

AG CONNECTIONS

Purdue Extension Wabash County

Greetings:

2020 has begun and I am excited to be with the Wabash County Extension office!

I am happy to introduce myself as the new Wabash County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator. My Name is Geoff Schortgen. I grew up between Fort Wayne and Columbia City, Indiana in a little town called Arcola. I am the youngest of 7 kids and enjoy being part of a big family. I earned a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences with a minor in Soils Sciences from Purdue University and then went on to get a graduate degree in Turf Sciences/ Spray Tank Water Quality and other Weed Science issues. In 2017, I finished my Master's thesis and worked as a research technician, extension speaker, and nursery manager. It is my wish to continue Curt's hard work and help the county grow in its already sterling Agricultural Record.

We will have a 2020 Adult Farm Class with PARP certification available, see page 4. There is additional information on PARP certification classes in surrounding counties as well, see Pages 3 & 5. The past year in Indiana presented a wide range of adversity for AG, with a very wet spring and fall keeping us all on our toes. Big issues this year include a continued interest in Dicamba, weather issues, and the ever-growing hemp arena.

My job as your ANR Extension Educator is to be the liaison between our many Purdue Specialists on campus and you, the farmer or homeowner. Please feel free to contact our office if we can help in any way. I do not have all the answers, but due to the wealth of resources we have through Purdue Extension, we can usually find someone that does.

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PARP AND CCH PROGRAMS

WABASH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 75TH ANNUAL MEETING



“Farming in the Early Days of Wabash County”

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Registration: 5:30 PM

Location: Heartland REMC,
350 Wedcor Ave., Wabash

Pork Chop Dinner-\$5.00

For Reservations call:

260-563-7486, Ext. 3

**Fred Whitford,
Featured Speaker**



Published Historian
Author & Coordinator
of Purdue Pesticide
Program Purdue
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Salute to Agriculture Day 2020

DATE: March 11, 2020

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave., Wabash, IN

Speaker: John Sampson

**The evening will include a smoked pork chop dinner and
recognition of the 2019 Farm Family of the year.**

Final details to be completed

REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED

CONTACT: Grow Wabash County Office 260-563-5258

Register at: <https://members.growwabashcounty.com/events/details/salute-to-agriculture-2020-5866>

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PARP/CCH

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration: 8:15 AM

Corteva-Enlist Technology Training 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

PARP: 9:30 AM-10:30 AM-Corey Roser

Break

Adjuvant Updates: 10:45 AM –11:00 AM

BASF Dicamba Training: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lunch: 12:00 PM -Pork Chop Meal

**Location: Urbana Lions Club,
44 Half Street, Urbana, IN**



Howard County PARP Class

Date: Feb. 18, 2020

Time: 9:10 AM – 11:40 AM

Where: Indiana Wesleyan University- Kokomo Education and Conference Center

1916 E. Markland Ave.

Kokomo, IN 46901

**This class will be held in conjunction with Howard County Soil & Water Annual Meeting, which registration and breakfast starts at 8:00 AM.*

9:10 AM – 10:10 AM

Digital Ag Update – How Digital Agriculture Can Be Utilized for Maximum Performance in Row Crops

Mark Carter- Delaware Co. ANR Educator & Precision Ag Technology Educator

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM

Weed Management Update

Marcelo Zimmer – Weed Science Program Specialist

11:10 AM – 11:40 AM

Regulatory –Drift Watch

Mathias Ingle – Howard Co. ANR Educator

2020 Adult Farmer Classes
Celebrating 42 years of
Adult Farmer Classes in Wabash County.

Wabash County Adult Farmer classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning February 3 through February 17, 2020.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided at each meeting thanks our many local sponsors. Special recognition will be given to those who attend all three meetings. Classes are free of charge. Please be sure to thank our sponsors.

DATES: Mondays, February 3 / February 10 / February 17

TIME: 6:30 PM

***NOTE NEW LOCATION: Lagro Community Building,
230 Buchanan St., Lagro, IN 46941***

Monday, February 3:

DRAINAGE and TILING: How and Why

Speakers: Kevin Musselman and Evan Bowman, tiling contractors

Monday, February 10:

FARM OUTLOOK

Speaker: Jim Minert

Monday, February 17:

REGULATORY-DRIFT WATCH

Speaker: Mathias Ingle, Purdue Extension Howard County ANR Educator

CROP MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Speaker: Joseph Becovitz

PARP

Speaker: Office of Indiana State Chemist

MEETINGS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

**For cancellation information, please call the Extension Office
at 260-563-0661, ext. 1408 and listen to local radio stations.**

**PURDUE EXTENSION GRANT COUNTY
AGRICULTURE OUTLOOK MEETING**

February 14, 2020

CENTRAL INDIANA ETHANOL

2955 w. Delphi Pike, Marion, IN

8 AM - 11 AM

Please join us for breakfast and agriculture updates from
Dr. Michael Langemeier and Don Robison (OISC)

PARP credits available

Please RSVP by February 13th, 2020
to Stephanie McCulley at 765-651-2413 or sshriver@purdue.edu



Perfect Attendance for 2019

First Row: DeWayne Truss, Nan Roe, David Roe, K.J. Clupper and
Mark Miller

Second Row: Darrell Boone, Phil Lehman and Brian Bechtold

Indiana **Small Farm** Conference



2020 Indiana Small Farm Conference

March 5-7, 2020
Hendricks County Fairgrounds
Danville, Indiana

The Indiana Small Farm Conference serves as the annual educational and farmer-to-farmer networking event for the Indiana small and diversified farm community. The conference now hosts over 500 attendees, 50 exhibitors, and several national speakers. We look forward to continuing to build this growing conference in partnership with the small and diversified farm community of Indiana!

For more information visit the Purdue Small Farms website. www.purdue.edu/dffs/smallfarms 1-(888) EXT-INFO

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