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Come to the Fort Wayne Farm Show

Come to the 2018 Fort Wayne Farm Show, featuring Purdue Extension specialists and other ag industry professionals who will give presentations and lead discussions for farmers and others in the ag industry. The show runs Jan. 16-18 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show is one of the premier indoor farm shows in the U.S. An extensive and recently expanded trade show will showcase the latest innovations in technology and equipment. The Farm Manufacturing and Distributor Trade Show will be open January 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., January 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and January 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Educational seminars, co-sponsored by Purdue Extension and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Northeast Indiana, will run daily.

The first day of the show, Jan. 16, will begin with a grain market outlook at 10:00 a.m. featuring Jon Cavanaugh, Marketing Director from Central States Enterprises, Inc., David Kohli, adjunct professor at Ivy Tech, Ryan Martin, chief meteorologist at Hoosier Ag Today, and Rob Winters, farm director at 1190AM-WOWO. At 12:30 p.m., Kimmi Devaney, Ag Marketing and Industry Development Manager with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, will speak on “Certified Livestock Producer Advantages.” From 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., a private applicator recertification program will be offered, covering the topics of soil sampling, precision manure application, and dicamba regulations.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Purdue’s Dr. Peter Goldsbrough will speak on the science of GMOs at 10:00 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., a luncheon program in Appleseed Room B will feature information on the 2018 Farm Bill by Bob White, Director of National Government Relations, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. At 1:30 p.m., a weather outlook and grain & livestock market outlook will be given by Ryan Martin, chief meteorologist with Hoosier Ag Today, and Dr. Chris Hurt, Purdue Extension Economist, respectively. From 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., a second private applicator recertification program will cover the termination of cover crops and dicamba regulations. From 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Trent Wolfe, managing partner – Kline’s CPA Group, Dan Gordon and Michelle Adler, Attorneys – Gordon & Associates, PC, and Kent Liechty, President/CEO of First Bank of Berne will cover “Financial Changes for the Family Farm in 2018,” a presentation of WOWO radio’s Farmer Forum Series.

On Jan. 18, the final day of the show, ag consultant Dr. Lon Swanson, from Wells Fargo Investments, will offer a grain and livestock market outlook at 9:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., Greg Shoup, meteorologist with News Channel 15, will offer a talk on climate and weather impacts to agriculture. Finally, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Dr. James Mintert, Director of Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture, will conduct a workshop on leases, loans, and lending.

Purdue Extension will have a booth at the trade show where participants can talk to Extension Educators from northeast Indiana counties, and learn from displays on current agricultural topics. I plan to be there, so please stop by and say hello! If I’m not in the booth, I am probably assisting with one of the educational seminars.

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum is at 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. More information about the show is available at <http://tradexpos.com/fort-wayne-farm-show/>. A flyer detailing the above educational seminars can be picked up at the show, or at the Purdue Extension – Whitley County office, 115 South Line Street, Columbia City, or by visiting www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley.

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