

# WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PURDUE EXTENSION - HENRY COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES?

## A NOTE FROM ANR EDUCATOR

Happy Harvest! I hope you all are experiencing a plentiful harvest. The weather has been tough all year, but you have persevered as always. Our county was rated probable for having tar spot in corn and had southern corn rust present in some fields this year. Indiana as a whole had a large presence of army worms in forages and white mold in soybeans. While I wish none of these diseases on your farm the Purdue Pest and Crop Newsletter, listed in the "Helpful Links and Resources" section on the next page, is an asset for staying up to date on the latest problems throughout Indiana. During yard visits my first three months on the job I noticed various plants being affected by the heat stress we experienced this Summer. When it comes to your lawns, ornamental flowers in the landscapes, and trees have patience. There is hope that many of them will bounce back next year. I am grateful for the pride you all take in your plants. Relax through the winter and hit the ground running next spring with ample amounts of water and fertilizer to revive the beautiful landscapes of Henry County!

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## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE WINTER SEASON?

### Indoor Plants and Activities December

- Check houseplant leaves for brown, dry edges that may indicate too little relative humidity in the house. Increase humidity by running a humidifier, grouping plants, or using pebble trays.
- Extend the beauty of holiday plants, such as poinsettias and Christmas cactus, by placing them in a cool, brightly lit area free from warm or cold drafts.

- If you are forcing bulbs for the holidays, bring them into warmer temperatures after they have been sufficiently pre-cooled. Two to four weeks of warm temperatures (60°F), bright light, and moderately moist soil are needed to bring on flowers. Bulbs require a chilling period of about 10 to 12 weeks at 40°F to initiate flower buds and establish root growth. Pre-cooled bulbs are available from many garden suppliers if you did not get yours cooled in time
  - Evergreens, except pines and spruce, can be trimmed now for a fresh supply of holiday greenery. Use proper pruning techniques to preserve the beauty of landscape plants.
- Lawns, Woody Ornamentals Landscape Plants, and Tree Fruits**
- Prevent bark-splitting of young and thin-barked trees, such as fruit and maple trees. Wrap trunks with tree wrap, or paint trunks with white latex (not oil-based) paint, particularly on the south- and southwest-facing sides.
  - Protect shrubs, such as junipers and arborvitae, from extensive snow loads by tying their stems together with twine. Carefully remove heavy snow loads with a broom to prevent limb breakage.
  - Protect broadleaved evergreens, or other tender landscape plants from excessive drying by winter sun and wind. Place canvas, burlap, or polyethylene plastic screens to the south and west to protect the plants. Similarly, shield plants from street and sidewalk salt spray.
  - Provide winter protection for roses by mounding soil approximately 12 inches high to insulate the graft union.

### Flowers, Vegetables, and Small Fruits

- Protect newly planted or tender perennials by applying mulch such as straw, chopped leaves, or other organic material after plants become dormant.
- Clean up dead plant materials, synthetic mulch, and other debris in the vegetable garden as well as in the flower beds, rose beds, and orchards.
- Order seed catalogs, and make notes for next year's garden.

For more tips on winterizing your plants see the attached Publication!

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## HENRY COUNTY ANR EVENTS

- 12/16/2021 - **Post-Harvest PARP**  
12:00(noon) p.m. Randolph Co. Extension Office
- Spring 2022 - **HENRY COUNTY AG DAYS**

## HOW MANY PARP POINTS DO I HAVE?

Find out if you need points before year end by following these 4 steps:

1. Go to **oisc.purdue.edu**
2. Click on **My Records** located in the gold menu bar
3. Click on **Applicator Login** at the left hand side of the screen
4. Enter the requested information

This will take you to a page with information regarding credits required, credits acquired, and when your license expires. Make sure to check this often and ensure you have enough points!

## HELPFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

### Soil Sampling

<https://algreatlakes.com/pages/soil-analysis>

### Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory

<https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/ppdl/Pages/default.aspx>

### Purdue University | Corn Extension

<https://thekernel.info/>

### Purdue Pest and Crop Newsletter

<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pestcrop/>

### Purdue Horticulture Extension

<https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/Extension/Pages/Home.aspx>

### Purdue University Vegetable Crops Hotline

<https://vegcropshotline.org/>

### Purdue Institute for Family Business

<https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/fambiz/Pages/home.aspx>

### Purdue Succession Planning

<https://cdext.purdue.edu/collaborative-projects/succession-planning/>

## SCHEDULED PARP EVENTS

- 11/16/2021 - [KNOX COUNTY PARP](#)  
10:00 am EST - 12:00 pm EST Knox County Fairgrounds
- 11/16/2021 - [PIKE COUNTY PARP](#)  
6:00 pm EST - 8:00 pm EST Pike County Fairgrounds
- 11/17/2021 - [DAVIESS COUNTY PARP](#)  
6:00 pm EST - 8:00 pm EST Daviess County Produce Auction Building
- 12/01/2021 - [TIPTON PARP](#)  
8:30 am EST - 12:00 pm EST Tipton Extension Office 4-H Bldg
- 12/02/2021 - [WHITLEY COUNTY PARP](#)  
2:00 pm EST - 4:00 pm EST Whitley County Ag Museum
- 12/06/2021 - [QUAD COUNTY PARP](#)  
7:00 pm EST - 9:00 pm EST Remington Library
- 12/09/2021 - [BISTATE CROPS CONFERENCE](#)  
9:00 am EST - 1:30 pm EST Beef House Restaurant
- 12/10/2021 - [CLINTON COUNTY SOIL HEALTH SHOWCASE](#)  
8:15 am EST - 12:00 pm EST 4-H Building, Clinton County Fairgrounds
- 12/10/2021 - [HANCOCK COUNTY PARP](#)  
9:30 am EST - 11:30 am EST Hancock County Library
- 12/14/2021 - [FOUNTAIN COUNTY PROGRAM](#)  
9:00 am EST - 11:00 am EST Fountain County Fairgrounds
- 12/15/2021 - [BENTON COUNTY PARP](#)  
9:00 am EST - 11:00 am EST Benton County Extension Office
- 12/16/2021 - [RANDOLPH POSTHARVEST EVENT](#)  
12:00 pm EST - 2:30 pm EST Randolph Co. 4-H Exhibit Hall
- 12/16/2021 - [ELKHART COUNTY PARP](#)  
7:00 pm EST - 9:00 pm EST Ag Hall Elkhart County Fairgrounds

## COUNTY WEATHER REPORT

Each month we offer a weather report for Henry County. If you would like to receive this report monthly please contact the office at 765-529-5002 to be added to our list.