

Newton County Ag Scene

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Upcoming Calendar Dates



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Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium

January 5, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Teibel's Restaurant, Schererville

Network with other growers, meet seed company reps and suppliers and learn from University specialists

Bi-State Planning for the Future

January 12, 4:00 pm CT

Beef House, Covington

\$20 fee - includes dinner, must pre-register

Meeting topics include How Much Do I Need to Live?, developing functional farm meetings and land leasing.

City Farmer

January 18, February 15, March 15, 6:30 pm,

Hazelden Country Club, Brook

Cost: \$50.00

Topics for this year's programs are:
FFA-Autonomous Grant Discussion, Micronutrients, and
Cindy Hoye of the Indiana State Fair

Bi-State Gardening Conference

January 24, 4:30 pm CT

Beef House, Covington

\$20 fee - includes dinner, must pre-register

Presentations will include: Pollinator Pocket Gardening
and Cover Crops for the Home Garden

Wilson Fertilizer PARP Growers Meeting

March 23, Brook United Methodist Church

White County Ag Winter Schools

Mondays, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, 20, 27—6:00-7:30 pm CT

Frontier High School Ag Room

PARP Meeting - Feb. 6 - 6:00-7:30 pm CT,
Frontier High School, must pre-register

PARP Meeting - Feb. 24 - 8:00-10:00 am CT,
White County Fairgrounds

Bi-County Soils Workshop - Feb. 16, 7:00 am CT
Canal Center, Delphi

CCSI Basic Soil Health Training

February 8, 7:30 am-2:30 pm CT

Beck Center, West Lafayette

Training to discuss soil properties and soil health
indicators. Must pre-register.

Next Steps to Successfully Growing Future Farm Generations

February 8, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Boone County 4-H
Fairgrounds, Lebanon

\$75 registration fee, must pre-register

You will explore legal overviews, communication and
team building, live insurance, retirement planning, finan-
cial health, asset transfer to the next generation and
goal setting.

EZ Ag PARP meeting

February 14, 8:00 am, Earl's, Brook

Indiana Small Farm Conference

March 2-4

Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Danville

Must pre-register at www.purdue.edu/dffs/smallfarms

Attend sessions about crop production, hops production,
food safety, livestock production, processing, marketing,
urban agriculture, and small farm management.

Indiana AgrAbility

by: Andrew Martin - Ag & Natural Resources Extension Educator

Farming ranks as one of the most hazardous occupations, with one of the highest disabling injury rates of any industry. Farm related injuries affect around 1 in 9 Indiana families annually, and approximately 19% of active farm operators can no longer perform essential tasks due to a disability. In order to get those with disabilities back on the farm and being productive, various partners including Purdue University and the USDA formed Indiana AgrAbility. Through education and assistance, AgrAbility helps to eliminate (or at least minimize) obstacles that inhibit success in production agriculture or agriculture-related occupations.

While the term "disability" often brings to mind conditions such as spinal cord injuries and amputations, AgrAbility addresses not only these but also many other conditions, such as arthritis, back impairments, and behavioral health issues.

AgrAbility can provide worksite assessments, recommendations for home modifications, and countless educational resource materials as well as referrals to other sources of information and assistance and advocacy when needed. While AgrAbility cannot provide direct funding for providing equipment or modifications, they can help customers work Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services, a state agency that empowers individuals with disabilities, particularly individuals with significant disabilities, to achieve high quality employment.

AgrAbility also provides specialized services to veterans, whether they are beginning farmers or experienced ones. Assistance may include: educational opportunities, one-on-one mentoring, resources, and referrals to other agencies.

If you are working in the agriculture industry with a disability, or a veteran who is thinking about farming, I would encourage you to reach out to AgrAbility at 1-800-825-4264 or on the web at <https://engineering.purdue.edu/~bng/index.php>. For further information on services that can be provided, please contact the Purdue Extension Office of Andrew Martin at andrewmartin@purdue.edu.