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### Iowa Concern Hotline

The Iowa Concern Hotline is a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week, free, confidential hotline available to agricultural producers and their families in the North Central Region. Supported by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, trained specialists provide immediate support to assist a caller or connect the caller with an expert to provide needed help. The Iowa Concern Hotline provides stress counseling for callers in distress but can also provide legal education, discuss financial concerns, and provide resources related to crises and natural disasters.

An established crisis line, the Iowa Concern Hotline has been serving rural and agricultural callers in the Midwest since 1985. "The Iowa Concern Hotline was created in the 1980's in response to the Farm Crisis. Farmers needed someone to talk to and someone to connect them with financial, legal, and stress management resources," says Tammy Jacobs, the Iowa Concern Hotline coordinator. The Iowa Concern Hotline responds to over 10,000 calls a year by phone, chat, and email. **The phone number for the Iowa Concern Hotline is 1-800-447-1985.**

The North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center is proud to partner with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to promote the Iowa Concern Hotline to agricultural producers, workers, and their families in the region. The Iowa Concern Hotline is well connected with stress management resources and services available outside of Iowa to provide relevant and appropriate support to callers not from Iowa.



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ANNIE'S PROJECT  
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

### Farm Women are Decision Makers – Annie's Project Prepares Them Well

Farm women are generating a cultural tide in American agriculture that is moving management, assets, and opportunities to a new wave of farmers across the country. During Annie's Project courses, farm women become empowered to be better business partners or sole operators through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

Annie's Project, a six-week course, is a discussion-based workshop bringing women together to learn from experts in production, financial management, human resources, marketing, and the legal field. There's plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting, and connecting with presenters and fellow participants. It's a relaxed, fun, and dynamic way to learn, grow, and meet other farm women.

Whether new or experienced, understanding the five areas of agricultural risk, knowing how to analyze agricultural spreadsheets, and other necessary skills are vital. Learning them in a friendly environment where questions and discussion are welcomed, allow the learning process to flourish.

Annie's Project courses have successfully reached more than 9,000 farm and ranch women in 33 states. Purdue Extension is pleased to be offering classes beginning February 23, 2021 and ending March 30, 2021. Choose from two virtual offerings: Tuesday mornings from 9:00am – 12:00pm EST or Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00pm EST.

The cost for the course is \$65 per person, which includes a workbook and support materials for all sessions. **Course size is limited, so please register soon. Register at <<https://tinyurl.com/PUAP21>>. Deadline for Registration is February 9th**

Linda, an Annie's Project alumna says, "I took the class to gain a better understanding about agribusiness and how financial decisions impact our farm operation. I have a better understanding of balance sheets and the futures market...this class has improved communication with my spouse on concerns he works with on a daily basis."

For more information Bryan Overstreet at 219-866-5741 or email at <[boverstr@purdue.edu](mailto:boverstr@purdue.edu)>. Online registration is available at <<https://tinyurl.com/PUAP21>>. More information can be found on the Annie's Project website at <<https://www.AnniesProject.org>>.

## So You've Inherited a Farm, Now What?

This 2 session workshop will explore the following topics : Keep or sell the property, options and financial implications , If keeping the land, how to manage , Legal considerations

If leasing, appropriate lease considerations , Strategies for dealing with family and communication issues.

Join us virtually **January 21 & 28, 2021** 6:30-8:30 p.m. EST Register by January 19 <https://tinyurl.com/inheritedfarm>

\$25/Person/Household/Farm

**Program presented by the Purdue Extension Land Lease Team** For more information or reasonable accommodation to participate, contact Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340 or

[kheckaman@purdue.edu](mailto:kheckaman@purdue.edu) prior to the program.



### Purdue Beef Basics Program

Purdue Extension is happy to announce a new virtual program, Purdue Beef Basics, focusing on beef

cattle production for producers with five years of experience or less, this includes individuals considering entering into beef cattle production. The goal of this program is for beef producers to increase their knowledge, understanding and skills related to beef cattle management.

The virtual format will allow participants the opportunity to view the sessions from the comfort of their own homes, as well as interact with presenters. Session topics will include: an overview of the beef cattle industry; animal behavior, stockmanship and facilities; beef cattle health; forages; nutrition; beef cattle selection and reproduction. Participants will

learn directly from Purdue University Professors and Specialists, along with Purdue Extension Educators during each of the eight sessions.

The program is scheduled for Tuesday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 PM EST starting on January 19 and ending on March 9, 2021. The cost of the program is \$40 and interested individuals at register online at <https://tinyurl.com/PUBeefBasics>.

The final day to register is January 17, 2021. Professional Growth Points are available for interested Vocational Agriculture Teachers.

For more information on this event or any questions, please contact Purdue Extension – Jasper County via phone at 219-866-6741 or email Bryan Overstreet at [bovertr@purdue.edu](mailto:bovertr@purdue.edu) Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

**The Area IBCA/Purdue Extension Beef Meetings** have been switched to a virtual setting to ensure the safety of our participants. We will be hosting a single statewide meeting that will include updates from IBCA/IBC and Indiana State Board of Animal Health, educational videos and much more.



The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00PM. The link to connect will be posted at a later date at <https://www.indianabeef.org/> This may be a great opportunity for those who have never attended an area beef meeting to join in and participate.

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.

## Grow Your Farm Operation

Grow Your Farm Operation is a series designed to help the next generation of agricultural producers to develop key skills for tomorrow's farm managers.

The eight sessions of the series include topics on marketing, precision agriculture, drones, IPM, best management practices, financial management, communication, succession planning and legal do's and don'ts. The series will wrap-up with a panel discussion of leading farmers highlighting ways to diversify your farm operation to leverage success.

The series includes a local networking session to further discuss the session's speaker or to review additional topic information.

Additionally, as a participant you can receive pesticide applicator re-certification program credits for private applicators, CCHs for commercial applicators and CEU credits for certified crop advisors.

The series will be delivered virtually via zoom starting on Tuesday, January 12 and continuing through March 2 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Register by January 8 , <https://tinyurl.com/GYFO2021> Registration is \$100/farm operation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340 or [kheckaman@purdue.edu](mailto:kheckaman@purdue.edu)



## Custom Rate Survey

Each year I receive numerous calls asking about custom rates. To be able to answer this question with confidence we need good data for the Purdue Custom rate Survey. Some years we need to use neighboring states data because we have insufficient data for Indiana.

If you do any custom work for your neighbors or you have some custom work done for you if you could please fill out the survey by going to the Qualtrics Survey at [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eKChLstQukdrXtb](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eKChLstQukdrXtb) . The Ag Econ department will be collecting this data this winter and have the results later this spring for us to use.

## Get Growing With Purdue Extension

Join Purdue Extension Educators for a live “virtual” program on commonly asked about garden topics. This program is designed for those that want to learn a little bit about how plants grow, common garden problems, how to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers, and how to maintain your trees, shrubs and lawn.

This online series will be conducted live on Tuesday mornings, 8:30 – 11:00 Central Time, from January 12 - February 23, 2021.

Program Schedule:

January 12 - How Plants Grow

January 19 - What's Pestering Your Garden

January 26 - Woody Landscape Plants

February 2 - Vegetable Gardens

February 9 - Flower Gardens

February 16 - Lawns

February 23 - Fruit Gardens



Pre-registration is required with payment due by January 5, 2021, 11:59 P.M. Eastern.

The program fee of \$45 is payable by credit card on our secure server.

Enrollment is limited, so don't delay!

What you'll need to participate:

High-speed internet connection. Computer or tablet. Credit card for payment. Desire to learn more!

To learn more about the program including refund policies, visit <https://puext.in/GetGrowingInfo>

To register for the program, visit <https://puext.in/GetGrowingRegister>

Questions about the program? Send an email to [getgrowing@purdue.edu](mailto:getgrowing@purdue.edu)