

Newton County Ag Scene

March/April
2016



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Upcoming Calendar Dates

Keeping the Business in Your Family

Purdue University, Stewart Center, Room 202

March 3rd & 4th, 2016

Registration after February 19 is \$200

Managing for 2016 and Beyond

Working Through Challenging Economic Times on Indiana's Farms

Vermillion County Fairgrounds, Cayuga

March 10, 2016, 8:30am CST

Pre-Register by March 8

How Do I Keep My Trees Healthy?

Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area, Morocco

March 10, 2016

Forestry Management: 9am-12pm CST

Tree Pruning: 12:30pm-2:30pm CST

RSVP by March 4 to Newton County SWCD,
219-285-2217



CCSI Core Cover Crops Training

Crop Diagnostic Training and Research Center

West Lafayette, IN

April 4, 2016 from 7:30- 3:00pm CST

Registration is required online at
www.CoreCovers2016North.eventbrite.com

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference

Grazing management - Important to large and small family farms

Westgate Academy, Odon, IN

March 2, 2016 from 6:30 am - 3:15 pm CST

Registration/ Walk-in after February 19 is \$45

Spring PARP Workshop

Topics will include cleaning sprayers, mixing chemicals and triple rinsing containers

Beaver Township Community Center, Morocco

March 8, 2016 - 9 am-1 pm CST

RSVP by March 1 to Andrew Martin, 219-285-8620

City Farmer

Northern Counties Ag & What's Trending

Hazelden Country Club, Brook

March 16 - 6:30 pm CST

Wildlife Management for the Private Landowner

Topics include Wildlife Management, Forest Management and more

Clinton Public Library (Clinton, IN)
Thursdays from 5-8 pm CDT - March 31- May 19
2 morning field tours April 16 and May 7
Registration \$70



Adult PQA Plus Training

March 7, 2016 - 12 noon-3 pm CST

Tippecanoe County Extension Office

RSVP to Andrew Martin by March 6 at
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For questions or registration contact Andrew Martin at 219-285-8620 ext. 2800 or email andrewmartin@purdue.edu

March Purdue Yard & Garden Calendar

by B. Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension Consumer Horticulturist

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

- * Begin fertilizing houseplants as new growth appears. Keep spent leaves and flowers removed to improve appearance and encourage more blooms.
- * Start garden seeds indoors for transplanting outdoors later in spring.
- * Check stored bulbs and produce for decay; discard damaged items.
- * Prune, repot and clean houseplants as needed.

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals and fruits)

- * Prune trees and shrubs, except those that bloom early in spring, while plants are still dormant. If winter injury is a concern, delay pruning until after dieback; desiccation injury can be assessed as plants come out of dormancy.
- * Plant new trees and shrubs as soon as the soil dries enough to be worked. Plant bare-root plants before they leaf out. Soils may be exceptionally wet this spring as winter snows thaw.
- * Fertilize woody plants before new growth begins, but after soil temperatures have reached 40 degrees F.
- * Remove winter coverings from roses as soon as new growth begins. Prune out dead canes and fertilize as needed. Delay pruning into live canes until after winter injury can be assessed.
- * Apply superior oil spray to control scale insects and mites when tips of leaves start to protrude from buds.



GARDEN (Flowers, vegetables and small fruits)

- * Plant cool-season vegetables and flowers as soon as the ground has dried enough to work. Do NOT work the soil while it is wet; wait until it crumbles in your hand. If the soil forms a solid ball when squeezed, it's still too wet.
- * Gradually harden off transplants by setting them outdoors during the daytime for about a week before planting.
- * Follow last fall's soil test recommendations for fertilizer and pH adjustment. It's not too late to test soil if you missed last year.
- * Start seeds of warm-season vegetables and flowers indoors; in northern and central Indiana, wait until the end of March or early April. Transplant to the garden after danger of frost has passed.
- * Watch for blooms of early spring bulbs, such as daffodils, squill, crocus, dwarf iris and snowdrops.
- * Remove old asparagus and rhubarb tops, and sidedress the plants with nitrogen or manure. Plant or transplant asparagus, rhubarb and small fruit plants.
- * Remove winter mulch from strawberry beds as soon as new growth begins, but keep the mulch nearby to protect against frost and freezes.
- * Remove weak, diseased or damaged canes from raspberry plants before new growth begins. Remove old fruiting



Spring Garden Shows Cure Winter Blues



No matter what your location, you'll find at least one show within reach for a one-day excursion. Indianapolis and Chicago are just a sampling of the great garden shows we can eagerly anticipate.

March 12-20 - Indiana Flower & Patio Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds, www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com

March 12-20 - Chicago Flower & Garden Show, Navy Pier, www.chicagoflower.com

April 16-17 - Indiana Orchid Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, Indianapolis, www.centralios.org