

Newton County Ag Scene

March/April 2018

Andrew Martin, Extension Educator, ANR
andrewmartin@purdue.edu



Upcoming Calendar Dates



For questions and registration contact
Andrew Martin at 219-285-8620 ext. 2800
or email andrewmartin@purdue.edu

Indiana Small Farm Conference

March 1-3

Hendricks County Fairgrounds—Danville, IN

Workshop topics include fresh produce food safety, farm viability, financial management, vegetable production, livestock production, and farm management. Participants will have the opportunity to work with extension educators, expert speakers, and other farmers. Also occurring at this event is the Small Farm Trade Show, featuring 50+ vendors.

For more information, visit www.purdue.edu/dffs/smallfarms

Junior Pork Day

March 3, 7:00-2:00 pm CST

NEW Animal Science Building, Purdue University

720 Clinic Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907

This workshop includes sessions on live animal evaluation, carcass evaluation, and hands on activities. There is a registration fee of \$5/person.

Questions?

Dr. Brian Richert, Extension Swine Specialist—765-494-4837

Aaron Fisher, 4H Extension Specialist—765-494-8435

Succession Planning for Farm Families

March 8, 8:00-11:00 am CST

Madison County Fairgrounds—Alexandria, IN

March 8, 4:00-7:00 pm CST

Henry County Memorial Park, Smith Building—New Castle, IN

Succession planning workshop topics include long-term care, retirement planning, caring for the caregiver, buy/sell agreements, and LLC.

Registration Fee: \$10

Questions? Call Jenna Nees @ 765-653-8411

Wilson Fertilizer Grower Meeting

March 12, 8:00-1:00 CST

Brook United Methodist Church

This workshop includes the 2018 Mandatory Dicamba Training, as well as sessions that cover application and storage of fertilizer material and farm safety. Lunch provided.

PARP/CCH Credits Available

RSVP to Wilson Fertilizer @ 219-275-6584

Dicamba, Seed Corn, Strip Till, & Bio Fertilizers—Do They Work?

March 20, 8:00-2:00 pm CST

Herrold Family Farms Shop

7707 US HWY 421, Westville, IN

Sessions will focus on soil health principles, soil biology, and nutrient dynamics. Lunch provided.

PARP, CCA, & CCH Credits Available.

Questions? Dan Perkins, SWCD—219-866-8008 x 115

City Farmer Program #3

March 21 @ 6:30 pm CST

Hazelden Country Club, Brook

Guest Speaker:

Brienne Hooker

Jasper/Newton County Community Foundation

Tools for Marketing Grain

Women In Agriculture Lunch n Learn

March 29, 12:00-2:00 CST

Fair Oaks Farms—Farmhouse Restaurant

Erica Smith, a Grain Merchandiser at Gavilon Grain in Pleasant Ridge, is going to speak on the topic of tools for marketing grain. This event is free to all attendees.

Please RSVP by March 22 to Purdue Extension.

Herbicides in Water: Mixing Order Matters!

For the herbicide applications with water (not fertilizer), here's the general procedure:

1. Fill your sprayer with about half the water you'll use. Begin agitation.
2. Add the herbicide. Continue agitation.
3. Add additives such as surfactant/drift control agent and deposition aids. Continue agitation.
4. Add the rest of the water and continue agitation.



Other Tips:

- Don't premix your herbicide with surfactant or other additives. It creates, at least, potential for a problem. Add them separately according to label directions.
- Agitation here means recirculation or vigorous shaking. It's critical.
- Most tractor-powered sprayers will have a recirculating pump. You can shake a backpack sprayer. If you're using something in between, find a way to provide agitation. One way is to start with less water in the tank, then add herbicide and additives a little bit at a time while using a garden hose to add water and stir.



Agriculture Resources for US Military Veterans



Indiana AgriBility

Engineering.purdue.edu/~bng

Questions? Cindy Chastain, chastai1@purdue.edu

National AgriBility

www.agrability.org

AgrAbility is a program that aims to enhance the quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities, so that they, their families, and their communities continue to succeed in rural America.

Veterans Farm

Veteransfarm.com

This national program helps veterans establish themselves back into civilian life through the use of the Beginner Farmer Fellowship Program. Veterans work as a team in a relaxed, open environment to overcome mental and physical barriers that they may possess. The goal is to help fill the gap that retiring farmers are leaving in American agriculture.

Growing Warriors

Growingwarriors.org

This national program helps teach veterans and communities to grow and preserve their own food while partnering with local organizations to create a hands-on curriculum to veterans and their families in a community garden setting.