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## Posey County ANR News March 2024

### Greetings from New ANR Educator

Hello! My name is Amy Rhodes. I joined the Posey County Extension team at the end of 2023 and have been settling into our new office space (still in the basement of the Coliseum). I've also been touring the county and meeting community members.

My role as the county's Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator places me in the exciting position of providing educational opportunities for anyone who lives, works, and depends on the land here in unique Posey County. With a background in agricultural education, tourism, marketing, sales and distribution, along with a master's degree in natural resources & environmental management, I hope my knowledge, skills, and experience will serve the county well. So, whether you're a commercial farmer, home gardener, private applicator needing PARP credits, a resident interested in ecology and the environment, or just have an agriculture or natural resource related question, I want to hear from you!

Reach out via email or phone or stop by the office and introduce yourself. I'm interested in knowing who you are, what part of the county you're in, and how you are invested in Posey County. I look forward to meeting you!



### FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS



# SOUTHWEST INDIANA HOMESTEADING CONFERENCE

**MARCH 9, 2024 - FRIEDMAN PARK EVENT CENTER  
2700 PARK BLVD NEWBURGH, IN 47630**

*A gathering of homesteaders, home gardeners, suppliers and enthusiasts learning and growing together!*

## **Pre- Conference Food Preservation Workshop**

**Friday, March 8th, 2024 - 12pm-5pm**

\$35 per person    No Childcare Available

*Topics Include: Boiling water bath & pressure canning techniques, fermentation & pickling process, hands-on practice in the kitchen*

## **Main Conference**

**Saturday, March 9th, 2024 - Registration 7:30am, Sessions start at 8am**

\$40 per person    Childcare Available \$20 per child

*Topics Include: Vegetable Gardening, Fruit Gardening, Soils & Compost, Beekeeping, Farm Tools, Small Business Development Center, Poultry, Insects, Urban Agriculture, Cover Crops, Rainwater Storage, Food Storage and more!*

Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for homesteading. **Exchange ideas**, stories, and build lasting connections with fellow homesteaders, creating a **supportive network** that extends beyond the conference.

**Meet local and regional suppliers** offering homesteading essentials, sustainable products, and tools to enhance your homesteading journey. Find the **resources** you need to turn your homesteading dreams into reality!

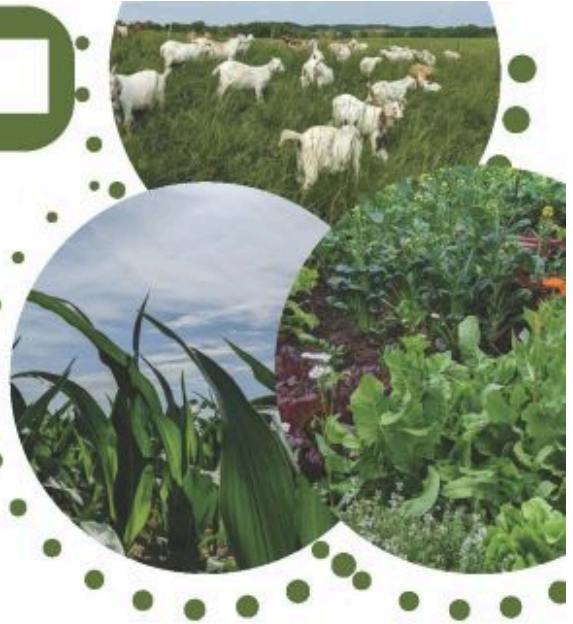
**REGISTER NOW [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SWIHC2024](https://bit.ly/swihc2024)**

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Please request any additional accommodations at least 2 weeks prior to the event by calling 812-385-3491.



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# LANDWISE WORKSHOP

**March 13, 2024**  
 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST  
 Daviess County Produce Auction  
 5667 N 900 E Montgomery, IN

**Topics**

- Interactive Soil Health Demos
- Cover Crops for Small & Row Systems
- Sustainable Amendments
- Market System Weed Control
- Small Ruminant Systems / Fencing Solutions
- Private Applicator / CCH Credits

Lunch sponsored by:

## Learn with Us

Elevate your sustainable farming practices by learning from statewide experts at the LandWise Workshop. Tailored for farmers cultivating row crops, specialty crops, and livestock, this event serves as a step in the journey toward water and land stewardship on your farm.

RSVP by March 4, 2024 to:  
 Purdue Extension - Daviess County  
 812-254-8668

For accommodations to attend, contact the county Extension office noted above. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/ equal access/ affirmative action university.



# PERRY-SPENCER CROP DAY

MARCH 12 - 6:00 PM CDT  
ST. MEINRAD, IN

**\$5 PER PERSON, INCLUDES MEAL**

**PARP & CCH CREDIT (2 CCHS, CAT. 1, 11, RT)**



**FEATURED PRESENTATION**  
*BIOLOGICAL FUNGICIDES: WHAT ARE THEY? HOW DO THEY WORK? CAN WE USE THEM EFFECTIVELY IN FIELD CROPS?*

DARCY TELENKO, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PLANT PATHOLOGY, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

**REGISTER BY MARCH 5: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/CROPDAY2024](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/CROPDAY2024)**



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## UPDATES & PUBLICATIONS

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

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

[Purdue University Commercial AgCast: Farm Management News & Advice](#)

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

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

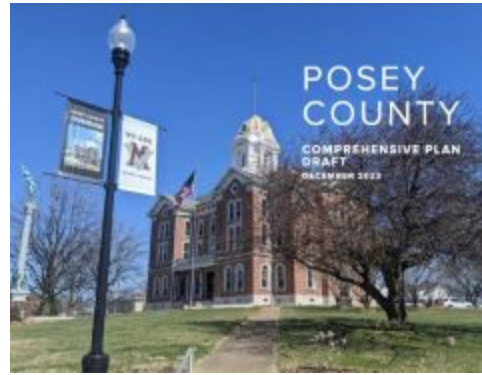
## GET INVOLVED

## Proposed Posey County Comprehensive Plan

- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Agricultural Preservation
- Economic Development

[Read the plan.](#)

[Public Meeting March 7, 2024](#)



## Calling Master Gardeners!

The SWIMGA gardens at Hovey House and Riverbend Park need some TLC. Join us for a pre-season planning meeting at the Mt. Vernon Fire Station (311 College Ave. near the corner of 4th & College Ave) on **Wednesday, April 3rd** from **5:00-6:00PM**.



Not a Master Gardener? No problem! Feel free to join the meeting to learn how you can get involved.

## CALENDAR

March 3 – [World Wildlife Day](#)

March 7 - [Posey County Comprehensive Plan Area Plan Commission Hearing @ Hovey House 6PM](#)

March 8-9 – [Southwest Indiana Homesteading Conference](#) (Newburgh, IN)

March 12 - [Perry-Spencer Crop Day](#) (St. Meinrad, IN)

March 12-14 [National Cover Crop Summit](#) (Free Online)

March 13 - [LandWise Workshop](#) (Montgomery, IN)

March 21 – [World Forestry Day](#)

March 22 – [World Water Day](#)

March 23 – [Ohio River Valley Woodlands & Wildlife Workshop](#) (Madison, IN)

March 25-26 - [Become a Certified UAV Pilot](#) (Loogootee, IN)

April 3 - Master Gardener Meeting (Mt. Vernon Fire Dept), 5:00PM

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