WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Those new to farming or thinking about the idea of starting and sustaining a compact farm are invited to attend the Beginning Farmer Southwest Regional Workshop, which will be held from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Morgan Monroe State Forest Training Center in Martinsville. Josh Volk of Slow Hand Farm in Oregon, an author and produce market consultant, will be presenting on topics such as:

* Bigger picture planning
* Basic infrastructure
* Tools and systems
* Annual crop planning
* Record-keeping systems
* Planning methods for long-term rotations

Dan Perkins, "Cover Crop Guy," will talk about how to build and maintain fertility on compact farms. Perkins also is a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) with more than 15 years of organic growing experience. Other local Indiana farmers will be available to discuss how they’ve handled fertility challenges to maintain a compact farm.

Cost is $10 and lunch will be provided.

To register or find more information about other regional workshops, go to www.conf.purdue.edu/BegFarmerTours. Registration tabs are located at the upper and lower right corners.