

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	-	-	-	-	-	1 State Shooting - Air Rifle
2 4:00 Pierceville Haypals Meeting 5:00 4-H Pioneers Meeting	3 7:00 County Bees Meeting	4 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Meeting	5	6 8:00 No-Till Breakfast-page 14	7	8 8:00-11:00 Beef ID Day 4-H Volunteer Conference
9 2:00 Napoleon Country Club Meeting 2:00 Shooting Sports Meeting	10 7:00 Morris Shamrocks Mtg 7:00 Faithful Workers Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 4-H Club Audit Reports Due State Shooting - Archery
16	17	18	19 6:00 Junior Leader Meeting	20 9:00 Cover Crop Field Day-page 14	21	22
23	24 7:30 4-H Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	29 Livestock Showmanship Clinic
30 1:00 Dream Seekers Meeting	31					

Can you find the four H's hidden in the newsletter?



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

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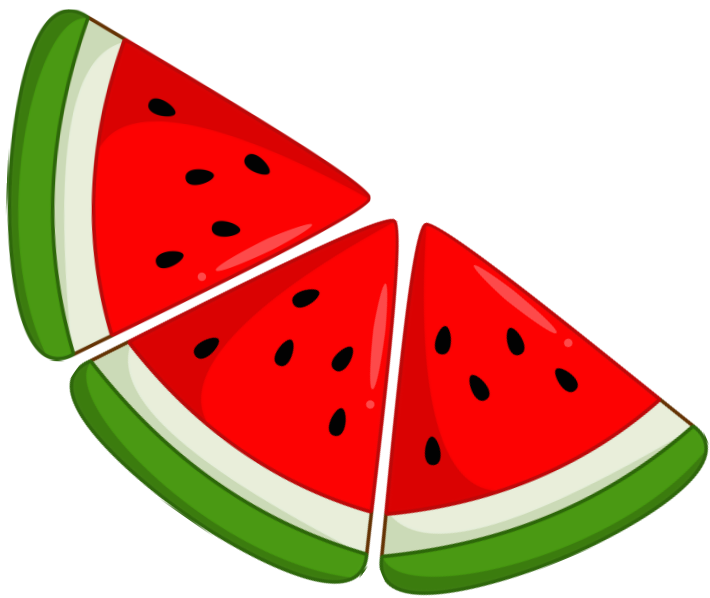
Club Meeting Resources:

Song: Down by the Bay

Down by the bay
where the watermelons grow.
Back to my home, I dare not go.
For if I do, my mother will say,
“Did you ever see a goose kissing a moose?”
(Insert different rhyme each time)
Down by the bay.

Examples:

“Did you ever see a whale with a polka dot tale?”
“Did you ever see a goat rowing a boat?”
“Did you ever see a frog walking a dog?”
“Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?”
“Did you ever see a llama wearing pajamas?”
“Did you ever see a dragon pulling a wagon?”
“Did you ever see a fly wearing a tie?”



Food for Thought

“You will always pass failure on your way to success.”

– Mickey Rooney

Health & Safety

Tornadoes:

Spring time is a common time of the year where we experience thunderstorms and have a higher change for tornadoes to occur. During a tornado there can be wind speeds over 200 miles per hour. There can cause flying debris which can be very dangerous and result in injuries. When there is potentially dangerous weather here are some things to know:

- The National Weather service can issue Warnings and Watches if there is severe weather in the area.
 - Tornado Watch: There is a possibility for a tornado in the area.
 - Know your safe place and be ready to act quickly in case a Warning is issued.
 - Tornado Warning: There is a Tornado happening or about to happen.
 - Immediately seek shelter in the safe place you have identified.
- Know your safe place ahead of time. This should be a storm shelter, basement, or an interior room or hallway away from windows.

Resource: National Weather Service
Presentation on Spring Weather Safety



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Enrollment is Open!

4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 year is still open. Please enroll as soon as possible, as you must be enrolled to sign up for events, camps, etc. On January 15, we began only sending information to those who have enrolled for the new program year.

Once again we will be utilizing 4-H Online as our enrollment platform. You can access your account by visiting v2.4honline.com

If you need further assistance please give us a call or stop by the office, we are happy to help. 812-689-6511 or 525 W Beech St Osgood, IN 47037.



4-H Online Help Guides:

Enrolling in 4-H Online as a **RETURNING** 4-H member or mini 4-H member:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/_media/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-returning-youth-member.pdf



Enrolling in 4-H Online as a **NEW** 4-H member or mini 4-H member:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/_media/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-new-youth-member-1.pdf



Beef ID Day

4-H members who enrolled in the beef project on 4-H Online will be receiving a letter with additional Beef ID day information in the mail. Be on the lookout! If you have decided to show beef but did not previously sign up online please contact the extension office.

BEEF ID DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

9-11AM

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

5-6PM

*If you are planning to come on Friday evening, please let the office know by calling 812-689-6511.



***Deadline to have animals enrolled on 4-H Online is May 15, 2025.**



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Area 1 4-H 

Beyond Ready to Show Livestock

March 29, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm

Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds 3767 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250

Want to perfect your showmanship skills with advice from Livestock Judges? Need to get your Quality Care training done for fair? If so, we invite you out for a day long Animal Science and Showmanship Workshop! The event will be separated into 2 age-appropriate traveling groups.

\$10 Registration Includes

- Catered Lunch
- Door Prizes
- Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Registration
- Educational Resources

Agenda

	Junior 4-H Members	Senior & Int. 4-H Members
10:00	Animal Nutrition Learning Laboratory	
10:40	Beef Showmanship	Swine Showmanship
11:20	Swine Showmanship	Beef Showmanship
Noon	Lunch	
12:40	Goat Showmanship	Sheep Showmanship
1:20	Sheep Showmanship	Goat Showmanship
2:00	Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Training	

- Presenters will include **Livestock Judges**, 4-H Volunteers and Extension Educators.
- Demonstration animals on sight for each species.
- Opportunity to complete required **IN 4-H Quality Livestock Care** Training at no extra cost.

Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by March 21st

Register at: <https://beyondreadytoshowlivestock.4honline.com>

Event costs \$10. Families encourage to stay on fairgrounds with members, hospitality room will be available.

Contact Purdue Extension Jefferson County with questions at (812) 265-8919



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100% Completion T-Shirt design contest!

Every Ripley County 4-H member has the chance to design the 2025 4-H Completion T-shirt! Designs must be submitted by March 15, 2025. Call the Ripley County Extension office at 812-689-6511 with any additional questions!



T-shirt design guidelines:

- Completed in black ink (regular pencil does not scan well) on white 8 ½ X 11 unlined paper
- Your original artwork! (Any potential copyright infringements cannot be considered)
- In some way state 100% completion of projects and represent Ripley County 4-H
- Must include the original copyrighted 4-H Logo
- Please put your name and shirt color choice on the back of your artwork!
- Artwork must be done by an approved Ripley County 4-H member

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SEI 4-H Camp

All 4-H Members in grades 3-7 are invited to 4-H Camp! Details are listed here:

If you have questions or concerns about 4-H Camp please reach out to Baylee at bdwenger@purdue.edu or call the office at 812-689-6511

The Wonderful World of 4-H CAMP

When: June 3rd thru June 6th 2025

Where: Camp Higher Ground

Who: 4-H Campers are Youth in 3rd-7th grade

Register via 4-H Online: v2.4honline.com

Event name: 2025 Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp



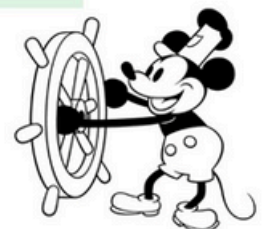
Registration Due May 1st



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Ripley County 4-H Members Attend 4-H Day at the Statehouse

Six Ripley County 4-Hers attended Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse. They had the pleasure of meeting with State Senator Jean Leising. They also had the honor to tour the treasury office and met with State Treasurer Daniel Elliott. One Ripley County 4-H member was selected to serve as a page on the senate floor.



4-H Project Volunteers NEEDED



- Aerospace
- Animal Education
- Cake Decorating
- Collections
- Computer Science
- Construction & Architectural Replica
- Consumer Clothing
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Garden
- Giftwrapping
- Leadership
- Llama & Alpaca Craft
- Recycling
- Soil & Water Science
- Weather & Climate
- Weeds
- Wildlife
- Woodworking



Ripley County 4-H is always welcoming new volunteers! If you have any question or are interested in starting the process of becoming a new volunteer, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H program would not be such a success without the help of all our wonderful 4-H volunteers!

2025 4-H Tractor Schedule



April 22nd - 6:30PM @ Tanner Volz's (4416 S US HWY 421, Greensburg)

June 21st - 9:00AM Fun Day and driving practice @ Ripley County Fairgrounds

June 28th - 7:30AM County Tractor Contest @ Ripley County Fairgrounds

July 26th - 8:00AM Area Contest @ Decatur County Fairgrounds

Call the Extension office at 812-689-6511 or a Tractor leader with questions.

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2025 Ripley County 4-H Fair
Dates:
July 20th - July 26th

Poster Boards and Plastic Sleeves

Unfortunately the price of poster boards have gone up for this year. Effective November 1st, poster boards will be \$5 each, sleeves will still be \$2 each, or a set will be \$7.

REMC Reimbursement

If you're a 4-H member and your electric provider is Southeastern Indiana REMC, be sure to visit www.seiremc.com/4h to get your 4-H enrollment fee reimbursed!

Southeastern Indiana REMC
4-H
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
SEI REMC proudly supports the 4-H program in our communities by offering our members reimbursements of up to \$20 for enrollment fees!
LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AT: <https://www.seiremc.com/4h>

Ripley County Extension Board

Due to term limits, the Ripley County Extension board has 4 positions open. If you are interested or have any questions about the Extension Board please contact Dave Osborne, osbornda@purdue.edu, or call the office at 812-689-6511. Open positions include Brown Township Center Township, Shelby Township and an At - Large position.

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RIPLEY WRANGLERS 2025 CLUB CALENDAR

Updates will be added throughout the year to our calendar.
Watch Facebook, Remind and come to meetings to get the latest info!

March 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING Spring Fundraiser Plant Sale, Banner and Barrel Design Turn In and Pass out Ripley County Handbooks. **Extension Office**

Demonstrations: Hadley Wagner, Kinley Menchhofer and Sydney Finney

April 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING Vaccine Clinic: Dr. Kelli Cobler will be at the meeting to administer Vaccines needed to show at fair, to all who are interested. Please get a Vaccine Form from leaders to turn in before the clinic to participate!

Demonstrations: Emma Peetz, Tinley and Teagan Enneking

May 3-4, 2025 SHOW CLINIC/OVERNIGHT LOCK IN Horse Barn and Arena at the Fairgrounds: Details to come.

May 6, 2025- CLUB MEETING Work Detail, Stall/Barn Clean Up, 1st of 3 Safety Meetings, Barn Prep and Clean Work Detail **Demonstrations:**

May 23, 2024 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 4-7pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

June 3, 2025- CLUB MEETING 2nd of 3 Safety Meetings, Area 1 4-H Prep, STALL RESERVATION, STALL FEES AND FAIR SHOWBILL DUE! **Demonstrations:**

June 9, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 6-8pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

June 28, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 10-4pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING Pre-Fair Meeting: ENCOURAGED to ATTEND!! Last of 3 Safety Meetings, Fair Week Prep and Job Duty Sign Up. **Demonstrations:**

July 7, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 6-8pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 12, 2024 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 9am-4pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 18-25, 2025- RIPLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR Horses are at the Fairgrounds starting Friday July 18th evening through Friday July 25th.

Feel free to reach out with any questions to the Club Superintendent/Leaders:
Greg Bonfer (812)621.1015) or Sarah Young (812)212.1405

2024-2025 Shooting Sports Schedule

Date	Location	Time	
Mar. 9, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Apr. 6, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
May 18, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Jun. 8, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns

Contest and Family Fun Day: July 12th, 2025
Time: Noon-4pm @ Coon Hunters Lodge

Shooting Sports Leaders

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Luers48@gmail.com

Randy Kramer
Shotgun
812-209-9218

Mike Weiler
Archery
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Bill Jordan
Marksmanship
317-525-1102
whjordan333@gmail.com

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2025 Animal Dates

Animal	ID Day	4-H Online Due	Check-In	Show	Release
Poultry	None	None	Saturday, July 19, 2025 2pm – 5pm	Sunday, July 20, 2025 3pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Beef Set-Up will be Friday, March 7 @ 5pm	Saturday, March 8, 2025 9am - 11am (Beef Feeders: May 3, 2025 8-11am)	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Dairy	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 9am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Dairy Feeder	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 11am (or following Dairy)	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Goats	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Thursday, July 24, 2025 Dairy- 9am Meat- 1pm Pygmy- 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Llama & Alpaca	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Horse & Pony	None	May 15, 2025	Friday, July 18, 2025 6pm-8pm	See H&P Leaders	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Pocket Pets	None	May 15, 2025 (Form w/ Picture must be turned into Office.)	At Show	Saturday, July 12, 2025 2pm	After Show
Rabbit	All Rabbits: Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am Meat Pen Only: Friday, July 11, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 pm	May 15, 2025 (for adult rabbits, meat pen due after July ID day)	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 23, 2025 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Sheep	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 6pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Swine	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2024 6am – 2pm Barrow weigh in Tues, July 22, 2025 8am-10am	Tuesday, July 22, 2025 Gilt- 1pm Barrow- 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Cat	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Monday, July 21, 2025 3pm	After Show
Dog	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Saturday, June 14, 2025 12pm	After Show

Barn Set-Up will be Saturday, July 12, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

Clean Up will be Saturday, July 26, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

*Non-Auction animals can leave Friday, July 25, 2025 at 7:00am – 10:00AM OR after 8:00PM.

No animals can leave between 10AM-8:00PM

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Area 1 4-H Opportunities



4-H Volunteer Conference



March 8, 2025 Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

Schedule of Events

10 am Thrive Session

11 am First Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.

12 noon Catered Lunch

1 pm Second Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.



State 4-H Opportunities

Hosted by:
Purdue Extension
and Indiana 4-H

Some Topics Include:

- Budgeting/Finances ●
- Home Care ●
- Self Care ●
- Auto Care ●

Life Lessons

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAYS JANUARY 14-MARCH 4

7-8 P.M. ET/6-7 P.M. CT

ZOOM AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Register via 4-H Online! Opens end of November.
Questions? Contact local Purdue Extension office.

Ripley County HHS Newsletter



Family Dinner Projects:

Purdue Extension is partnering with The Family Dinner Project to help bring awareness to the importance of family dinners for youth development. Frequently having dinner as a family can be very important at all ages. Check out this list of benefits that family dinners have on youth:

Below you will find fun conversation starters or games you can use at your next family dinner!

If you would like more information or more resources reach out to Baylee Dwenger by email or phone:
812-689-6511
bdwenger@purdue.edu

Benefits of Family Dinner:

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Conversation at the dinner table is even better than reading to children in boosting their vocabulary, and helping them to read.

Kids who start eating dinners now are less likely to be overweight later.

New parents who develop a dinnertime ritual feel more satisfied with marriages.

AGES
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Strong link between family dinners and academic performance, even stronger than doing homework, sports, or art.

Increased intake of fruits, vegetables and micronutrients, and fewer fried foods, trans fats and sodas.

Children feel more connected to siblings and parents.

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Teens who eat regular family dinners are more likely to get A's in school.

Reduces high risk teenage behaviors like smoking, substance abuse, eating disorders, teenage pregnancy and violence.

Reduces depression and anxiety and increases self-esteem.

Opportunity to check in with kids to find out how they're doing.

Dinner Time Conversation Starters:



CONVERSATION STARTER

When you graduate from school or retire from your job, what do you hope people will say about you?



CONVERSATION STARTER

Who did you play with today?



CONVERSATION STARTER

What did you feel grateful for when you were younger?
Are you grateful for different things now?

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Annual Ripley County **NO-TILL BREAKFAST**

March 6, 2025

Breakfast 8am

Speaker 9am

Hopewell Baptist Church
2319 N County Rd 850 W
Holton, IN 47023

SPEAKER

Rodney Rulon

Rulon Enterprises

Dave Osborne

Ripley Co Purdue
Extension

TOPICS

- A common sense approach to conservation
- Making cover crops and no-till work in this economy
- PARP Credits



Breakfast is catered by
Erica Buchanan

For accommodations
and/or to register call
812-689-6410 ext3



Cover Crop Field Day

MARCH 20, 2025

AT SEPAC

9AM - 12PM

Location Address:

SEPAC (Southeast Purdue
Agriculture Center)
4425 County Rd 350 N
Butler, IN 47223

**Please RSVP by calling
(812)689-6410 ext 3**

Lunch provided free of
charge from the Ripley
County Soil & Water
Conservation District



SPEAKERS

- ✓ Joel Wahlman - Superintendent, SEPAC
- ✓ Dena Anderson - NRCS Soil Scientist
- ✓ Dave Osborne, Purdue Extension

TOPICS

- ✓ Cover Crop Pros and Cons with or w/out tile
- ✓ Soil Core Observation and Discussion
- ✓ Tiling - good, bad and ugly





BIOSECURITY BASICS FOR BACKYARD AND SMALL FLOCK POULTRY

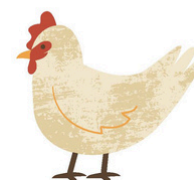
Authors: Torey Fischer, Geoff Lossie, DVM and Darrin Karcher, PhD



Biosecurity includes a variety of procedures that can protect both you and your animals from disease and is an important consideration to ensure the health of your livestock. With the recent outbreak of high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), poultry practitioners should take extra precautions and reevaluate their biosecurity. Numerous reports of backyard and small flocks infected with the HPAI virus have occurred. Everyone must do their part to ensure their flock's safety and protect others' poultry enterprises.

THREE MAIN COMPONENTS OF BIOSECURITY

- Isolation – keep your birds away from wildlife (wild birds and other animals)
- Traffic Control – limit people that visit your flock
- Sanitation – keep your equipment and buildings clean



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK?

ANIMALS (ISOLATION)

- Don't let dogs or cats in with your flock
- Keep wild birds and wildlife away from your birds
- Remove dead birds quickly
- Quarantine all new birds at least 21 days before mixing them with your current birds



PEOPLE (TRAFFIC CONTROL)

- Shower and change clothes after being around other birds before seeing your birds
- Limit people coming to see your birds
- Limit going to see other people's birds
- If possible, have visitors coming to see your birds put on clean boots and clothes and ask them not to interact with other poultry prior to visiting your flock

EQUIPMENT (SANITATION)

- Clean out your chicken coop or building at least twice a year
- Keep the area around the coop clean from waste and debris where rodents can hide
- Mow grass 10 feet around the chicken coop to ward off rodents
- Wash and disinfect water containers weekly
- Clean and disinfect all equipment you use: feeders, waterers, nests, crates, etc.
- Do not share equipment with others who have poultry

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HPAI TO WATCH OUT FOR

- Sudden high mortality
- Lack of energy and very quiet birds
- Swelling of head, comb, eyelids, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of wattles, comb, and legs
- Nasal discharge, coughing, and sneezing
- Diarrhea (particularly green in color)
- Decrease in feed and water consumption
- Neurologic signs

HPAI can occur quickly leading to sudden death with no warning signs, and is extremely contagious. If you observe any of the symptoms noted above, with sudden high mortality being the most concerning, we encourage you to report it immediately to USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593.

WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ERADICATE THIS DISEASE

To find the most up to date information you can visit the USDA website
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/defend-the-flock>

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- <https://vet.purdue.edu/news/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-continues-in-the-news-even-as-cases-end-in-indiana-heres-what-you-need-to-know.php>
- <https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/>

