

EXTENSION SHOWCASE

PURDUE EXTENSION NOBLE COUNTY

WINTER 2025-2026

Offering researched based education and training to the area we are committed to serve.

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PURDUE EXTENSION NOBLE COUNTY

**Located in the Annex Building
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ALBION IN 46701
260-636-2111**

UPCOMING AREA PROGRAMS:

- Dec 10: Drainage PARP, Albion & Columbia City
- Jan 7: Core & Cat 14 Paper Exams (for the Plain community), New Paris
- Jan 13-15: Fort Wayne Farm Show
- Jan 28: Crop Management Roadshow, Essenhaus
- Jan 29: Commercial Pesticide Applicator Conf., Goshen
- Feb 4: Anhydrous Ammonia First Responder Training, Marshall County
- Feb 17-Mar 10: Grain Market Navigator Series, Columbia City
- Feb 19: Ag Women Engage Conference, Bloomington
- Feb 26: Landscape & Lawncare (Cat 3a/3b), Wabash
- Feb 26-Mar 1: Fort Wayne Home & Garden Show

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us at the Community Learning Center Holiday Fundraiser. Funds raised go towards programs and education in our community.

Picture: Mantlepiece made by Noble County Extension staff was auctioned at the event on 11/15/25.



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PRIVATE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM

This 2.5-hour program counts as 1 of the 3 required programs during the 5-year active period of your private pesticide or fertilizer (manure) applicator license.

Dec. 10

**Noble Co.: Starting 2:00 p.m.
Whitley Co.: Starting 6:00 p.m.**

Note that the content of each program is the same in each location, therefore you may attend one, but not both, programs for PARP credit.

Bring your license with you!

2:00 p.m. program at Noble Co.
Extension Office , 109 N. York St.,
Albion, IN 46701

6:00 p.m. program at Whitley Co. 4-H
Center, 680 W. Squawbuck Rd, Columbia
City, IN 46725

Sponsors:



HOW DRAINAGE AND SOIL HEALTH WORK TOGETHER

Dr. Eileen Kladviko, Purdue University

Hear about the key take-aways from a 35-year drainage study, including the ways drainage benefits soil health. What about Nitrate-N loss?

UNDERGROUND INSIGHTS: FIELD TILE CAMERAS AND COVER CROPS

Derek Thompson, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Do cover crop roots clog field tile?

SAFETY REMINDERS

Ann Kline, Extension Educator, Noble County

Learn some key safety tips you can use around the farm.

2025 REGULATORY UPDATE

John Woodmansee, Extension Educator, Whitley County

Stay abreast of recent regulatory updates from the Office of the Indiana State Chemist.

**FREE PROGRAM, BUT
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Three ways to register by Dec. 8:

- *via QR Code**
- *call Purdue Extension office (numbers below)**
- *online at: <https://purdue.link/PARP2025>**

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please list with electronic registration or contact Ann Kline or John Woodmansee prior to the meeting at numbers below by Dec. 1.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please list with electronic registration or

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Northern Indiana Paper Licensing Exam: Core Pesticide & Category 14 (manure)

Wed. Jan. 7, 2026

Sunnyside Park
68546 Clinton Street, New Paris, IN

Registration begins at 8:30am

Training begins at 9:00 am

Exam begins at 11:00 am (no late admittance)

Steps:

1. Purchase the study book(s) by Dec. 15 to ensure delivery before Christmas Break; call 765-494-6794 to order.
 - Core Manual: PPP-C Core Training Manual (\$40)
 - Category 14 Manual: PPP-14 Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator (\$40)
2. Pre-register by calling the LaGrange 260-499-6334 or Noble 260-636- 2111 Extension Office by Jan. 5. State whether you will take the Core Pesticide exam, the Category 14 manure/fertilizer, or both tests.
3. Study the material in the book.
4. Arrive early with ID and \$55 in exact cash or check (both exams=\$110).

Examinees must be 18+ years old, have a religious objection to computer-based testing, have limited ability to travel, and present a valid ID.

ID requirements can be met in one of three ways:

- Valid Indiana ID card with photo
- Valid Indiana photo exempt ID card
- Birth certificate, social security card, and piece of mail with name that matches the social security card and birth certificate.

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Grain Market Navigator

Program Series



Overview:

Take the guesswork out of grain marketing with this hands-on program designed to help farmers sharpen their marketing knowledge and confidence. Through interactive sessions, participants will explore the fundamentals of grain marketing and gain practical tools to use on their own farms.

Registration & Information:

Price: \$40 In-Person, \$55 Virtual

To register for virtual or in-person, visit our website: <https://bit.ly/GrainMarkets>

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Jenna Nees prior to the meeting at 765-653-8411 or smith535@purdue.edu by February 3rd.

If you are in need of a translator please contact Jenna Nees prior to the meeting at 765-653-8411 or smith535@purdue.edu by February 3rd.

Join Us

In person or virtual option available!

FEBRUARY 17 ✓

Grain Marketing Lingo,
Basis, Cash vs. Future

FEBRUARY 24 ✓

Contracts 101

MARCH 3 ✓

Market Outlook

MARCH 10 ✓

Grain Buyer Panel

Location

Northeastern REMC
4901 E. Park 30 Dr.
Columbia City, IN 46725

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm EST



Extension - Agriculture
and Natural Resources

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry

There is an epidemic of avian influenza in northeast Indiana. Barns affected include commercial meat duck, breeder duck, commercial egg layer, commercial broiler, and more.

- 60 cases in LaGrange County
- 2 cases in Noble County
- 18 cases in Elkhart County

Due to our proximity, many of the LaGrange and Elkhart cases put Noble County in the control area or surveillance zone.



What Is avian influenza? Avian influenza, or “bird flu,” is a respiratory disease of birds caused by influenza A viruses.

How does it spread?

- direct bird-to-bird contact (domestic and wild birds)
- indirect contact, such as when birds come in contact with contaminated surfaces or materials
- movement of poultry and equipment: it can be moved in manure, on crates, and other farming materials and equipment
- movement of people; humans may inadvertently pick the virus up on clothing, shoes, and hands

What can I do to protect my flock?

- Limit visitors to your barns as much as possible
- Have visitors wear clean boots and clothes; ask them not to interact with other poultry prior to their visit
- Avoid contact with other poultry and never visit quarantined farms
- Employ good sanitation; clean and disinfect equipment (including wheels, tires, and vehicles)
- Do not share equipment

HPAI can occur quickly leading to sudden death of poultry with no warning signs. It is extremely contagious. If you observe symptoms such as lack of energy, discoloration, swelling, sneezing, or decreased food consumption, and especially sudden high mortality, report to the USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593.

Find more information online at these websites:

- Indiana State Board of Animal Health
- USDA
- Purdue Extension.

Don't haul disease home
clean all vehicles and equipment.



Let's keep our poultry healthy together
#DefendTheFlock
aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock





ServSafe Food Manager 1- Day Class & Examination

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ServSafe educates food service workers about food safety.

ServSafe Food Protection Manager is their highest certification, and focuses on five aspects:

- *Foodborne microorganisms and allergens*
- *Personal hygiene*
- *Purchasing, receiving, and storage*
- *Preparing, cooking, and serving*
- *Facilities, cleaning/sanitation, and managing pests*



ServSafe Food Manager 1- Day Class & Examination

Event Date: 12/16/25

Location:

Allen County Extension Office
4001 Crescent Avenue Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Cost:

Training, Exam, & Manual: \$165
Training & Exam: \$115
Proctored Exam Only: \$65

Registration Time: 8:45 am

Training Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Exam Time: 4:00 pm [EST]

For more information, Email: creigh@purdue.edu

Call: 260-636-2111

Register at Cvent online: <https://cvent.me/lAzlWa>

A photo ID with signature is required to take the exam (driver license, state ID, student ID, military ID, employee ID, U.S. green card, or valid passport)

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact the instructor prior to the program. If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact the instructor prior to the program.



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Holiday Jams & Jelly!

Join Abigail from Purdue Extension for Hot Water Bath Canning of Jams & Jellies- Dec. 15th @ 5pm at the Community Learning Center- Kendallville

- Sign up at <https://culinaryarts.eventcalendarapp.com/holiday-jam-and...>

Using the hot-water bath canning method, Abigail from Purdue Extension will teach how to make jam and jelly. Each participant will go home with a half pint jar of Cranberry Spice Jam and Apple Pie Jelly. All materials and ingredients are included to make, can, and decorate jars to keep or gift. Cost is \$25 per person for more info see the CLC website or call 260-636-2111.



News Notes To Parents

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service

December 2025

December News Notes Now Available Online!

Purdue Extension HHS offers a free Monthly Newsletter to parents and caregivers of preschool aged children. This Newsletter can be found on our website at Extension.purdue.edu/noble or get on our email list by contacting Brandy at Ande1307@purdue.edu.

News Notes To Parents

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service December 2025

Does My Child Need A Supplement?

By Esther Ellis, MS, RD, LDN Published September 20, 2021

Vitamins and minerals are important for healthy growth and development in children. Children who eat a well-balanced diet usually do not need a vitamin or mineral supplement. However, some children are at risk for deficiencies and may need a supplement.

When to Supplement:
Children who follow vegetarian or vegan diets may need supplements with vitamin B12 since it is only found in animal-based foods. Children who have celiac disease are at higher risk for nutritional deficiencies and may need supplements. Additionally, children who have poor appetite, take certain medications, or have chronic medical conditions that interfere with intake may need a supplement.

Important Considerations:
Parents should consult their well-rounded diet to ensure their child meets the daily recommended vitamin and mineral intake. A balanced diet includes dairy (fortified soy milk or yogurt), fruits and vegetables, whole grains and protein foods such as poultry, fish, eggs, nuts and legumes including beans and lentils. While all vitamins and minerals are important for growth and development, some are especially critical for children. (Such as iron, calcium, and vitamin D, A & B12.)

Speak Your Mind:
Discuss supplements with your child's health care provider before giving them to your child. Taking large amounts of vitamins that exceed the recommended daily amount can be toxic and lead to symptoms such as nausea, headache or diarrhea. Many store supplements call for much from children. Thousands of people are taken to the emergency room each year after taking dietary supplements, including children who have taken supplements unnecessarily. Supplement bottles are not required to have child-proof lids. In addition, supplement ingredients are not as closely monitored as medications through the Food and Drug Administration, so always practice caution when supplements are in the home with small children. While there are circumstances when supplements may be needed, getting vitamins and minerals through food and drink should be the goal for growing children. If you feel your child may need a supplement, consult their health care provider.

Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics www.eatright.org

For the FULL article, go to Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: <https://www.eatright.org/health/child-development/child-development/supplements/when-to-supplement-to-your-child-read-a-supplement>

Making Cents of the Season: Helping Kids Learn about Money

Teaching Kids About Money During the Holidays
The holiday season is full of excitement and a perfect opportunity to teach children important financial concepts. From gift-giving, family gatherings, and special treats, kids see a lot of spending that makes sense. Helping them understand the value of money early on, and building lifelong skills in saving, sharing, and thoughtful spending.

Save for it for something bigger they'd like to buy later, such as a special outing or even gifts. The Shrove pie is the helping others, trying a try for a holiday treat. Choosing to buy quality, or donating a duplicate, or cooking. It's important to help children understand that money has a purpose, and that saving and giving can feel just as good as spending.

To make it even more meaningful, share your own examples. Talk about how you plan your holiday budget or choose when to save or spend. Kids learn best by watching adults, so involving them in real-life situations and choices makes a lasting impact. By weaving money lessons into your holiday traditions, you'll help your child learn to manage money thoughtfully, and to use the joy that comes from kind giving and saving. Those are gifts that last well beyond the season!

Source: [fool.com](https://www.fool.com) (2025)
Photo: [pexels.com](https://www.pexels.com)

Healthy Snacks on the go!

With all the busy holiday events coming up, it's important to have healthy snacks ready, especially for little ones! Here are a few tips to keep little ones happy, healthy and on track during the holidays.

- Use to parks in the diaper bag to keep items cold on long busy days.
- Have child-friendly "staying the table" and "tabletop" bowls that are spill-proof, reusable and dishwasher safe to help themselves.
- Take the time to make healthy snacks more "fun" with holiday cups and containers.

To include lots of good protein items like peanut butter and cheese to make the snack more filling.

And don't forget, it's the holidays! Sweet treats are everywhere and it's ok to enjoy some. Just set up his healthy eating challenge for the whole family!

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JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

Wednesday, Jan 14

Luncheon Program

Location: Applesseed Room B

Sponsored by: Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley County Farm Bureaus

Please note that only 150 meals will be available for this event and they will be provided on a first come - first served basis!



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Educational Seminars

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Allen County
Soil & Water
Conservation District



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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact James Wolff prior to the event at 260-481-6826 or jmwoff@purdue.edu by January 5, 2026.

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2026 FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW

JANUARY	139 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY	149 AM - 8 PM
JANUARY 15	9 AM - 4 PM

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Moderator: Elysia Rodgers

10 AM

MARKET AND WEATHER OUTLOOKS

Rob Winters, David Kohli, & John Cavanaugh
Ryan Martin (weather)

12 PM

BARNYARD MIRROR: HOW ANIMALS REFLECT OUR OWN HEALTH

Elysia Rodgers, Purdue Extension Educator

2 PM

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR AND ANHYDROUS AMMONIA SAFETY

Office of the Indiana State Chemist

Ann Kline, Purdue Extension Educator
James Wolff, Purdue Extension Educator

Applied for Indiana PARP and CCH Credits
PARP Credits sponsored by Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Soybean Alliance



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Moderator: Bill Horan

10 AM

PURDUE MARKET OUTLOOK

Michael Langemeier, Director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture, Purdue University

11:30 AM

FARM BUREAU LUNCHEON: WATERS OF THE U.S.

Indiana Farm Bureau sponsored lunch

Brianna Schroeder, Attorney with Janzen Schroeder Agricultural Law LLC

Lunch is in Appleseed B
Lunch is limited seating and first come, first served.



Indiana Farm Bureau®

2 PM

BIOSECURITY ESSENTIALS FOR LIVESTOCK OWNERS

Dr. Jennifer Strasser, BOAH

5:30 PM

CODE RED: A PRACTICAL TOOL FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FARM CONTINGENCY PLAN

Purdue EDGE in Ag Team

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Moderator: James Wolff

10 AM

PESTICIDE EXAM TRAINING

James Wolff, Ann Kline, & Brad Kohlhagen
Purdue Extension Educators

This session will prepare pesticide applicators for the CORE pesticide applicator test. It will utilize the Indiana Pesticide Applicator Core Training Manual (PPP-C). Manuals can be purchased through Purdue Extension the day of the program or at <http://store.purdue.edu/ppp> - c.html.

Tests will not be given at this training.
No PARP or CCH credits available

JOB FAIR

Are you looking for a career in Agriculture, Conservation, or Natural Resources? Look for the 'We're Hiring' signs at vendor booths!



ASK HERE FOR OPPORTUNITIES



**FORT WAYNE
HOME & GARDEN SHOW
FEBRUARY 26TH - MARCH 1ST, 2026**

The 53rd Annual Fort Wayne Home & Garden Show is set for February 26 – March 1, 2026. The show is the largest of its kind in the tri-state area and is proudly presented by our friends at Windows, Doors & More! With over 650+ exhibitors and show features galore, it's the areas can't miss event for businesses and residents!

DATES & HOURS

Feb 26 – Mar 1, 2026

- Thursday & Friday: 11a – 8p
- Saturday: 10a – 8p
- Sunday: 11a – 5p

LOCATION:

Memorial Coliseum
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave.
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

TICKET PRICING

\$12 – General Admission
\$8 – Seniors (62+)
FREE – Children 15 & under
Coliseum Parking
\$8 – Per Vehicle

2025 Home and Garden Show Speakers

Thursday, 2/26	
12:00 - 12:50 PM	Marlene Purdy - It's Spring! Now What?
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
2:00 - 2:50 PM	Ashley Adair - Composting
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Miranda Purcell - Backyard Berries and Grapes
4:00 - 4:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
6:00 - 6:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
Friday, 2/27	
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
2:00 - 2:50 PM	Ann Kline - Pesticide Controversy
3:00 - 3:50 PM	John Woodmansee - The Top 10 Ways to Kill a Tree & How to Avoid Them Using Best Practices
4:00 - 4:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
5:00 - 5:50 PM	Sue Billian - Set Yourself Up for Success with Vegetable Gardening
6:00 - 6:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
Saturday, 2/28	
11:00 - 11:50 AM	Elysia Rodgers - Rooted in Wellness: Gardening for a Healthier Mind
12:00 - 12:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Vivian Bickley - How Does Your Indoor Garden Grow?
2:00 - 2:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
5:00 - 5:50 PM	Managing Poison Hemlock and Other Invasive Plants
6:00 - 6:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
Sunday, 3/1	
12:00 - 12:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Keynote Speaker
2:00 - 2:50 PM	TBD
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Keynote Speaker

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
[HTTPS://HOME-GARDENSHOW.COM/](https://home-gardenshow.com/)
AND FOLLOW THEM ON FACEBOOK AT:
FORT WAYNE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW**



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Be sure to look for the Purdue Extension booths, speakers, & presenters at these great events!



Enrollment Happening Now!

Go To: <http://4honline.com/>

To Join Noble County 4-H:

1. Sign up at 4honline.com (or call 260-636-2111)
2. Pick a Township Club
3. Enroll in Projects
4. *Check out Project Clubs, Events, Camps, Trips, Workshops and more!*
5. Showcase your work at the County Fair in July and win a chance to compete at the Indiana State Fair in August.



Costs:

- Regular 4-H Grades 3-12 the program fee is \$20
- Mini 4-H Grades k-2 the program fee is \$5

Assistance maybe available to cover 4-H dues, ask for info in the Extension Office.

Want to donate more to your community but don't have the extra time or cash?

Don't worry; you don't have to break the bank! Did you know you can donate to 4-H by simply doing your regular shopping? Two local businesses are making it easy to donate to Noble County 4-H! Your local **Kroger** store lets you pick where your charitable donations go to from every transaction that comes down their check-out lane! Simply go online to your **Kroger Card** account and select Noble County 4-H as your donation recipient and every time you shop with your Kroger card, a portion of the transaction will come directly to the Noble County 4-H. **Midwest America Federal Credit Union**, offers a **Noble County 4-H debit card, free of charge!** Any purchases made with your debit card will send a portion of those transactions to your Noble County 4-H program at no charge to you. Stop by their new location at 648 E. North St. in Kendallville for more details.



**Check out our website for
area scholarship
opportunities**

extension.purdue.edu/noble



NOBLE COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS	+
INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP	+
EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS- NOBLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLERS	+
NOBLE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS	+
NOBLE REMC	+
AG PLUS SCHOLARSHIP	+
TEEGAN BRUMBAUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	+
NOBLE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	+
NOBLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU	+
STAR BANK AG SCHOLARSHIPS	+

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- Noble County, Indiana 4-H
- Master Gardeners of Noble County, IN

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- Purdue Noble County Extension
- Purdue Extension Area 11 HHS

Instagram: [purdueextensionnobleco](https://www.instagram.com/purdueextensionnobleco)

We will be closed the following days:

- 12/25 & 26 Christmas
- 1/1 New Years Day
- 1/16 MLK Day
- 2/20 Presidents Day

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