

Purdue Extension Ag & Natural Resources Newsletter – November 2022

Please give me a call (812-838-1331) or send me an email at aneufeld@purdue.edu with any feedback.

Please send me events to include in the newsletter! I know I do not have a complete list and need to build a better base. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Current Issues

Thank a Farmer

As harvest season draws to a conclusion, I'd like to extend my appreciation for the farmers in our community who've been tirelessly working to bring in another great crop of soybeans and corn. If you want to talk to someone who knows a little bit about a lot of things, run and find your nearest farmer making his way across the field. They are often well versed in crops, obviously, but also gardening, mechanics, geography and economics. They are an underappreciated segment of our economy but more importantly they bring strong moral values to our community. Please join me in thanking these families for their integral role in our society.

Fall Fertility

November brings us frost, football, and fried turkey but it also brings us the end of our lawn growing season. As our fescue lawns begin to close down for the year, it may be the most important time to fertilize. Because of these cool temperatures, top-growth will subside and you will be done mowing but your grass hasn't actually stopped yet. It is still taking up nutrients and storing them away as energy reserves in the roots before it goes into a state of hibernation. A quick release fertilizer such as urea or ammonium sulfate should be used at the rate of 1 lb. of Nitrogen/1,000 square feet typically applied in the first 2-3 weeks of November. This should help increase how late into fall your lawn stays green, but also will encourage your plants to be stronger and healthier once spring-time temperatures bring it out of dormancy.

Broadleaf Weed-Control

November is also a prime time to control perennial broadleaf weeds such as dandelion and white clover for the same reasons listed above. Perennial broadleaves are currently also preparing themselves for dormancy and are thus more vulnerable to herbicide applications. Herbicide sprays absorbed through the foliage now are translocated into the root system which delivers a complete kill of the weed. This is a much more effective time to spray as opposed to Spring where the herbicide is taken and put into the shoot, or flower growth which then only results in top kill.

PARP Events (Listed in Central Time)

Nov. 2 9am-11 Knox Co.

Nov. 2 5-7 pm-Daviess Co.

Nov. 3 9-11 am Martin Co.

Nov. 3 5-7 pm-Pike Co.

Nov. 29 5-7 pm-Virtual

Dec. 5 5-7 pm-Dubois County

Dec. 9 9-11 am-Knox County

Dec. 14 8-10:30 am-Dubois County

Dec. 16 8-10:30 am-Posey County

Dec. 16 1-3:00 pm- Gibson County

[PARP Events | Purdue Pesticide Programs](#) Click this link for an updated list. They are adding more events daily. This is the most up-to-date site to find events in the state.

Standing Resources

[Area Educators Have a YouTube Channel](#)

[Purdue Fast Start Program for High School Aged Youth.](#)

[Calendar of Purdue Extension Community Development Events](#)

[Pest and Crop Newsletter](#)

[Hoosier Ag Today](#)

[The Kernel-Purdue Corn Extension](#)

[Tools For Today's Farmers podcast](#)

[Purdue Landscape Report](#)

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