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Winter Irrigation Meeting – December 14

A winter irrigation workshop and annual meeting of the Michiana Irrigation Association (MIA) is scheduled for Friday, December 14, at the Blue Gate Garden Inn at 800 S. Van Buren Street in Shipshewana, IN. The workshop will run from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. For more info visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/michiana-irrigation-association-annual-education-meeting>.

Irrigation benefits include opportunities to demand higher land values and rents as well as reap increased crop yields – both will be discussed this year by taking a look back and looking forward the next 5 years at the corn and soybean market prospects and income and expense projections by Michael Langemeier, Purdue Ag Economist. Representatives from companies that contract with growers to raise processing tomatoes, seed corn and potatoes will update the group on the future of irrigated production for these respective crops. Ending the day will be a quick look at tar spot, a new disease of concern for irrigated corn, by Bruce MacKellar, Michigan State University Extension field crops educator.

Certified Crop Advisers can get five CEUs, including four CEUs for Soil and Water Management. There will be no PARP credit available for Indiana private applicators. Indiana commercial applicator CCHs will also be available to participants for in categories 1, 11, 14 and RT.

Registration is \$35 and includes membership in MIA and the delicious Amish-style lunch. Please call 269-467-5511 to RSVP.



Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 11-13	IN Farm Equip. & Tech. Expo	Jan. 22-23	Heart of America Grazing Conf.
Dec. 12	Porter Co PARP Meeting	Jan. 28-Feb. 1	Crop Management Workshops
Dec. 13	Starke Co PARP Meeting	Jan. 30-31	Row Crop Ag Days
Dec. 14	Winter Irrigation Meeting	Feb. 12-14	IN Horticulture Congress
Dec. 18-19	IN CCA Conference, Indy	Feb. 13-16	National Farm Machinery Show
Jan. 8	Illiana Veggie Symposium	Feb. 13	Sheep/Goat Webinar
Jan. 9	Area Beef Meeting, Plymouth	Feb. 20-21	Midwest Women in Ag Conf.
Jan. 11	Top Farmer Conference	Feb. 28-Mar.3	IN Small Farm Conference
Jan. 15	Breakfast w/Forester, La Porte	Mar. 6-7	IN Organic Grain Farmer Mtg.
Jan. 15-17	Fort Wayne Farm Show	Mar. 5	Irrigated Corn & Soybean Wksh



2018 Indiana Certified Crop Adviser Conference – December 18-19

The Indiana Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Conference will be held Dec. 18-19 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. The 2018 program will feature top experts covering topics on crop, nutrient and pest management, and soil and water conservation. There is an additional special session this year with four presentations on organic crop production. Themes will include new technologies, 2018 crop challenges, weather risks, and long-term healthy soil and clean-water initiatives.

The conference features 36 presentations by nationally recognized speakers across all educational areas: Crop, Nutrient, Pest, and Soil and Water Management. Two full days of rich content provide up to 16 continuing education units (CEUs) for CCAs. Credits are also available for both private (PARP) and commercial (CCHs) pesticide applicators. Registration and program details are online at www.indianacca.org/conference; you can also get directions by clicking on “Venue.”

Dicamba Rule Changes for 2019

On October 31, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that registrations for herbicides **Engenia**, **Xtendimax** and **FeXapan** were extended through December 20, 2020. This also marks the third time in the last three years that EPA revised the use directions on these labels. Most of the label revisions have been the result of record numbers of off-target movement (drift) complaints filed in major soybean producing states in 2017 and 2018.

Changes for 2019 may be viewed on the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OICS) website (www.oisc.purdue.edu).

Some of changes include:

- Engenia, Xtendimax and FeXapan are now “Restricted Use Pesticides for retail sale and use only by Certified Applicators.” This means only certified Private Applicators and Commercial Applicators (Category 1) can purchase OR use these products in 2019 and 2020.
- **Annual** “Mandatory Dicamba Training” will be required for all applicators.

Private Applicator Recertification Program Info:

If applicators need a PARP credit before the end of 2018 in order to renew their license, please visit the Purdue Pesticide Programs website at <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/ppp/> and click on “PARP Events” on the right side of the page to locate a program to attend. A private applicator may receive no more than 2 of the 3 required PARP credits in a single year. One credit may be obtained by completing the on-line PARP program. Those with recently renewed licenses (e.g. new expiration date is 12/31/2023) need to wait until after Jan. 1, 2019, before accumulating credits.

Folks needing to take the core pesticide exam or the agricultural fertilizer exam can get training and exam dates on the Purdue Pesticide Programs website. Those not wanting to travel to West Lafayette may take the exam only (no training) at one of the Ivy Tech testing centers located around Indiana. More information about these testing centers is at http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/study_remote.html

Anyone taking an exam must show a government issued photo ID.

A couple of PARP training events that will be held in this area include:

- Dec. 12 – Porter Co. Farmer Meeting (8:15 am-11:00 am CST) – Pinney Purdue Ag Center*
- Dec. 13 – Starke Co. Weed Management Update (6-8 pm CST) – Knox HS Cafeteria*

* See flyer at the Purdue Extension – La Porte County website: www.extension.purdue.edu/laporte

- Mandatory training in 2019 will be the responsibility of the product registrants, NOT Purdue Extension. OISC recommends contacting suppliers or product registrants for details.
- Applicator records must be created within 72 hours of application.
- Post-emergence applications in dicamba-tolerant soybeans are prohibited later than 45 days after planting or R1 growth stage (and no later than June 20 in Indiana).

Complete information about dicamba use in 2019 visit: www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/dicamba.html.



Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium – January 8

The **2019 Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium**, sponsored by Purdue and University of Illinois Extension, is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST at Teibel’s Restaurant, Schererville, IN. The program is packed full of useful information for vegetable farmers, including market gardeners. Topics include watermelon pest and cucurbit disease management; managing blossom end rot in peppers; raising cucumbers in high tunnels; and urban agriculture. Handling worker protection standards will also be discussed. Afternoon sessions will offer tracks in pumpkins and organic production including weed management and soil health. See the complete program and registration information at <http://tinyurl.com/ivgs2019>. Advance registration is \$35 per person.

The program will offer continuing education credits for Indiana Private Applicator Recertification Program (PARP). PAs should bring their license and \$10 for PARP fee; Indiana Commercial Pesticide Applicator Continuing Certification Hours (CCHs); and Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/ivgs2019>. Registrations completed online with payment by credit card are due by January 2, 2019. Mailed-in registrations should be postmarked by December 14, 2018. For registration questions contact *The Education Store* at 765-494-6794.

On-site registrations will be accepted at \$40 per person, but the famous Teibel’s fried chicken luncheon cannot be guaranteed. For more information, contact Nikky Witkowski at Purdue Extension-Lake County: (219) 465-3555 or nikky@purdue.edu.



Area Beef Meeting in Plymouth – January 9

The Indiana Beef Cattle Association in cooperation with Purdue Extension will be conducting area beef producer meetings across the state in December and January. The meetings are open to all beef producers and feature important information on beef issues, programs and policies. The latest information will also be shared from the Indiana Beef Council, the Indiana Beef Cattle Association and Purdue Extension.

The meeting for Area 10, which includes producers in Elkhart, Kosciusko, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Porter, St. Joseph and Starke Counties, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. EST (6:00 p.m. CST) at Christo’s Banquet Center located at 830 Lincolnway East, Plymouth. Please RSVP for the meeting, which includes a delicious meal sponsored by several beef supporters, by calling Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340. Please register by Wednesday, Jan. 2. More information is available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/LaPorte/>.



Top Farmer Conference – January 11 (Pre-conference Workshops – January 10)

Farmers with an eye to the future and who are concerned about efficient management of their operations can take advantage of Purdue’s **Top Farmer Conference** to be held on Friday, **January 11** at the Beck Agricultural Center near West Lafayette.

Take part in one of the most successful and longest-running management programs geared specifically for farmers — the Purdue Top Farmer Conference, now in its 51st year. A half-day pre-conference workshop is scheduled for January 10,

followed by the one-day Top Farmer Conference on January 11. Both portions of the program feature faculty and staff experts from Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture. The conference also includes sessions led by other Purdue faculty and Jason Henderson, Director of Purdue Extension. This year will also feature using crop technologies and weather impacts on crop production. Surrounded by farm management, crop production, agricultural finance and marketing experts, and a group of your peers, the conference will stimulate your thinking about agriculture's future and how you can position your farm to be successful in the years ahead.

Participants may choose to attend one of two pre-conference workshops scheduled for 1-5 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 10, also at the Beck Center. Workshops will focus on improving your crop marketing skills and preparing to meet your ag lender.

Register for conference and workshops separately or get a bundle discount by registering for both. More details about the Purdue Top Farmer Conference and pre-conference workshops, including complete agendas for all, registration and lodging information and directions can be found at <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/>

Breakfast with a Forester – January 15

The Arrow Head Country RC&D Forestry Committee would like to invite folks interested in issues related to forestry to an informal breakfast with friends. To kick off 2019, join the group at 7:00 a.m. CST at Round the Clock Restaurant, 219 Pine Lake Avenue in La Porte for breakfast.



Foresters, including IDNR, Purdue, Consulting, and Industry Foresters, depending on the month, will be available for conversation and questions. The purpose is to discuss issues you may be having in your woodland areas. Everyone is welcome - no reservations are needed, just arrive sometime during 90 minutes at or after 7:00 a.m. There is no cost other than paying for whatever breakfast you order.

Additional sessions will be held at the same location on May 21 and September 17. Additional locations at other months during the year include Plymouth, Peru and Warsaw. Get the complete schedule at www.extension.purdue.edu/laporte.



Fort Wayne Farm Show – January 15-17

The 2019 **Fort Wayne Farm Show** will be **January 15 – 17** at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Purdue Extension will be conducting educational seminars during the Show on grain markets, cover crops, beef quality assurance, and drones in agriculture. See a complete listing and more show details in a flyer on our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/laporte or stop by the office to pick one up.



Heart of America Grazing Conference – January 22-23

Producers interested in improving their grazing management or looking to start a grass-finished beef enterprise should consider attending the **Heart of America Grazing Conference on Jan. 22 and 23** to hear from leaders in the grazing industry. The Indiana Forage Council is organizing the 2019 conference.

The Heart of America Grazing Conference is an annual event that moves around the Midwest. The host site for the conference is the Ferdinand Community Center in Ferdinand, Indiana.

Registration for the event will be \$90 if registration is complete **by Dec. 31, 2018**. Prices increase after this date. Registration information and a complete agenda is available at www.indianaforage.org. (continued on page 5)

According to Dr. Keith Johnson, Purdue forage specialist, “The Heart of America Grazing Conference is a great opportunity for all forage-livestock producers. This multi-state educational event brings individuals from farms, agribusinesses and education/service providers together to network with one another about how to improve grazing management systems.”

Topics for this event will include grass-fed beef start-up; grazing technologies and gadgets; grazing management; forage related animal disorders; matching forage resources with livestock growth stage; red clover utilization and forages need rest, too.



Crop Management Workshops – January 28-February 1

The **Crop Management Workshops** offered by the Purdue Pest Management Program have been scheduled for the last week of January (Jan. 28-Feb. 1) across Indiana. The first session of this program that updates commercial applicators and crop advisors on the latest research and regulations for pest and nutrient management will be held on **Monday, January 28**, at the **Blue Gate Garden Inn’s** Magnolia Room just south of downtown **Shipshewana** (800 S. Van Buren St or Indiana 5), beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. EST.

More information about this series including registration information is available at <http://www.conf.purdue.edu/crop>.



Indiana Hort Congress – February 12-14

The **2019 Indiana Hort Congress** provides three full days of educational opportunities in the areas of business marketing, food safety, vegetable and fruit production, organic farming, and wine grapes. The Congress and Trade Show will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 E 21st Street, Indianapolis.

Three-day and one-day registrations are available. Conference registration may be completed online at www.inhortcongress.org or by using a printed registration form available online.



Sheep and Goat Webinar – February 13

Sheep and goat producers and those who raise these animals for a 4-H project will want to save the date of Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, for the next production webinar. La Porte County Extension will be a host site for this webinar that will feature experts from Purdue, University of Kentucky and Kentucky State. Details will be available soon on the topics related to keeping your sheep and goats healthy. Plan to participate in this 2-hour program beginning at 6:00 p.m. CST (7:00 p.m. EST) at the office or view from home on your own computer. More details will be available soon.

Indiana Small Farm Conference



Indiana Small Farm Conference – Feb. 28-Mar. 3

Soil biology and urban agriculture highlight the 2019 **Indiana Small Farm Conference** in Danville, Indiana. The conference begins with a series of daylong workshops on **Thursday, Feb. 28**. Topics include writing a food safety plan, vegetable crop planning, mushroom cultivation, biological orcharding and two tours: on the subjects of agritourism and livestock processing.

Educational programs on **March 1 and 2** will cover topics ranging from vegetable and livestock production to farm management and marketing. Participants will also have an opportunity to network with Extension educators, expert speakers, other farmers and vendors. The small farm trade show with more than 50 vendors and poster session on various topics will also take place on these days.

Conference registration is open now with more information at purdue.ag/sfc.



Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting – March 6 and 7

Save the date for Indiana's *only* conference focused on organic grain production! It's Wednesday and Thursday, **March 6 and 7, 2019**, at the **Beck Agricultural Center** in West Lafayette, IN. This 4th annual meeting has expanded to a two-day conference with additional education and networking for organic grain farmers, ag professionals, and those considering a transition to organic grain. Participants have the option to register for one or both days of the program.

Day One (March 6): Curious about organic grain production or how to get started? Engage in a full-day workshop on transitioning to organic grain production.

Day Two (March 7): Expand your knowledge with general and breakout sessions (weed & fertility management, grain storage, livestock integration, soil health and value-added production), networking time, and an industry trade show.

Visit www.purdue.ag/organicgrainmeeting for more details and registration info. For more information on organic agriculture, visit www.purdue.edu/dffs/organicag or contact Michael O'Donnell by email modonnel@purdue.edu or call 765-284-8414.



Irrigated Corn & Soybean Production Workshop – March 5

Farmers who irrigate their corn and soybean crops will look forward to the **Irrigated Corn & Soybean Production Workshop** to get the latest university recommendations for managing these crops under irrigation. The workshop is planned for **Tuesday, March 5, 2019**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST at the Blue Gate Restaurant in Shipshewana.

Soybean topics will include managing white mold on coarse-textured soils, sulfur research in Indiana, and an introduction to University of Nebraska's SoyWater irrigation scheduling program. Corn topics include nutrient management for irrigated corn on coarse-textured soils, dealing with tar spot in corn and an outlook discussion of projected market and input prices for corn and soybeans.

Registration for this full day workshop is \$15 and will include the delicious Blue Gate family-style dinner complete with homemade pie for dessert. This workshop is partially funded by Indiana and Michigan corn and soybean checkoff programs.

Private applicator (PARP), commercial applicator (CCHs) and Certified Crop Adviser CEU credits will be available for both Indiana and Michigan folks. A registration flyer should be available soon on the Purdue Extension – La Porte County website.