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2025 4-H Fair



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HHS

**Health and
Human
Sciences**

How Can HHS Help You?



Money

Food and Nutrition

Family

Healthy Communities



I created a quick survey to gather input about future programs that people would enjoy seeing. Please follow this link.

bit.ly/HHSSurvey23

If you're seeking a presenter for your group or organization in regards to food, nutrition or other wellness topics, reach out. Chances are we can help!

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PARENTS FOREVER

****This course is appropriate for adults only. Please make childcare arrangements.**



to register,
 visit bit.ly/ParentsForeverIN
 or scan the QR code

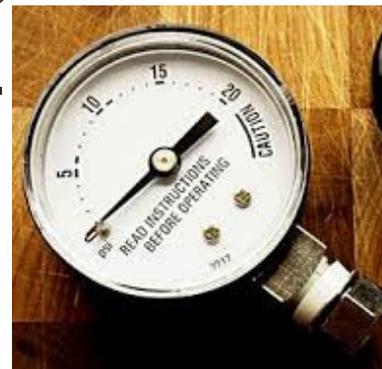


**Financial
assistance may be
available**

Canning Tips:

Have you tested your pressure gauge dial?

It's never too early nor too late to plan for your adventures in food preservation. Take the time now to check the various parts of your pressure canner for safety, usability, and accuracy. Ensuring that all of your hard work pays off in a good quality and safe product.



Your pressure canner may have a dial gauge for indicating and regulating the pressure. It is important that dial gauges be checked for accuracy each year before use. The meter can shift during packing, storage and unpacking of your canner. A 2 psi (pounds per square inch) difference in accuracy could mean that you are not able to effectively kill bacteria and cannot create a safe product. Weighted gauges do not require testing.

Purdue Extension can help you prepare your canner, no matter the type. Call or email to book an appointment for Dial Gauge Pressure Testing today. Appointments take 10 minutes and cost \$5.



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CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

CALLING ALL TEACHERS! HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR?

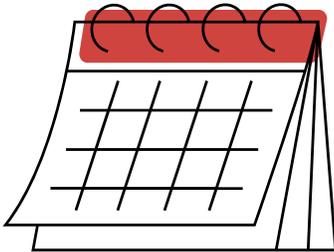
This year, we will be utilizing a Qualtrics Form for all school program scheduling. Please fill the form out sooner rather than later to ensure you receive the dates and times you would like. This form can be used to book programs for anytime during the 2025-2026 school year.

Filling out this Qualtrics does NOT mean you have booked a program with one of our staff. Once you fill out the form, we will sort and direct them to the proper educator/staff member. You will then receive an email to officially book the program dates and times.

We do our best to accommodate all requests as they are submitted. There may be times or days in which educators or staff members will not be available. We will work with you to ensure that you are getting the program you are hoping for.

Our office is always looking for new ways to help you!

If you have a specific topic or idea that you want to bring into your classroom, please reach out so we can discuss other programs and ideas.



Scan here to fill out the Qualtrics Form!

https://qualtricsxmgrvpsxrf6.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9oFiDvJahMWr262

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Save the Date

join us
Thursday
September 11, 2025
at the Dubois Fairgrounds

questions? contact allen811@purdue.edu

CALLING ALL 4TH GRADERS

Have an idea you don't see?

Give us a call!

Our office offers so much more than what meets the eye. From youth to adulthood, we have programs that fit your needs! We also do lunch-and-learns, fairs, and events! Even if we don't have the program for you, we can direct you to someone that does!



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ANR

Agriculture and
Natural
Resources

Johnsongrass, Weed Laws, and the Dubois County Weed Board

As the county moves further into the summer season, landowners and managers are reminded that now is the time to complete weed eradication efforts on any noxious weeds on their properties. Not only does control make sense economically for better crops and higher yields as well as more attractive residential properties, but it is also a requirement for all landowners under Indiana law.

Indiana Code (IC) 15-16-8 law states that a person owning or possessing real estate in Indiana must control noxious weeds on property they own or manage by cutting or mowing and, if necessary, by plowing, cultivating, smothering or using chemicals in the bud state of growth or earlier, to prevent detrimental plants from maturing. Named specifically in the law as noxious plants in need of control are Canada thistle, Johnson grass, poison hemlock, Columbus grass, bur cucumber, shattercane, common waterhemp, marestail, Palmer amaranth, rough pigweed, smooth pigweed and more.

Individuals not attempting to control or eradicate these weeds are notified by the Weed Board upon complaint or observation of the need to control the spread of these weeds, and, if no actions are taken, the Weed Board is empowered to control the weeds themselves with costs passed on through the landowner's county taxes.

To report weed concerns for Dubois County, official "Request for Action" forms are available to file a complaint to the Dubois County Noxious Weed Board at the very bottom of their website at:

https://www.duboiscountyin.org/departments/county_noxious_weed_board.php

After forms have noted complaint, location, and person requesting action, the Board will begin contacting the landowner upon whose property the problem vegetation is located to discuss needed solutions.



Garden Produce



Hopefully you are starting to harvest some wonderful vegetables from your garden. If you are unsure if a vegetable is ready to harvest.

For additional information on harvesting all types of crops, check out the Purdue publication, "Home Gardener's Guide" (HO-32) at:

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/HO/HO-32-W.pdf>

Late Summer Garden Calendar

Flowers, Vegetables, and Small Fruits Calendar

August

- Keep the garden well-watered during dry weather and free of weeds, insects, and disease.
- Complete fall garden planting by direct seeding carrots, beets, kohlrabi, kale, and snap beans early this month. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, and green onions can be planted later in August and early September. Don't forget to thin seedlings to appropriate spacing as needed.
- Harvest onions after the tops yellow and fall, then cure them in a warm, dry, well-ventilated area. The necks should be free of moisture when fully cured in approximately one week's time.
- Harvest potatoes after the tops yellow and die. Potatoes need to be cured before storage.
- Pick beans (all types), tomatoes, peppers, and squash often to encourage further production.
- Harvest watermelon when several factors indicate ripeness: the underside ground spot turns from whitish to cream yellow; the tendril closest to the melon turns brown and shrivels; the rind loses its gloss and appears dull; and the melon yields a dull thud sound rather than a ringing sound when thumped.
- Harvest sweet corn when kernels are plump and ooze a milky juice when punctured with your fingernail. If the liquid is watery, you're too early; if the kernels are doughy, you're too late.
- Keep faded flowers pinched off of bedding plants to promote further flowering and to improve plant

Woody Landscape Plants and Fruit Trees Calendar

August

- Keep newly established plants well-watered when weather is dry.
- Check trees and shrubs that have been planted in recent years for girdling damage by guy wires, burlap, or ropes.
- Don't fertilize woody plants now. It stimulates late growth that will not have time to harden-off properly before winter.
- Hand prune and destroy bagworms, fall webworms, and tent caterpillars.
- Pears are best ripened off the tree, so do not wait for the fruit to turn yellowish on the tree. Harvest pears when color of fruit changes — usually from a dark green to a lighter green — and when the fruit is easily twisted and removed from the spur.
- Prune and destroy the raspberry and blackberry canes that bore fruits this year. They will not produce fruit again next year, but they may harbor insect and disease

Lawn Calendar

August

- If white grubs were a problem last year, the lawn should be treated in early August to prevent further injury. Be sure to apply insecticides at the proper rate and follow with at least 1/2 inch of irrigation for best protection.
- Begin seeding new lawns & bare spots in established lawns in late August or September.
- Established lawns can be fertilized beginning in late August if moisture is adequate. Use a fertilizer high in nitrogen with a low level of phosphorus and a moderate level of potassium such as 16-4-8 or 20-2-10.



AUG. 28, 2025 @ 6PM EST

10683 South 475 East, Ferdinand, IN 47532



GREENER PASTURES

PRE-REGISTRY REQUIRED

BY AUGUST 18th

\$10 PER PERSON

****No fee added to use a card****

Special Thank You to Our Host: Weyer Farms

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Native Warm Season Grass Use In Pastures

Pat Keyser, University of Tennessee

Biochar & Gypsum Utilizations

Yichau Rui, Purdue Agronomy

Paddock Systems

Jason Tower, Purdue SIPAC

Alternative Nitrogen/Legumes

Travis Walters, NRCS

Watering Systems

Robert Zupancic, NRCS

RSVP online by scanning QR Code below
or call 812-482-1171 EXT. 3.

Meal provided by : Arnie's Catering - St. Anthony, IN.
Fried Chicken, German Fries, Green Beans, Slaw,
and Cookies



[RSVP Form Link](#)

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this event, please call (812)482-1171 ext.3 by August 18



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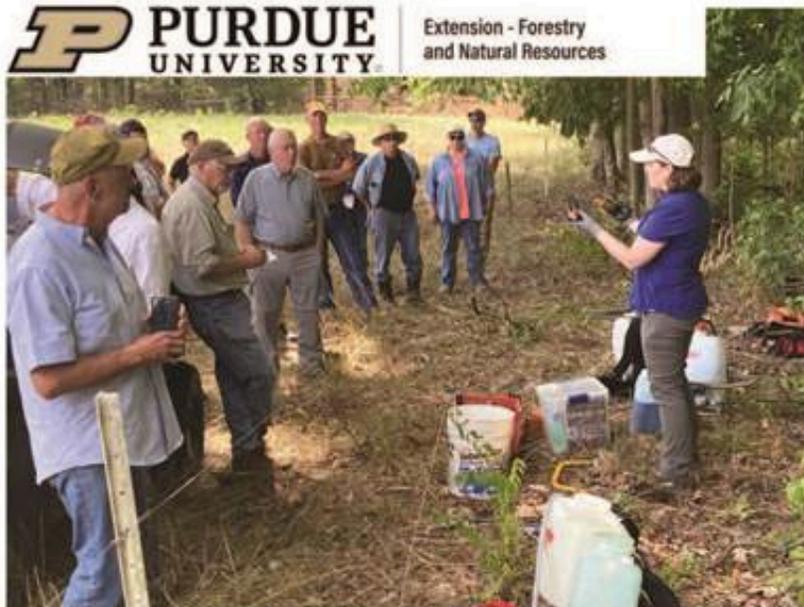


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August 23, 2025

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL TRAINING FOR LANDOWNERS

Learn how to control out-of-control invasive vegetation on your forest property.

Practical, hands-on training by foresters and natural resource professionals.

Topics:

- Assessing your invasive plant problem – species, size, amount
- Three pillars of invasive management – prevention, early detection, strategic management of existing infestations.
- What are your control options and deciding which methods are best for your situation.
- Herbicides? Which to use, how to read the label, calculating rates, how to mix, application methods and techniques, timing, safety, laws and regulations.
- Funding and technical assistance
- Hiring a contractor
- Set your goals and objectives.
- Control demonstrations: Hand tools, herbicide, large equipment, prescribed grazing

Saturday, August 23rd
9am-5pm EDT

Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center

11371 Purdue Farm Rd,
Dubois, IN

Morning Classroom Session,
Afternoon Field Portion

Lunch Provided

Hands on! Practical!

See Invasive Management Results &
control demonstrations

Registration: \$30

Make Checks Payable to:
Dubois County SWCD

Register By August 15th

Contact: Kaylee Jacob
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*Ask us about accessibility needs,
accommodations may be limited
for field portion*





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Thank You for an Amazing 2025 Dubois County 4-H Fair!

What a week! Despite the rain, the 2025 Dubois County 4-H Fair was a huge success—and that's all thanks to **YOU!**

A big, heartfelt **THANK YOU to the Dubois County 4-H Council** for your year-round dedication and for organizing another outstanding fair full of fun, learning, and community spirit. Your behind-the-scenes work ensures that Dubois County 4-H continues to grow and thrive.

To our incredible **4-H Adult Leaders**, thank you for keeping things running smoothly, from managing the food stand to organizing the building watch, helping with trash pickup, and more. Your leadership and commitment are the backbone of our fair.

To the many **4-H parents and volunteers**—we are so grateful for your time and energy. Whether it was helping with check-in, assisting with project judging, chaperoning in the livestock barns, or keeping an eye on Stock the Trailer, your support made all the difference.

Even with the rain, your flexibility, positive attitudes, and unwavering support kept the fair spirit alive. Thank you for showing up, adjusting plans, and continuing to support our 4-H youth through it all.

2025
Dubois County 4-H



Here's to another memorable year of 4-H in Dubois County!

Thank you,
Lauren Fenneman



Save the Date:

2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair

We're excited to share that the 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair will run from Thursday, July 9 to Monday, July 13! This new Thursday-Monday schedule will help us better serve our 4-H families and community. We can't wait to see you there!

4-H Band Group

Dubois County 4-H Band App Page - To assist in learning about upcoming events, sign ups and more we are going to utilize the 4-H Band page as an additional resource.

This is an opt in and you will still get the information via 4-H Online, Purdue Extension Facebook Page and email.

<https://band.us/n/adaaA2B4zd668ding>



2025 4-H by the numbers

Youth Enrolled - 705

Adult Volunteers - 122

4-H Event Participation - 84 youth

Workshops: 46 including sewing, food preservation, and cooking

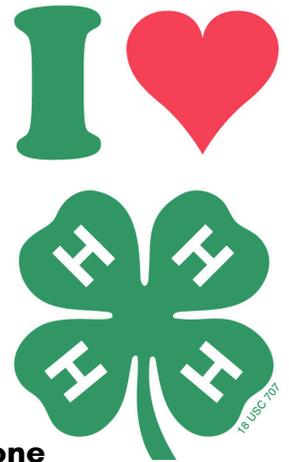
Judging or Career Development Events - 11

Indiana 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend: 2 attendees, 1 adult chaperone

4-H Camp, May 30-June 1: 15 campers, 5 camp counselors, 1 adult chaperone

4-H Academy, June 11-13: 2 attendees

4-H Round Up, June 23-25: 3 attendees, 2 adult chaperones



2025 4-H Fair

4-H Fair Youth Participation - 611

4-H Fair Entries Added - 3149

4-H Fair Exhibits Checked In - 2607

Animal Entries - 1525

Exhibit Building Entries - 1082

4-H Fair Number of Animals - 831



Many Dreams.
One Love.

4-H Fair Results link:

<https://bit.ly/25DC4HFairResults>



How to view your Project Judging Comments

1. Go to duboiscounty-indiana.fairentry.com
2. Click Sign in with 4HOnline
 - a. Use email and password from 4-H Online
3. Once logged in find “View in detail” button under Your Approved records, Exhibitors/ Entries. This is on the right side of your screen.
4. Click View details and it will list your projects. Under each project, Judging Comments are listed under Additional Information.

Projects that don't have comments include animals, community judged, and Mini 4-H.



Thank you, Dubois County for helping us Stock the Trailer, with your food donations and monetary donations of \$50, we provided 290 pounds of food to Community CHEW

Find Fair Photos at:

<https://kylieschepersphotography.pixieset.com/guestlogin/2025duboiscounty4hfair/?return=%2F2025duboiscounty4hfair%2F>



Upcoming Events

Last Chance for Project pickup will be Tuesday, August 19th in the Clover Pavilion from 4-7 pm. Projects will be thrown away after this time.

SERVE GROW THRIVE MAKE

August

1-17: 2025 Indiana State Fair, Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, Indianapolis. Closed Mondays

19: 4-H State Fair Project and leftover county project pickup, 4-7 pm, Clover Pavilion

September

28: Herbstfest Parade, Huntingburg, IN

JULY 9-13: 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair

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