

## *News Release – For Immediate Release*

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## **Experts to Discuss Farm Bill Options**

The 2018 Farm Bill offers many provisions that are similar to the 2014 version, but producers would be wise to consider all the options instead of just doing what you did the last time.

To help local producers make more informed decisions, USDA Farm Service Agency and Purdue Extension in Whitley County have teamed up to offer an educational program explaining the options on January 29, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN.

Michael Langemeier, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, will be covering key provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill, including yield updates and criteria for choosing between the two primary choices: Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC)-County, or Price Loss Coverage (PLC).

Lauren Shank, County Executive Director of Farm Service Agency (FSA), will also discuss the provisions of the Farm Bill, plus how to go about interacting with FSA to make choices for 2019-2020, and future choices.

John Woodmansee, Extension Educator, will announce upcoming Extension programs that will help with farm management issues.

The decision deadline for farmers is March 15, 2020 on all their FSA farms and crops.

To attend, please call either Farm Service Agency at 260-244-6266, Ext. 2, or Purdue Extension at 260-244-7615, to leave your name and phone number by Jan. 27. The program is free.