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Posey County ANR News

April 2024

The Arrival of Spring & Storms: Are You Prepared?

Spring is my favorite time of year. The warming temperatures, getting back outside, working in the garden and, of course, March Madness! **Way to go, Boilers!**

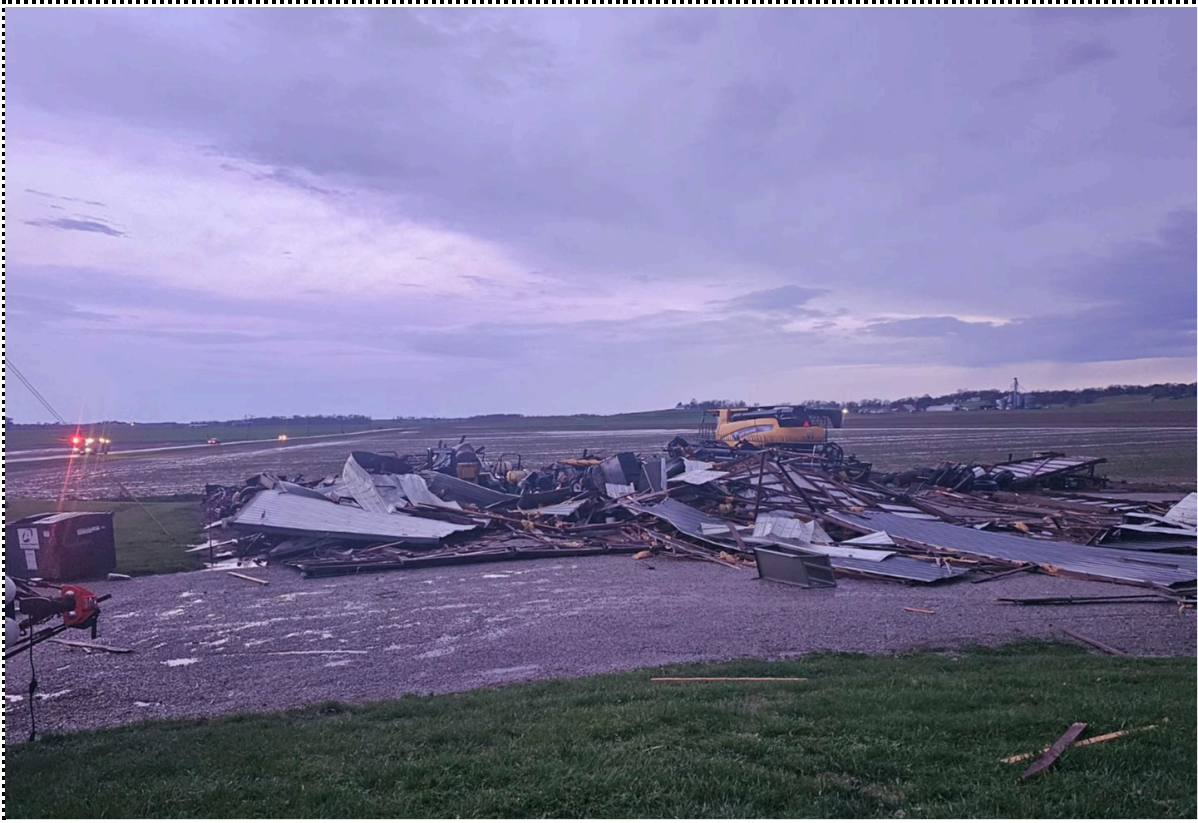
But these last few weeks of spring weather, rooting for the home team, and returning to the fields have been no less than hot/cold, hit/miss, and stop/go. Fortunately, no one was badly hurt (on the court or in the path of the April 2nd tornados). So, while we wait for the fields to dry and before the next damaging weather event, now is a good time to review our game plans.

The spring outlook is pointing towards being warmer and wetter than average. [Check out this article by Hans Schmitz](#). Both Hans and agronomist Ben Jacobs encourage farmers to be patient as cooler temperatures are expected in the coming week and getting out too early in can cause long-term impact (See [Pioneer Agronomist: 'Patience Will be Rewarded This Year'](#) in Hoosier Ag Today). If you're interested in more in-depth crop reports and recommendations from Purdue specialists, listen and subscribe to the [Purdue Crop & Weather Updates on YouTube](#).

Unpredictable weather patterns have become the norm making them ironically expected. And though Hoosiers have long known the "don't like the weather wait 5-minutes rule", planning for disaster in advance can make a significant difference. There are several programs offered by the USDA to help farmers, ranchers, communities, and businesses impacted by natural disasters. This shows [Disaster Assistance Programs at a glance](#), and you can find links for [Protection and Recovery here](#).

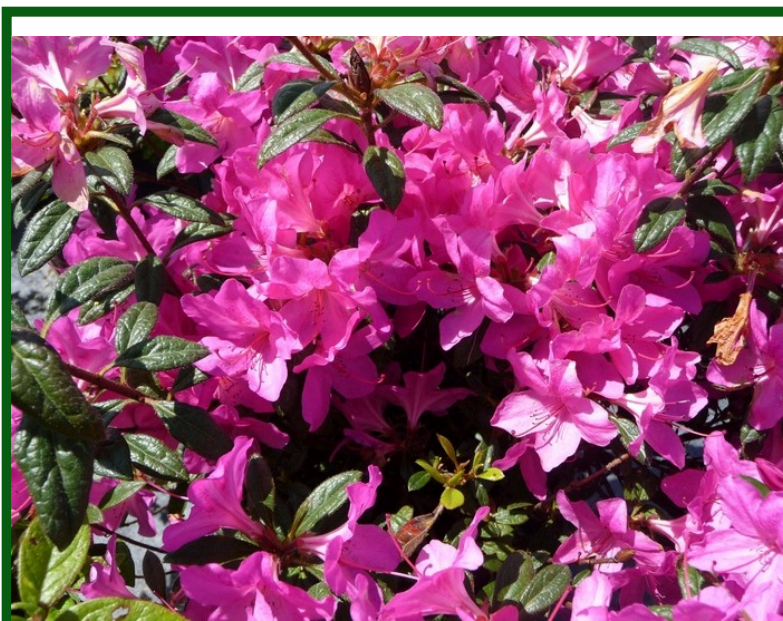
In the event of a local natural disaster, the [Posey County USDA-FSA office](#) is the best point of contact for agricultural producers. Be prepared and reach out to them before the unexpected happens!

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Damage from the 14.7-mile tornado path that crossed through Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties Photo source: [NOAA. Summary of April 2, 2024 Severe Thunderstorms & Tornadoes.](#)

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS



***Azaela Trail
of Mt. Vernon
Azaela & Plant Sale!***

Saturday, April 20th

at Riverbend Park
Mt. Vernon, IN

10AM - 1PM

3-gallon azaleas, garden signs, & perennial plants for sale. All proceeds go to keeping Mt. Vernon beautiful!

Learn the basics of growing your own food

SEED TO HARVEST: A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO EDIBLE GARDENING

If you would like to plan a home garden but aren't sure where to start, this class will provide information that will build your confidence and set you up for success!

Topics Covered Include:

- Garden Planning
- Soil Health and Composting
- Vegetable Selection and Care
- Common Garden Pests
- Using Your Garden Goodies

Held at:

Ivy Tech, Evansville Campus
Room 107
April 27th, 2024
9:00 to 1:00
Cost \$25.00

Register at: tinyurl.com/PurdueSeedToHarvest

For more information about the class or scholarship opportunities; email Amanda at bradshaa@purdue.edu or call the Purdue Extension Vanderburgh County office at 812-435-5287.



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Saturday, May 4, 2024

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (CT)

Vanderburgh 4-H
Activities Center Complex
201 East Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, Indiana

*Master Gardeners will be available
to answer gardening questions*

Beautiful Mother's Day Gifts!



*Plant Sale supports the
Master Gardener Program.*

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2024 Garden Symposium featuring P. Allen Smith

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Please join us for the first

Southwest Indiana Native Plant Symposium

May 15, 2024
5:30–8:15 p.m. CT
— Griffin Center —
University of Southern Indiana

Local experts will be speaking about the following topics:

- Gardening & Patio Landscaping with Natives
- Local Native Plant Projects
- Native Landscape Design
- Sourcing Native Species

This is a FREE event, but registration is required.

Scan the QR code and register now or call 812-423-4426 (Ext 3) for more information.



<https://tiny.cc/NativePlantSymposium>



PUBLICATIONS

[USDA Indiana Agricultural Report – April 2024](#)

[Commercial Ag News from Purdue – April 2024](#)

[2024 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide \(Crop Budget\)](#)

[Purdue University Commercial AgCast: Ag Barometer Insight March 2024 Survey Results](#)

[April Yard & Garden To-Do List](#)

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CALENDAR

April 20 - [Azalea Trail of Mt. Vernon Plant Sale 10AM-1PM](#)

April 20 - [Earth Day Celebration at Wesselman Woods 10AM-2PM](#)

April 22 - [Earth Day & Celebration Events](#)

April 21-27 - [National Environmental Education Week](#)

April 26 - [Arbor Day](#)

April 27 - [Seed to Harvest 9AM-1PM \(Ivy Tech Evansville\)](#)

May 4 - [SWIMGA Plant Sale 8AM-1PM \(Vanderburgh Fairgrounds\)](#)

May 14 - [Ruminations of a Goat Herd on Invasive Species \(Zoom\)](#)

May 17 - [National Endangered Species Day](#)

May 27 - Memorial Day (Office Closed)

*Have ag or natural resource events you'd like added to the Posey Co. ANR News calendar? Send them to rhodes94@purdue.edu.

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