

New Release
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Upcoming Agriculture Meeting Opportunities

There are several meeting opportunities coming up for farmers in the Marshall County area. PARP, CCH's, and CCA credit options are detailed below.

Marshall County Extension Office is hosting a Pasture Management meeting at the Marshall County Community Building, 202 West Street, Argos, Indiana 46511 on February 1st at 6:30PM ET. The meeting will incorporate the *Controlling Pasture Weeds* virtual field day and also include a presentation by Robert Yoder with Dicamba updates and a discussion on how small ruminants can control invasive plants. Topics include Purdue pasture research at Scholer Farm, Best practices for controlling weeds on the farm and pastures, and Steps to get herbicides approved for use. Arrive at 6:30 pm for registration with the program starting at 7:00 PM. This session will be a PARP (Private Applicator Recertification Program) event. Those attending in person must wear masks, social distance, and pay a \$10 standard fee for PARP credit. CCA(Certified Crop Advisor) credits also available. There will be a limit on attendance and preregistration is required, so please call the Purdue Extension Office (574) 935-8545 or e-mail ryoder@purdue.edu to secure your seat.

The Indiana/Michigan Irrigated Field Crops meeting, a cooperative meeting by Extension Services of Michigan State and Purdue, will be available for free on an online format this year. The program will be held on February 1st and 8th, at 6:30PM to 9:00PM ET. Topics to be covered are: When should the last application of water be made, Scheduling irrigation during peak use times, Adjusting for late season planting, Accounting for rainfall variability, and Crop sensing tools. The Feb 8th session will feature Dr. Jim Specht of the University of Nebraska discussing his work with high yield soybeans. To register for the program, visit tinyurl.com/IrrigCornSoy. Once registered, additional information about the program will be sent to your email including the link to join the conference. Indiana growers can receive 1 PARP credit by paying \$10 and attending BOTH nights. Indiana Commercial applicators can receive 2 CCHs (Cat1 and RT) by attending BOTH nights. Certified Crop Advisors can receive 2 CEUs per evening.

Purdue Extension Vegetable Farming webinar series can be viewed from home or attended in person at the Marshall County host site located at 202 West Street, Argos, Indiana 46501. Education sessions are on February 3, 10, 17, 24 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM ET, PARP registration at 1:30PM. Home viewing register at www.IndianaHortConference.org. In person seats are limited, please preregister by calling Marshall County Extension Office (574) 935-8545 or e-mail ryoder@purdue.edu. Some programs are approved as a PARP events, and continuing education hours available for commercial applicators 1A, 14, RT; and CEUs for Certified Crop Advisors. **Feb 3 topics:** Cucurbit insect pest control strategies, Cucurbit diseases update, Adjusting no-till planter for sweet corn & pumpkins, Weed management, IPM to reduce pesticide sprays. **PARP approved session. Feb 10 topics:** High tunnel cucumber production tips; High tunnel Sweet pepper production, Managing pests in high and low tunnels & greenhouses, Utilizing Hoosier Food Market website to on-line marketing. **Feb 17 topics:** Managing seed corn maggot in onions and related crops, Insects pests of cold and kale crops, Producing specialty melons, Potassium for veg. production, Food safety update **Feb 24 topics:** Dicamba drift on specialty crops, Understanding soil test reports, Soil health diagnostics, Glyphosate weed control/controversy, How do fungicides work. **PARP approved session.** Online PARP credit viewing registration at www.IndianaHortConference.org (includes \$15 fee), CCH's are free. Those attending in person must wear masks, social distance, and pay a \$10 standard fee. This is a great series to learn about specialist production from Purdue University Professors and Specialists in horticulture, entomology, weed sciences, ag economics, and botany and pathology!