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Purdue Cooperative Extension Service -Vermillion Co.

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October, November, December Newsletter

2026 Vermillion County Fair June 13-20

2026 Indiana State Fair August 1-17

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new programming year, it seems appropriate to express our gratitude for your participation and collaboration this past year! Our staff accomplished many amazing things the past 12 months, and as we look forward, we're excited to explore new partnerships while offering programs for all ages, as well as, welcoming our 2026 4-H members.

To our farm families, we wish you a safe harvest. And to all of our Purdue Extension friends, we wish you a peaceful holiday season. The Purdue Extension staff of Vermillion County is grateful for your participation in and support of Extension and 4-H programming in 2025, and we anticipate awesome opportunities in 2026!

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***Cancellation Reminder:**

Please remember that ALL Extension meetings are cancelled if school is dismissed early or cancelled due to the weather. This applies if only one or more Vermillion County school corporations cancel classes due to the weather. Updates will be provided on the Purdue Extension Vermillion County Facebook page.



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If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the host Educator prior to the meeting at least one week in advance. For special dietary needs, contact the host Educator prior to the meeting at least one week in advance. If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact the host Educator prior to the meeting at least one week in advance.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE RESOURCES!

Have specific questions, call Phil at 765-492-5335 or email at cox119@purdue.edu



This Website Provides the Latest Corn Research and Management Information for Farmers and Agricultural Professionals www.thekernel.info

To see the current and past issues (and to subscribe) of the Pest & Crop newsletter go to:

www.extension.entm.purdue.edu/newsletters/pestandcrop

The most recent issue (Sep. 19) covers the following topics:

Green Cloverworm Moths Are Everywhere

Grain Samples Needed!

Converting Wet Corn Weight to Dry Corn Weight

A False Sense Of Autumn



For the current issue (& to subscribe) see:

<https://vegcropshotline.org/> The most recent issue (Sep 5) of the Vegetable Crops Hotline Newsletter covers the following topics: Insect Trapping Updates; Buckeye Rot of Tomato; Understanding Farm Decision-Making: Insights from the 2024-2025 Producer Survey; New Ag Climate Dashboard Makes Climate Resources More Accessible for Midwest Farmers; National Needs Assessment Offers Guidance to Tailor Onfarm Food Safety Education for Military Veteran Farmers; Indiana Food Systems News; Boost Your Produce Sales with FoodLink: A Free Resource for Farmers

The Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture has many reports, publications, podcasts, and webinars that can be found at

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag>

VEGETABLE CROPS HOTLINE

A newsletter for commercial vegetable growers prepared by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service



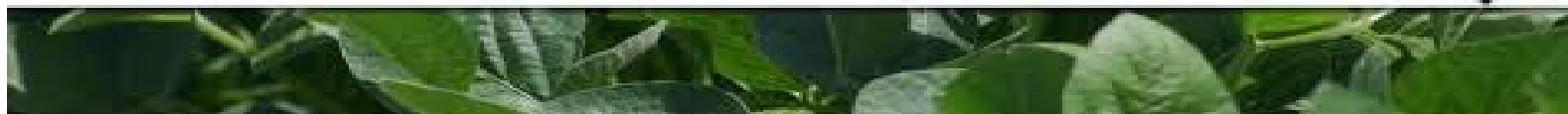
For the current issue (& to subscribe) see:

www.purduelandscape.org. The most recent issue (Sep. 19) of the Purdue Landscape Report covers the following topics: Untangling the Vines: Identifying Bindweed, Morning Glory, and Honeyvine Milkweed; Marssonina leaf spot and blotch of Poplar; A false sense of autumn



SOYBEAN STATION

DELIVERING FIRST CLASS SOYBEAN INFORMATION



Soybean Station is Purdue's hub for soybean information & research and is found at

www.ag.purdue.edu/departments/agry/faculty-pages/soybean-station



For the current issue (& to subscribe) see:
<https://fff.hort.purdue.edu> . The most recent issue (Sep. 4) of the Purdue Facts for Fancy Fruit newsletter covers the following topics:
 Crop conditions; Abnormally Dry and Drought Conditions are on the Rise; Dogwood Borer Injury to Apple Trees; Cleaning and Sanitation workshop; Upcoming events

Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey



The Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture recently published the *Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey*. Locally, this includes average values for Vermillion County (included with west central Indiana).

The article (with complete tables) can be found at:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/paer-article/farmland-prices-increase-despite-downward-pressure-2025>

Area	Land Class	Corn Bu/A	Land Value						Land Value/bu			Projected Land Value	
			June 2024	Dec 2024	June 2025	6/24-6/25	6/24-12/25	12/24-6/25	Amount 2024	Amount 2025	% Change 6/23-6/24	Dec 2025	% Change 6/25-12/25
			\$/A	\$/A	\$/A	%	%	%	\$	\$	%	\$	%
North	Top	230	14,222	15,278	15,389	8.2	7.4	0.7	61.84	66.91	8.2	15,750	2.3
	Average	198	11,250	12,333	12,333	9.6	9.6	0.0	56.72	62.18	9.6	12,438	0.8
	Poor	168	8,625	9,056	9,222	6.9	5.0	1.8	51.41	54.97	6.9	9,188	-0.4
Northeast	Top	227	14,386	15,852	15,909	10.6	10.2	0.4	63.36	70.07	10.6	15,940	0.2
	Average	199	11,727	12,887	13,791	17.6	9.9	7.0	59.00	69.38	17.6	13,627	-1.2
	Poor	171	9,300	11,100	11,032	18.6	19.4	-0.6	54.49	64.63	18.6	10,982	-0.5
W. Central	Top	240	13,941	15,063	14,388	3.2	8.0	-4.5	58.17	60.04	3.2	14,350	-0.3
	Average	210	11,512	12,927	11,731	1.9	12.3	-9.3	54.88	55.92	1.9	11,636	-0.8
	Poor	180	9,432	10,268	10,135	7.5	8.9	-1.3	52.35	56.26	7.5	10,092	-0.4

Area	Land Class	Corn Bu/A	Rent/Acre		Change 24-25 %	Rent/bu. of corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2024	2025		2024	2025	2024	2025
			\$/A	\$/A	%	\$/bu	\$/bu	%	%
North	Top	230	297	313	5.42	1.29	1.36	2.1	2.0
	Average	198	239	247	3.05	1.21	1.24	2.1	2.0
	Poor	168	180	179	-0.31	1.07	1.07	2.1	1.9
Northeast	Top	227	289	306	5.56	1.27	1.35	2.0	1.9
	Average	199	239	253	5.84	1.20	1.27	2.0	1.8
	Poor	171	188	201	6.47	1.10	1.17	2.0	1.8
W. Central	Top	240	339	358	5.64	1.41	1.49	2.4	2.5
	Average	210	284	299	5.04	1.35	1.42	2.5	2.5
	Poor	180	231	239	3.59	1.28	1.33	2.4	2.4



Forestry Education Seminar – October 29

Purdue Extension and the Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District invite woodland owners to a Forestry Education Seminar on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Community Building at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds, Cayuga. Lenny Farlee, Purdue Extension Forester, and Mike Warner, ArborTerra Consulting LLC, will discuss Marketing Your Timber and Managing Your Woods for Recreation.

No reservations are required for this free event. For more information contact the Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District at 765-492-3705 or vermillion@iaswcd.org.



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Last Chance Fall Foliage Walk – October 30

Everyone is invited to a free fall foliage walk at Cayuga Park, home of the Vermillion County Fairgrounds, on Thursday, October 30, 5:30 – 7:00 pm starting at the 4-H Community Bldg., Fairgrounds Rd., Cayuga, IN. Purdue Extension Educator, Phil Cox, will lead the walk while teaching participants how to identify the diverse species of trees in this beautiful park. In addition, up to 14 copies of the 2024 edition of “101 Trees of Indiana: A Field Guide” (by Dr. Marion Jackson) will be given away randomly to those who attend. Preregistration is not required. In case of rain, an alternative tree identification event will be held inside the 4-H Community Bldg. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Vermillion County AG Breakfast – December 2

Purdue Extension - Vermillion County will host a free breakfast at 8:30 am on Tuesday, December 2nd at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds Community Building in Cayuga Park. Jeremiah Lemmons, Indiana Department of Natural Resources District Forester, will be discussing forest management and the Indiana Classified Forest & Wildlands program to assist landowners with maintaining healthy

woodlands and understanding tax incentives. The minimum requirement for the Indiana Classified Forest & Wildlands program enrollment is 10 acres of forest, wetland, shrubland, and/or grassland. In addition, Senate Enrolled Act 246, that gives tax incentives for a minimum of 0.5 acres of wetlands, will be discussed. Everyone interested in learning about managing Indiana woodlands is invited to attend. RSVP is required by contacting the Vermillion County Extension Office at 765-492-5330 or cox119@purdue.edu by **November 25th**. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Bi-State Crops Conference, Dec. 12, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm at the Beef House

Bi-State Garden Conference, Jan. 16, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Beef House

Bi-State Homesteading Conference, Feb. 20, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Beef House

2026 Indiana Horticulture & Small Farm Conference, March 3 - 5

Join us as we merge two popular Purdue Extension events into one dynamic conference. Designed for specialty crop growers and small farmers region wide, featuring premier educational sessions. The Indiana Horticulture & Small Farm Conference will be taking place next year March 3-5th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. For now, please just reserve those dates on your calendar!

For more information see the IHSFC 2026 website:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/events/departments/hla/2026/03/indiana-horticulture-and-small-farm-conference.html>

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AT CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lori Bouslog, HHS Extension Educator, offers monthly programs at the Clinton Public Library, 313 S 4th Street. The programs begin at 6:00 PM on the second level of the library. Programs offered include:

Digital Skills Lessons – Building digital skills is a vital component in the effort to make internet resources more available and equitable. The Digital Skills Lessons aim to bring these essential skills to help advance quality of life through the resources available through the internet. The upcoming Digital Skills Lessons are:

*Being Social Media Savvy	October 13
*Computer Basics	November 17
*Saving, Recovering, and Sharing Data and Files	December 15



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Suggestions for future program topics are welcome. The programs will be the 3rd Monday of each month, unless there is a schedule conflict or cancellation due to the weather!



Leadership Vermillion County will begin in January 2026 and continue through early May. The program includes 12 sessions, held at various locations throughout the county, and covers these topics: Introduction to Community Leadership, Personality

Strengths, Interpersonal Communication, Team Building, Education and Workforce Development, Economic Development and Quality of Place, Cultural Awareness, Conflict Management, Nonprofit Boards, Effective Meetings, Local Government, and Community Health. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your community or polishing your leadership skills, please join us! The photo is of our LVC graduates from the 2025 cohort (unfortunately, not all were able to be present for graduation).

Because of generous donations from community partners, previous LVC participants have attended at no cost. If you are interested in participating in the Leadership Vermillion County program, please contact Lori Bouslog for more information at lbouslog@purdue.edu or 765-492-5332.



Be Heart Smart will be offered in Vermillion County on Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26. The 4-session series will be held from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. There is a \$20 per participant registration fee. Advance registration is required. The first 8 participants to register, and attend all four sessions, will receive a voucher for the \$49 heart scan, provided by Union Hospital Clinton.



Please contact Lori for more information and the registration link at lbouslog@purdue.edu or 765-492-5332.



DINING WITH DIABETES is returning Spring 2026!

Purdue Extension Vermillion County is once again partnering with the Vermillion County Health Department to offer this program for adults with type 2 diabetes, or who are at risk of type 2 diabetes, and their family members, caregivers, and support persons. The program will help you learn the skills needed to promote good health. Dining with Diabetes consists of four sessions and a follow-up, and is taught by trained and caring educators.

The program includes:

- planning meals and snacks with delicious and healthy recipes
- cooking demonstrations and food sampling
- motivation and support — connect with others who are living with diabetes
- ideas for being more active
- an understanding of how diabetes affects your overall health

Advance registration is required. Vermillion County residents who have not attended a previous Dining With Diabetes class may attend at no cost, thanks to the generosity of the Cardiovascular and Diabetes Coalition of Indiana. For those who have attended a previous class, the registration fee is \$40 per person, or \$65 for a couple. For more information and to request the registration link, please contact Lori Bouslog (lbouslog@purdue.edu or 765-492-5332).

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?



When payday rolls around, many consumers will be trying to figure out which bills they will pay and which ones will wait until another paycheck comes in. With costs increasing for necessary expenses such as gasoline, utilities and healthcare, consumers are finding it harder to make ends meet. If you, like many others, are wondering how you can stretch your paycheck and make your money go further, you will want to attend the program “Where Does Your Money Go?” The program includes 2 sessions; and will be presented by Lori Bouslog, Purdue Extension Educator. Participants must attend and participate in both weekly sessions, at either location, to receive the certificate of completion. The programs are scheduled on these dates at:

	Purdue Extension Vermillion County 703 West Park Street, Cayuga	Clinton Public Library 313 S 4th Street
January 5 & 12	10:00 AM	5:30 PM
March 2 & 9	10:00 AM	5:30 PM
May 4 & 11	10:00 AM	5:30 PM

Advance registration is requested by Friday before Session 1 to ensure available materials. Please contact Lori Bouslog at lbouslog@purdue.edu or call 765-492-5332. There is no fee to attend this program.

A SPRINKLE OF NEWS FROM SUE

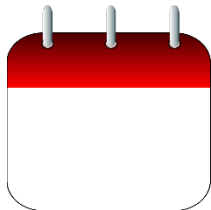


October is a busy month for Homemakers. Our District Meeting will be at the Sullivan County 4-H Building on Wednesday, October 1, with the theme “Share the Harvest”. Guests are asked to bring hygiene products for their local food pantry.

Vermillion County Homemakers will be hostesses for Bakersfest on Wednesday, October 8, featuring Apples. Non-members may participate too! Bakers will be judged on their baking skills in the categories of Muffins and Breads, Cakes, Pies, Cookies, and Miscellaneous. Bring your baked Apple items and the recipe to the 4-H Community Building, Vermillion County Fairgrounds, by 10:30 AM on Wednesday, October 8th. The event will include guest speaker Tabby Flinn, Purdue Extension Educator in Vigo County; door prizes; and a delicious lunch served. The cost for lunch is \$15. For more information and recipe cards, please call the Extension Office at 765-492-5330.

Indiana Extension Homemaker Week is October 20-24. The Vermillion County Extension Homemakers will be taking a trip to White Violet Farm at St. Mary-of-the-Woods for lunch and a tour of the farm on Thursday, October 23rd. Call Sue Weber at 765-562-3577 to make your reservations. Guests are invited to join us!

Sue Weber, President
Vermillion County Extension Homemakers



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Extension Homemaker Council meetings for 2025-2026 will be November 18, 11:30 AM at Co-Op Grill, Clinton; March 10, 11:30 AM at Gerrie’s, Clinton; and May 12, 11:30 AM (Indiana Time) at Randall Manor, Chrisman. Please note that the November meeting was omitted from the program book (page 20). Please accept our apologies!

LEADER LESSONS

The Area V HHS Educators offer leader lessons and package lessons, which are listed on pages 14-15 of the current Extension Homemaker program book. The lessons on the IEHA website, www.ieha-families.org, are also available for use throughout the year. Please contact Lori for copies of the lessons your club is requesting.



4-H Online Open Enrollment starts October 1, 2025



Use the link or QR code and follow the instructions on how to enroll through 4-H Online. If you are a first year 4-H Member or returning 4-H Member you must enroll/re-enroll each year through 4-H Online.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/membership-join-a-club.html>



2026 Vermillion County 4-H Projects of the Year:

🍀 Foods and Floriculture 🍀

Be on the lookout for upcoming dates for project workshops in both Floriculture and Foods. Our goal with the “Projects of the Year” is to spark interest, increase knowledge, and get more youth engaged in these two exciting project areas.





4-H FALL KICK OFF

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
4 PM - 7 PM
VERMILLION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**Open to everyone in the county!
Come explore what 4-H has to offer:**

- Visit barns with livestock
- Explore a variety of 4-H Project opportunities
- Check out community booths and local resources
- Explore agriculture equipment
- Play fall-themed games and pumpkin activities
- Enjoy delicious food and shopping
- Take part in a fun Scavenger Hunt as you explore the fairgrounds - chance to win free ice cream and be entered into a drawing for a grand prize!



**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: FIRST 50
YOUTH WHO SIGN UP FOR 4-H AT
FALL KICK OFF WILL HAVE THEIR
\$15 ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVED!**



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For Purchase!

Vermillion County 4-H Pennants

The 4-H Council is selling Vermillion County 4-H Pennants! These pennants could be used to hold all of the National Achievement Pins awarded or even used as a decoration for your room.

They are 9" x 24" felt and will be \$10 each. Please email mwillhit@purdue.edu or visit the Extension Office to purchase. They will make great Christmas gifts.



Save the Date for the 2025 4-H Leaders Retreat!

This event is open to all 4-H Volunteers. This year will look a little different, as we have chosen to hold it on a weeknight that should already be on your calendar.

Date: Monday, November 3

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: 4-H Community Building

4-H Council Meeting: 7:30 – 8:00 PM



We'll cover important dates, upcoming programming, committee sign-ups, and time to meet with those committees. The evening will also include fellowship, professional development, and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by Friday, October 24 by calling the office or emailing Morgan at mwillhit@purdue.edu. We look forward to seeing all of our 4-H Volunteers there!

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 1- 4-H Online Open for Enrollment
- 1- Homemakers District Meeting @ Sullivan Co 4-H Bldg
- 8- Bakersfest 10:30am @ Comm Bldg
- 13- Being Social Media Savvy 6pm @ CPL
- 23- Homemaker trip @ White Violet Farm
*RSVP, see page 7
- 29- Forestry Education Seminar 6pm @ Comm Bldg
- 30- Last Chance Fall Foliage Walk 5:30pm @ Cayuga Park

NOVEMBER

- 3- 4-H Leaders Retreat 6pm @ Comm Bldg
*RSVP, see page 10
- 3- 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Comm Bldg
- 8- 4-H Fall Kick Off 4pm @ FG
- 17- Computer Basics 6pm @ CPL
- 18- Homemaker Council Meeting 11:30am @ Co-op Grill

DECEMBER

- 2- Verm Co Ag Breakfast 8:30am @ Comm Bldg
*RSVP, see page 4
- 12- Bi-State Crops Conf 10am @ Beef House
- 15- Saving, Recovering, & Sharing Data & Files 6pm @ CPL

LOOKING AHEAD...

JANUARY

- Leadership Vermillion Co starts *see page 5
- 5- Where Does Your Money Go? 5:30pm @ CPL
*Registration, see page 6
- 12- Where Does Your Money Go? 5:30pm @ CPL
- 16- Bi-State Garden Conf 10:30am @ Beef House

FEBRUARY

- 5- Be Heart Smart 10am
*Registration, see page 5
- 12- Be Heart Smart 10am
- 19- Be Heart Smart 10am
- 20- Bi-State Homesteading Conf 10:30am @ Beef House
- 26- Be Heart Smart 10am

MARCH

- 2- Where Does Your Money Go? 5:30pm @ CPL
- 3-5- IN Horticulture & Small Farm Conf @ Hendricks Co Fairgrounds, *see page 4
- 9- Where Does Your Money Go? 5:30pm @ CPL
- 10- Homemaker Council Meeting 11:30am @ Gerrie's

APRIL

- 8- Quality Livestock Care 6pm @ Comm Bldg

MAY

- 2- Livestock ID/Tagging Day 7am @ FG
- 4- Where Does Your Money Go? 5:30pm @ CPL
- 4- Quality Livestock Care 6pm @ Comm Bldg
- 11- Where Does Your Money Go? 5:30pm @ CPL
- 12- Homemaker Council Meeting 11:30am @ Randall Manor
- 15- Animal ID Deadline in 4-H Online
- 16- Quality Livestock Care 8am @ Comm Bldg
- 16- Fairgrounds Clean Up/Set Up 8am
- 27-30- 4-H Camp @ Shakamak State Park

JUNE

- 1- Fair Entry Deadline



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What's Inside...

The ANR program is busy with several Bi-State conferences, Annual Verm Co Ag Breakfast, and Last Chance Fall Foliage Walk. HHS monthly programs will be offered at Clinton Public Library on the 3rd Monday October-December. LVC is coming up soon, as well as, Be Heart Smart, & Where Does Your Money Go?. Also, several Ext. Homemaker activities, including, Bakersfest! 4-H Online is available soon, 4-H Fall Kick Off is coming right up, 4-H Leaders and Council Members to meet.

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