virtual - Internet, webcam & mic required  
\$70 Indiana Residents / \$175 Out-of-State  
Register by Oct 27th



Who Should Attend: Growers, farm staff, and anyone handling produce for sale.

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Considering Organic Farming?

Join Marbleseed and Purdue Extension to learn about transitioning your farm to organic production. Learn from farmers, experts, and certification specialists about production systems, record keeping, and marketing strategies. Breakout sessions for both grain & field crops and specialty crops & vegetables, with hands-on learning.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 10 am - 5:30 pm  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Danville  
\*FREE program\*

Space is limited & registration closes 10/30/25.



[Click Here for Event Details & sign up](#)

## 2025 Rooted & Resilient Homesteading Conference

Join us for the two inspiring days of learning, connection, and community! Whether you're a seasoned homesteader or just getting started, you'll gain practical skills and knowledge from a fantastic lineup of speakers!

Workshops, demos, and expert talks focused on self-sufficiency, sustainability, and resilient living.

November 7–8, 2025

Community Learning Center, Kendallville, IN

View the full agenda: [Click to View](#)



[Click Here to Register](#)

# National Agricultural Marketing Summit



Join agricultural marketing professionals from across the country to network, share strategies, and strengthen farm and business performance. The Summit connects farmers, agribusinesses, educators, and service providers to explore innovative marketing practices and partnerships.

November 12–14, 2025 | Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites | Indianapolis, IN

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

## Lawn & Landscape Professionals Clinic

Learn how to improve turf through soil science, calibrate spray nozzles, control invasive species around water and more.

\*CCH & PARP Credits available

Nov 14, 2025 from 9:00 am-3:45 pm

Johnson County Extension Office

\$50 fee - includes lunch

Register by November 5<sup>th</sup>



[Click Here to Register](#)

## Market Ready Workshop – Evansville

Learn the business skills needed to sell to restaurants, schools, groceries, and distributors. Topics include product quality, food safety, risk management, and more.

November 20, 2025 | 9 am - 2:30 pm | \$50 (includes lunch)

Location: Evansville, IN

Limited to 30 participants

Next session: Jan. 21, 2026 – Marshall County | [Interest Form](#)



[Register Here](#)

# Commercial Pesticide Applicator Workshop

Opportunity to earn Continuing Credit Hours for multiple  
Commercial Pesticide Applicator categories.

Nov 21, 2025 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Indiana Farm Bureau Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN

Credits available in the following categories

1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 7D, 8, 11, 12, and RT.

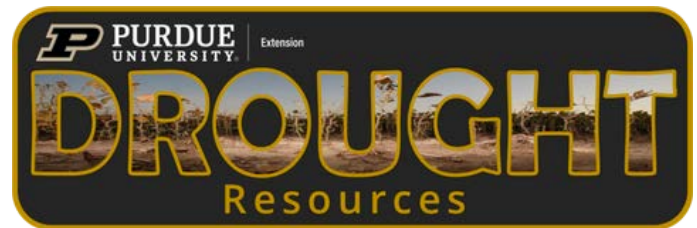
Registration is \$80, which includes lunch,  
sign up by November 14<sup>th</sup>



[Click Here to sign Up](#)

## Drought Resources

Indiana PREPared has created this site  
to assist farmers, homeowners,  
extension professionals, and the public  
in accessing educational resources and  
information about drought conditions.  
We will continually update the site with  
useful resources.



[Click Here to Explore More](#)

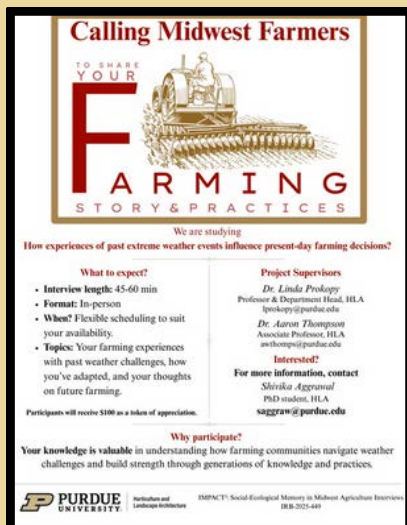
## Share Your Farming Story

Purdue University invites Midwest farmers to participate in  
the IMPACT<sup>2</sup> Research Project exploring how memories of  
past weather events shape today's farming decisions.

Farmers from Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa of all backgrounds  
are invited to share their stories.

Interviews are in-person (45–60 minutes)  
Flexible scheduling to suit your availability  
with a \$100 honorarium.

[Interested- Click Here to Sign Up](#)



# Financial Stress on Crop Farms: Who Is Most at Risk in the 2024–26 Downturn?

Midwest corn, soybean, and wheat producers have seen steep price declines since late 2023, pushing many farms toward lower or even negative profit margins. Using data from the FINBIN database, Purdue researchers identify which operations are most financially vulnerable in this downturn and what it could mean for 2025 and beyond.



[Click Here to Read Full Report](#)

## FREE Soil Sampling

Take advantage of free soil sampling and nutrient management guidance for farmers in Indiana, courtesy of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA).

For more information and to sign-up contact:  
Richard M. Smith, CCA, Ph.D. @ (870) 931-2841  
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**Attention Indiana Farmers!**

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**Why participate?**

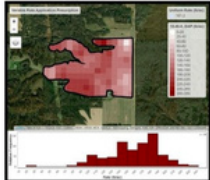
- Optimize fertilizer use: source, application rate, timing, and placement
- Identify and manage high-risk areas for nutrient loss

**What's included:**

- Soil sampling (grid or zone)
- Detailed report with actionable insights
- Maps and controller files for uniform and variable rate recommendations
- Ongoing support for recommendations

**Eligible land:**

- Row crops, pasture, hay, and specialty crops not sampled in the last 4 years
- OR newly acquired farmland or pastureland



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## Agronomy E-Learning Academy

Purdue Agronomy e-Learning Academy offers flexible, online courses in Agronomy Essentials, Nutrient Management, and Precision Agriculture. Learn anytime, earn CEUs, and gain a Crop Professional Certificate—join 2,600+ learners worldwide.



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*COURSES DESIGNED TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF PROFESSIONALS IN ALL AREAS OF AGRICULTURE.*



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

# Grow Your Food Business with ISDA Support

The Indiana Food Business Consultants (IFBC) Cohort helps farmers and food entrepreneurs launch or expand their operations with free, tailored guidance.

Get help with business planning, financial management, market development, and funding opportunities. Also, get connected with local consultants for one-on-one or group support, plus statewide resources and programs.



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## Farm Stress Resources

Being a farmer is fulfilling career, but it also comes with challenges that can cause stress. We want you to know you are not alone. Here are some resources from the Purdue Farm Stress Team that may come in handy for you or someone you know.



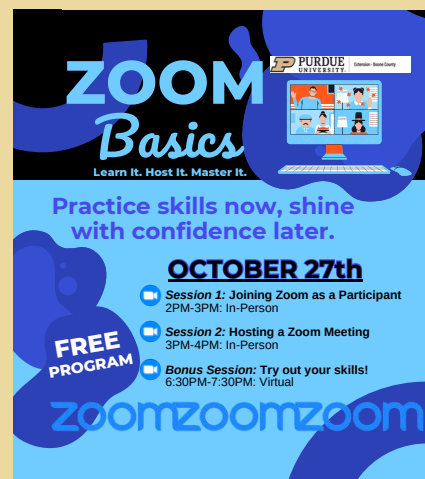
[Click Here for Resources](#)

## Zoom Basics Workshop

Want to feel more comfortable with Zoom? Participate in one or both of these sessions and learn the basics of Zoom as a participant or a host, then have an opportunity to put your new skills to work!

October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 or 3:00 pm  
Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds

RSVP to 765-482-0750 or booneces@purdue.edu  
Session 1- Zoom as participant  
Session 2- Zoom as host



[Click Here for More Info](#)

# Wellness Day for Early Learning Professionals

One day event designed to provide meaningful, restorative support for early learning/child care professionals while earning 6 state credits.

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds  
Free Event - Lunch Provided

Register through link below



[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

## 4-H Project Fair

Come explore the 62 hands-on projects available to local youth - from animals and art to science and leadership!  
Sign up on the spot and get a FREE 4-H t-shirt!

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
From 2-4 pm  
Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds  
Farm Bureau Community Building



[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

## 4-H PROJECTS LOOKING FOR LEADERS

You don't need to be an expert just willing to help youth learn!

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Aerospace</b><br>   | <b>Fine Arts</b><br>   | <b>Shooting Sports</b><br> | <b>Woodworking</b><br> |
| <b>Vet Science</b><br> | <b>4-H Council</b><br> | <b>4-H Fair Board</b><br> |                                                                                                             |

[Become a Volunteer Today](#)

# Holiday Bazaar

Come and shop until you drop or until you marked every one off your Christmas list! Over 170 vendors spread out within 3 buildings, there is something for everyone on your list!



Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds

Witham Pavilion & Centennial Halls North & South

Annual Boone County Extension Homemakers

## Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 22, 2025  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
At the Boone County Fairgrounds  
Exit 138 on I-65 Lebanon, Indiana

 Free Admission, Free Parking, Handicap Access  
Shop Over 170 booths in 3 connecting buildings

**On The Go Catering**   
Serving Lunch from 10:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Visit Facebook Page:  
Boone County, Indiana Extension Homemakers  
or  
Call 765-482-0750 for more information

[Click Here for More Info](#)