Thursday, June 27

1) Anson Farms  
*Interview at 12:30 p.m. EDT & mini-tours to follow*  
7411 W. Division Road, Andrews, IN  
Located near Andrews in Huntington County, Anson Farms was started by John Anson’s grandfather Mark, who was named an Indiana Master Farmer in 1968. John and his wife, Jodi, now operate the farm, having completed a management transition from John’s father, Aaron. In addition to raising commercial corn and soybeans and selling corn and soybean seed, the Ansons also have a boar stud operation, which provides boar power under contract to a large Michigan hog operation. Recently, the Ansons have begun to market some of their corn directly to a nearby dairy farm operated by neighbor Johan de Groot.

2) Dennis Grain & Farms  
*Interview at 3 p.m. EDT & mini-tours to follow*  
597 E. 800 N., Huntington, IN  
Dennis Grain & Farms headquarters is located in northeast Huntington County, where corn, soybeans, wheat and double-crop sunflowers are grown. Dennis Grain & Farms is a family operation with brothers Marc, Jack and Bob Dennis, along with their sons and several employees, providing their operation’s labor and management. In addition to their crop farming operation, the Dennis family also operates a commercial grain elevator, which serves as a buying station for Pioneer’s Plenish soybeans. Dennis Farms relies on grain marketing and agronomic consultants to effectively manage its growing operation. An early adopter of precision agriculture technology, Dennis Farms works closely with Advanced Agrilytics of Huntington when making crop production decisions. Recent research results on the farm led Dennis Grain & Farms to transition its corn production from 30-inch to 20-inch rows for 2019.

3) Master Farmer Banquet  
*Starts at 6 p.m. EDT; dinner & awards to follow*  
2303 College Ave., Huntington, IN  
The Indiana Prairie Farmer Master Farmer Banquet is being held in the Habecker Dining Commons at Huntington University. The cost to attend the banquet is $25 per adult, $10 per child (ages 3-12), and free for children under 3. Pre-registration is separate from the Farm Management Tour and must be made by Friday, June 14, as no day-of tickets will be available. To pre-register for the Master Farmer Banquet mail in the form at purdue.ag/masterfarmer with a check for payment or call (765) 494-4191.

Friday, June 28

4) Bowman Agri Corp.  
*Interview at 8:30 a.m. EDT & mini-tours to follow*  
7400 E. 800 S., La Fontaine, IN  
Bowman Farms and Bowman Agri-Corp. are comprised of a corn-soybean farming operation and commercial grain elevator managed by brothers Dan and Kevin Bowman, along with Kevin’s two sons, Kyle and Evan. The Bowmans have farmed in Wabash County for five generations dating back into the 1800s. Over the years, the Bowmans exited livestock production and focused their attention on crop production. The Bowman family obtained a grain dealer’s license in 1980 to fill a local need for a commercial elevator, which also created an opportunity to expand their farm’s storage facilities. Dan and Kyle, who has an MBA, focus on financial management while Kevin and Evan, who is nearing completion of an M.S. in agronomy, focus on agronomic decisions. Early on, the Bowmans concluded that one of the keys to success on their soil types was to focus on improving drainage — leading them to invest in state-of-the-art drainage equipment to install their own drainage tile. The Bowmans rely on various precision-ag technologies to improve the productivity and profitability of their farm.

5) Farm Tour Lunch at McKillip Farms  
*Lunch at 12 p.m. EDT; interview & mini-tours to follow*  
565 N. 500 W., Wabash, IN  
Todd and Troy McKillip are the fourth generation of the McKillip family to farm near Wabash and have recently completed a transition of the business from the third generation to ensure the business’ ongoing success. Todd and Troy’s grandfather was an early adopter of hybrid corn and entered the hybrid seed corn business with a three-acre plot in 1935. Still operating as an independent seed company, McKillip Seeds joined the AgVenture group, the nation’s largest network of independent regional seed companies, in 2006. Although focused on corn and soybean seed production and marketing, the McKillips have always believed diversification is important and, as a result, they’ve recently entered tomato production, raising tomatoes under contract with Red Gold.

Tour concludes at 3 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 28.

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**Farm Management Tour**  
**Pre-registration Required**

Please pre-register by **Friday, June 21** – online (purdue.ag/farmtour) or by phone at (765) 494-7004. The public is invited, and there is no fee to attend either day of the farm tour or the June 28 farm tour lunch.
Join Purdue Extension, Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture, and the Indiana Farm Management Association on the 87th annual Purdue Farm Management Tour.