Purdue Extension

Johnson County Agri-Times

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

August & September 2025





Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources



>>> BLOOMS OF HOPE

The Hope Gallery is thrilled to unveil our latest initiative: fresh cut flower bouquets! With their new flower farm, Team Members are gaining valuable horticultural skills while creating and sharing stunning floral arrangements with the community.

Purdue Extension Johnson County is thrilled to be a partner in this great project! Check them out at the Bargersville & Franklin Farmers Markets.

Educator Notes

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END OF SUMMER BLUES



The end of summer is a little bit bittersweet. The fair has come and gone, school is back in session and {some} farmers are enjoying that little bit of peace before harvest begins.

I took some time to reflect this summer on all of the good things that are happening in Purdue Extension. With a busy winter with PARPs, Master Gardeners, other gardening workshops and then into spring with my schedule being full of classroom programming, it was a much needed "relaxed" summer.

This newsletter is chalked full of educational opportunities to take part in as the next few months approach. September is a busy time for everyone but I hope you take some time to join one of our upcoming programs. Whether it be the Field-Ready, Anhydrous Training or our Composting workshop there is a little something for everyone.

Looking forward to the winter, my goal is to hit sectors of agriculture that I haven't catered too yet. Some ideas include regenerative agriculture, diversified farms, invasive specials, local food systems and small farm-business management. I am excited on what's to come and as always, my door is open to serve you!

See you real soon,

Shalee Bradley



Fair Vibes & Carnival Rides

Congratulations and thank you to all of our Agriculture Open Class exhibitors!











Grand Champion Crops - Larry Vandenberg
Grand Champion Honey - Rebecca Dobbins
Grand Champion Horticulture - Melissa Veenhuizen
Grand Champion Market Basket - Mike Mosburg
Grand Champion Vegetables - Rosie Mosburg

PARP Reminders & Information

Looking to become a Private Applicator?



A Private Pesticide Applicator is anyone who applies pesticides to property they own, rent or otherwise control for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. Any private applicator wishing to buy and use restricted-use pesticides must be certified by passing the Core exam



How to take the Exam: METRO INSTITUTE AT IVY TECH LEARNING CENTERS: Exams are also available by appointment, for a fee, at select Ivy Tech Learning Centers around the state. Click here to learn more about, and to register for, exams at these Learning Centers.



Exam preparation options:

Self Study: you can purchase training manuals <u>here</u>

<u>In-person exam preparation CORE training</u> (Private Applicator Permit requires the CORE training, and NOT Registered Technician training.)

<u>E-Learning CORE training</u>

REMINDER: Current Applicators

Private applicators must attend 3 recertification programs (PARPs) within 5 years of your certification. If you attend more than 2 in one year, you will not recieve the 3rd credit.

Searching Your Pesticide Records

1. Visit the Office of the State Chemist Website

OSIC CLICK HERE

2. Click "My Records" on the menu bar.



3. Click Pesticide License Search OR Applicator Login



"Pesticide License Search"

You will need First and Last Name, County and Program Type



Applicator Login

You will need First and Last Name, Last four of SSN





Applicator Logon
Applicator Logon
First Name:*
Last Name:*
Last 4 Digits of SSN:* Login
more Information**



SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2025

Join Purdue Extension for our Field-Ready program meant to equip participants with practical tools, recipes, and organizational strategies for preparing portable, balanced meals for farm workers.

TOPICS

- The Science of Field Meals
- Make & Take Hands On Activity
- Recipes from the Farm
- Endless number of resources!

PROGRAM DETAILS

Location - Bradley Farm Enterprises 5769 W 425 S Trafalgar, IN 46181

Time - 10am to 1pm

Price - \$20 - Lunch Provided

REGISTER



https://bit.ly/Field-Ready

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Shalee Bradley prior to the meeting at sdaming@purdue.edu by September 12th.

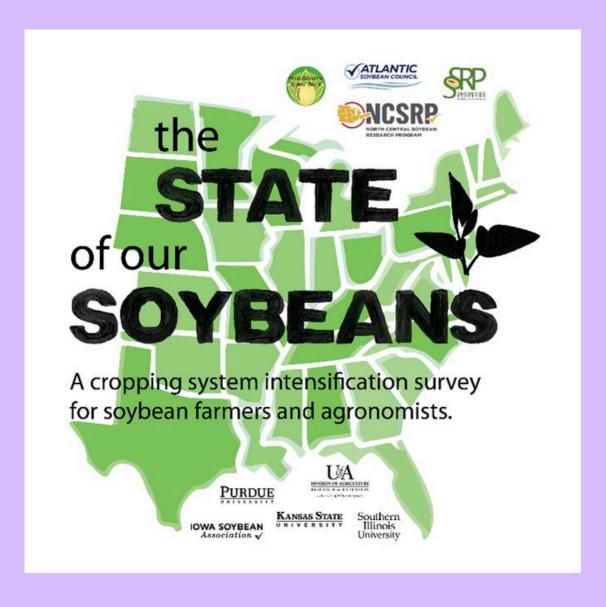
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The State of our Soybeans

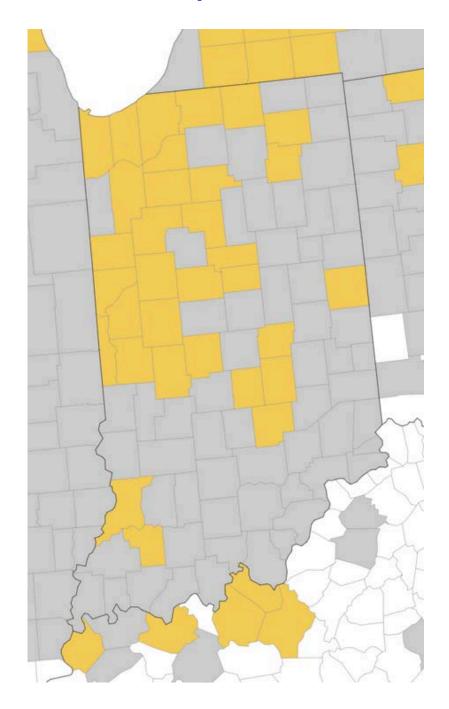
"State of our Soybeans" is a survey where we are gathering soybean management information, perspectives on intensification methods (including double cropping and intercrop

ping), and economics regarding these management strategies. This survey would take ~15-20 minutes to complete and can be found here: <u>Soy Survey</u>



Tar Spot

Here is the latest on Tar Spot of Corn Map found on the Crop Protection Network!



Click HERE to go to the Tar Spot of Corn Map



ANHYDROUS AMMONIA & PARP TRAINING

FEATURING KEYSTONE COOPERATIVE AND PURDUE EXTENSION

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16, 2025 | FRANKLIN, IN

Join Indiana Farm Bureau, Keystone Cooperative and Purdue Extension on Tuesday, Sept. 16 for a meeting focused on anhydrous ammonia. This meeting qualifies for PARP credits, is free and open to the public. You must register online.



- Anhydrous and its Relation to Growing Crops
- 2025 Regulatory Update





Campbell Grain & Livestock 5417 E. 300 N. Franklin, IN 46181

6 - 8 p.m. ET

Register: HERE





Zoe Kent

Keynote Speaker February 19, 2026 Bloomington, IN

Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access

LAWN & LANDSCAPE



Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources

Professionals Clinic

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2025 9:00am - 3:45pm

\$50 Registration Fee - Lunch Provided

Purdue Extension Johnson County 484 N Morton Street, Franklin, IN 46131

CCH & PARP Credits Available

Speaker Topics

From the Ground Up: Better Turf through Soil Science Weed ID & Control

Sprayer Nozzles - Calibration & Application Control of Invasive Species Around Water Spray Tank Water Quality & Adjuvants Organic Lawn Care - Well Done is Half Begun

AVAILABLE CCHs

CAT 1 - 3 CAT 2 - 3 CAT 3A - 3 CAT 3B - 4 CAT 4 - 2 CAT 5 - 2 CAT 6 - 2 CAT 8 - 2 CAT 7A - 2 CAT 7B - 2 CAT 7D - 2



CAT 11 - 2

RT - 4

Register by November 5th at https://cvent.me/eyVD7P

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Johnson County



Agriculture Days



September 9th and 11th

We are excited to be hosting the 2025 4th
Grade Ag Days in September. Over 1,000
Johnson County 4th Graders will be joining us
over two days to celebrate agriculture. They
will be hearing from farmers, 4-H members,
FFA Chapters and industry professionals talk
about all that agriculture has to offer at 17
different stations!

Purdue Extension Johnson County Composting Workshop





OCTOBER 9TH, 2025 10AM - 12PM 484 N MORTON STREET, FRANKLIN, IN 46131

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

https://bit.ly/JohnsonCompost



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER SARRENER PROGRAM



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SUCCESSION PLANNING TEAM

Purdue University Extension

Cultivating Strong Indiana Farm Families through the Succession Planning Process by Providing Educational Opportunities and Current Resources



RESOURCES WE PROVIDE

- Regional Workshops
- First Steps in Succession Planning (introduction presentation)
- · Farm Family Meetings
- · YouTube Recoded Presentations
- The Farm's Legacy: A Guidebook for Intra-Family Succession workbook
- Podcast Series: Farm Succession/Transition Planning Series, in collaboration with Center for Commercial Agriculture

TOPICS WE COVER

Communication

Balancing Work and Family - Creating Boundaries

Operating Agreements

Buy/Sell Agreements

Job Descriptions

Management Transfer

Setting Goals and Objectives for the Business

Conflict Management

Advisory Board for Your Farm

Roadmapping Your Succession

Retirement Planning

Farm and Family Business Functioning (Using the FB-BRAG)

Financial Preparedness for Succession

Estimating Living Expenses and Income Needs

Dividing Business Income

Valuing Sweat Equity

Contingency Planning

Risk Assessments

Transferring Farm Machinery through a Lease

Fair vs. Equal

LEARN MORE

Visit web page: https://bit.ly/4161SeT



SUCCESSION PLANNING TEAM (SPT) LOCATIONS

Counties indicate SPT locations







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