



December 2024

Happy Holidays!

A Message From Your ANR Extension Educator



I am full swing into my role now! As many of you know, I am a split educator. I serve as the ANR Extension Educator and share 4-H program responsibilities. For the last several weeks, I have been visiting multiple schools in the county. I have participated in Career Days and 4-H programs in the classroom. I have also been able to talk about our county 4-H program. It has been a humbling experience to educate our youth on agriculture and 4-H.

During the month of November, I also attended our ANR Retreat for Extension Educators. I really enjoyed the conference, connecting with different individuals in Extension and learning more about hot topics in our state.

As we wrap up the year, I hope you spend the time to reflect on the blessings we have received this year and enjoy the holiday season with your family.

Thank you for your support!

Happy Holidays!
Brittnee Bertram, ANR/4-H Extension Educator

Local Events and Workshops

- 4-H Enrollment: Now – January 15, 2025
- Henry County 4-H Open House – December 15, 2024 4-6:30pm
- Succession Planning Meetings in Wayne County – January 21, 2025
- Ladies Night Out: Beehive Body Co – January 30th 6pm

Indiana ANR Trivia Quiz!

1. What is the state bird?
2. What is the state snack?
3. Indiana ranks #_ in hog production.
4. Indiana ranks #_ in popcorn production.
5. Indiana ranks #_ in tomato production.

Test your knowledge and see the results on the last page!

Upcoming PARPs/CCH Events

- December 11, 2024 – Blackford County Multi-Category Pesticide Workshop
- December 12, 2024 – Randolph County PARP
- December 16, 2024 – Rush County PARP
- December 16, 2024 – Hancock County Winter Conference PARP
- January 23, 2025 – Delaware County PARP
- January 23, 2025 – Henry County PARP
- February 26, 2025 – Jay County PARP

Purdue Extension Master Gardeners

Do you enjoy gardening and teaching others about horticulture? Do you have an interest in learning more about your garden and gaining new skills? Purdue Extension Master Gardeners Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in Indiana communities. In 2023, there were over 2,700 active Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteers in Indiana! These volunteers contributed more than 168,000 volunteer hours, which is worth more than \$4.8 million. Our Henry County volunteers participate in the Henry County Farmers Market, community gardens, and library activities to help educate the community.

If you would like more information about Master Gardeners, reach out to Brittnee or go to purdue.ag/master-gardener.

Spring 2025 EMG Basic Training: March 3 – April 28, 2025 in Madison County



Top Farmer Conference

Top Farmer is one of the most successful and longest-running management programs geared specifically for farmers — featuring faculty and staff experts from Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture. Registration for the one-day conference which will be held at Purdue's Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette on Friday, January 10, 2025, is \$150.

Invasive Species: Spotted Lanternflies



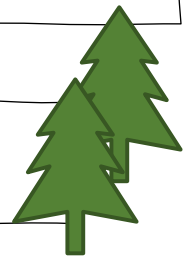
Spotted Lanternflies are starting to invade parts of Indiana. Populations have been identified in multiple counties within Eastern Indiana. They feed on a wide range of hosts, sucking sap from stems and branches. Spotted lanternflies will also leave behind a residue called honeydew. The honeydew typically results in a mold growing on the host or attracting other pests. Spotted lanternflies can cause economic damage. Their preferred host is the Tree of Heaven. They have also been identified on other hosts such as: grapevines, Maples, Birch, Oak, Pines, Walnut, and Tulip Poplar.

If you suspect Spotted Lanternflies on your property, please report it to DNR by reporting it online or emailing DEPP@dnr.in.gov.

Photo and sources from Indiana DNR.

Did you know?

There are over 200 Christmas Tree farms in Indiana!



Need more info from this Newsletter?
Reach out to Brittnee at bbertram@purdue.edu
or call 765-529-5002.

Purdue Crop Management Workshop 2025

Jan 30, 2025 Beck Ag Center in West Lafayette, IN

Join Purdue University online or in-person for their Crop Management Workshop. Topics include state chemist highlights, weed management tips and tools, cold soils and seed insecticide efficacy, continual corn nitrogen challenges, field crop disease expectations, soybean nitrogen fixation competitors, and pesticide spray nozzles. You must attend in person to receive PARP credit.

Cost: \$90 in person, \$60 online

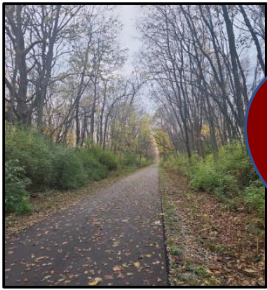
When: Jan 30, 2025 8:30am-4pm

Where: 4550 US-52, West Lafayette, IN 47906

CCH/CEU Credits: 7 CCH Cat 1
2 CCH Cat 4
4 CCH Cat 11
4 CCH RT

7.0 CEUs (5.0 PM, 2.0 NM)
PARP (in person only)

Registration, use the following link: <http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/Crop>



Visit the trials!

Did you know Henry County has 4 public trails?! Enjoy the outdoors on a nice day and enjoy one of our trails!

- Honey Creek Trail – Middletown (paved)
- Wilbur Wright Trail – New Castle (paved)
- Shirley Heritage Trail – Shirley (paved)
- Woolly Bear Parkway Trail – Kennard (grass/gravel)

Leaving a Lasting Legacy Series REGISTRATION DETAILS

JAN. 21 | JAN. 28 | FEB. 4 | FEB. 11 2025 6-9 p.m. ET

Before Jan. 13: In-person: \$60 | Virtual: \$75
On/After Jan. 13: In-person: \$75 | Virtual: \$75

TOPICS

January 21 - Motivation for Succession Planning

January 28 - Communicating About Estate & Transition Planning

February 4 - Financial Aspects of Estate & Transfer Plans

February 11 - Legal: Putting Your Plan in Place

Location : Wayne County Extension Office 861 Salisbury Road North, Richmond, IN

Questions? Contact Jonathan Ferris Wayne County Extension 765-973-9281

Amy Alka Randolph County Extension 765-584-2271

Jennifer Logue Union County Extension 765-458-5055



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Participants should plan to attend each session.
Dinner is included at the start of every workshop.



Ladies Night Out Hobby to Career: Mary's Story

Join Purdue Extension for an evening of fellowship and education on entrepreneurship!

We have Mary Hobbs, owner of BeeHive Body Co, that will discuss her story and her goat milk soap business.

Cost: \$20

Please RSVP by January 24, 2025



To register: Use the QR Code or call the Henry County Extension Office at 765-529-5002



Save the Date:
January 30, 2025
6 pm

Questions? Email Brittnee Bertram at bbertram@purdue.edu

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Virtual Training for Managers and Vendors

In these 2-hour sessions you will learn how to navigate food safety regulations, understand legal issues of markets, improve market stability, offer food assistance programs, manage conflict, and more. Sessions will meet virtually via Zoom on Tuesdays April 1, April 8, April 15, and April 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The program will also feature homework and resources posted in Google Classroom. Participants must attend 3 sessions and complete all homework to receive the certificate.

Registration is \$75 and includes a market manager or market vendor manual, which you select during registration.

Contact Sarah Hanson at sspeedy@purdue.edu if you have any questions!

How many PARP points do you have?

1. Go to oisc.purdue.edu
2. Click on "My records" (gold bar)
3. Click on "Applicator log-in"
4. Enter your first and last name and the last 4 digits of your SSN.

**Remember: Every 5 years you need to earn 3 points.

Answers to ANR Quiz

1. Cardinal
2. Popcorn
3. 5th
4. 2nd
5. 3rd

*Results from <https://cdn.agclassroom.org/nat/data/stats/indiana.pdf>

PURDUE EXTENSION

CALVING ACADEMY

Workshop



*Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/
Equal Access University.*

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact **Nick Minton** prior to the meeting at 812-279-4330 and nminton@purdue.edu by November 29.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact **Nick Minton** prior to the meeting at 812-279-4330 and nminton@purdue.edu by November 29.



Extension

Midwest beef and dairy producers are invited to attend Purdue Extension's Calving Academy.

This **hands-on event** will cover topics including cow restraint and calf manipulation and triaging the neonatal calf. Bethany Funnell (DVM, DACT), clinical associate professor of bovine theriogenology at the College of Veterinary Medicine, will be the academy instructor.

Cost: The cost to attend is **\$50 per person**. Attendance, including a set of OB chains and handles or a stainless-steel bucket, cup and beta dine scrub, is **\$200 or \$150**, respectively.

Location and dates:

- **December 14, 2024** | *Don Strauss Animal Center*
Huntington University, Huntington, IN 46750
- **December 21, 2024** | *Feldun Purdue Agricultural Center*, 1117 State Road 458, Bedford, IN 47421
- **January 4, 2025** | *Decatur County Extension Office*,
545 S County Road 200 W, Greensburg, IN 47240
- **January 11, 2025** | *Purina Pavilion*, Creighton Hall,
270 South Russell Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907

Time: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. EST (all workshops)

**REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

Sign up by:
December 5, 2024



Contact:

Nick Minton, nminton@purdue.edu, (765) 494-8179

web.cvent.com/event/cb611d3b-9f26-4ab1-8641-861acf9df1aa/summary

Blackford County Multi-Category Pesticide Training

December 11th, 2024
8:00 am to 2:30 pm ET

Blackford County 4-H Fairgrounds
310 E Park Ave
Hartford City, IN 47348

Agenda

7:30 Registration

8:00 am Pesticide Business Emergency Preparation

- Mark Carter, Purdue Extension

9:00 am Insect Identification and Control

- Bill Horan, Purdue Extension

10:00 am Indiana Invasive Plant Species

- Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension

11:00 am Spotted Lanternfly Research

- Bob Bruner, Purdue Extension

12:00 pm Lunch

12:30 pm OISC Pesticide Regulatory Update

- Leo Reed, OISC

1:30 pm Effects of Pesticides on Wildlife

- Jonathan Ferris, Purdue Extension

2:30 pm Sign Out

Available CCH Points

Category	Total
1	5
2	5
3A	6
3B	5
4	4
5	5
6	5
7A	4
7B	3
7D	4
8	4
11	5
12	2
14	1

Questions? Contact Mark Carter at the Blackford
County Extension Office at 765-348-3213 or
carte264@purdue.edu

Please RSVP for food purposes by December 4th through
the Registration Link - <https://cvent.me/rgA58A>
OR the QR Code shown

