

# INSIDE AGRONOMY

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Haramaya University (HU) in Ethiopia held its 70th graduation ceremony on June 21st and Dr. Gebisa Ejeta was the Guest of Honor,

delivering a message to the Class of 2025.

See the full article at  
<https://allafrica.com/stories/202506230191.html>

Photo from [mylibrarianship.wordpress.com](https://mylibrarianship.wordpress.com)

## Save the Date

Experience ACRE  
Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

## Updates from the Indiana Organic Network (ION)



The ION team is conducting farm visits and distributing customized soil health reports to growers participating in the **Statewide Soil Health Census**. Each report provides detailed insights into the soil health of individual farms, along with benchmark comparisons to peer organic growers across the state.

Team members include Yichao Rui, Eileen Kladviko, Bryan Overstreet, Sidd Paul, Roli Wilhelm, Annie Benson, Arsen Yerlan, Fitsum Teshome, Ismael De Lara, Aaliyah Carlisle from Agronomy.

## **A report from Purdue Day of Giving - Great work Agronomy Club!**

Thank you all for taking the time to write thank-you notes to our Purdue Day of Giving donors. Thanks to your amazing efforts, we collected over 1,700 handwritten cards, which is absolutely incredible!

Below is the list of the top three clubs who wrote the most thank-you cards and are the winners of the prize money. We will initiate the transfer to your clubs, please check next semester and make sure the deposit was made!

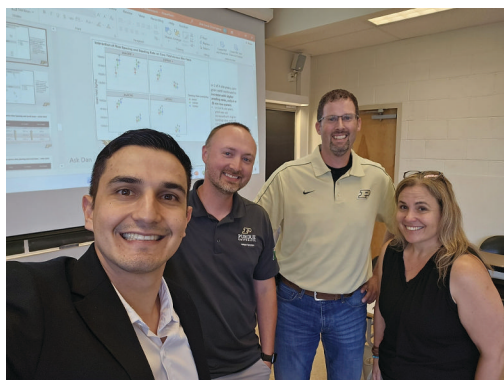
MANRRS - 510 cards - \$500

Collegiate 4-H - 389 cards - \$300

Agronomy Club - 292 cards - \$200

Congratulations to those three clubs, we hope your clubs will participate again next year!

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**Congratulations to Erick Oliva** on passing his Master's thesis defense!

Title: Agronomic Management of New Short Stature Corn Hybrids in Indiana

Advisor: Daniel Quinn

Committee Members: Darcy Telenko, Shaun Casteel

Recording: [Erick Oliva Master Thesis Defense](#)

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**Congratulations to Alex Wassgren** for successfully defending the master's thesis!

**Title:** Investigation into the History, Growth, and Morphology of Short-Statured Maize

**Advisor:** Pratishtha Poudel

**Committee Members:** Daniel Quinn, Sylvie M. Brouder, Jeff Volenec

Recording: [Alex Wassgren Master Thesis Defense](#)



We are proud to share that Jeferson Prass Pimentel, a Graduate Research Assistant under Dr. Dan Quinn, has been selected for the highly competitive 2025–2028 FFAR Fellows Program, supported by Beck's Hybrids.

As an FFAR Fellow, Jeferson will participate in intensive in-person sessions, including policy engagement in Washington, D.C., as well as monthly webinars focused on science communication, mentoring, career exploration, and leadership development. The program also provides valuable mentoring from both academic and industry leaders and offers unique opportunities to connect with stakeholders across academia, government, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Please join us in congratulating Jeferson on this outstanding achievement!  
*submitted by Sophia Qu*





# INDIANA CORN

## RESEARCH & UPDATES

### From South to North

- Indiana's Corn Progress Update

### Purdue Corn Team Research Update

### Inside the Belt: What the 2025 Battle-for-the-Belt Trials Aim to Uncover

### What is Bugging Your Corn? Japanese Beetles and Leaf Miner Spotted in West Lafayette, IN

### Keep an Eye Out: Holcus Leaf Spot Showing Up in Corn Fields

### Update on Disease Risk Corn



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# SOYBEAN SHOWCASE

THURSDAY  
JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
8AM - 2PM

at the  
Beck Agricultural Center

- ▶ Free Registration
- ▶ Field Tours
- ▶ Catered Lunch
- ▶ Indoor Program



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LEARN MORE  
& REGISTER:

[purdue.ag/soybean-showcase](http://purdue.ag/soybean-showcase)



Join us for the 2025 Purdue Soybean Showcase – a unique opportunity to experience the latest in soybean research and innovation at Purdue University! Enjoy guided field tours, engaging student presentations, and a complimentary buffet lunch. This event is free and open to all – growers, industry professionals, students, and anyone interested in the future of soybeans.

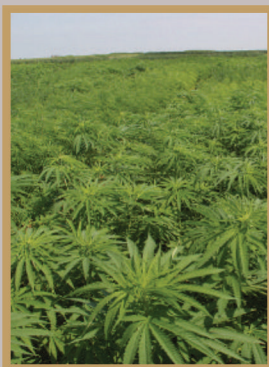
Please register by July 6th: [purdue.ag/soybean-showcase](http://purdue.ag/soybean-showcase)

**Questions?** Contact Katy Martin Rainey ([krainey@purdue.edu](mailto:krainey@purdue.edu))

CEU Credits will be offered.



# 2025 HEMP FIELD DAY



## EVENT INFO:

**JULY 30, 2025 | 8:30 AM-1:45 PM EST**

**INDIANA CORN & SOYBEAN INNOVATION CENTER**

**4750 US 52-W, WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906**

**\$25 REGISTRATION FEE, LUNCH INCLUDED.**

**EVENT REGISTRATION:**  
**[purdue.ag/hemp-field-day](https://purdue.ag/hemp-field-day)**



The Purdue Hemp Field Day is a half-day event focused on:

- Grain and Fiber Production
- Crop Diversification
- Post-Harvest Handling
- Product Development

Speakers will present the latest research, and attendees will get the chance to speak with current hemp growers and walk through field plots. Participants will learn about post-harvest handling and processing, as well as uses of the hemp stalks and seeds in food and animal agriculture. This event is a great opportunity to connect with others interested in the future of this versatile crop. Whether you are a grower, researcher, or simply curious about hemp, the Purdue Hemp Field Day has something for you.

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# AGRY 624

## PLANT ECOPHYSIOLOGY

AGRY624 is back again!  
Come learn about the underlying  
processes of plant-environment  
interaction



### Days

Tues/Thurs



### Time

3:00pm - 4:15pm



### Location

MATH 215

**QUESTIONS?**

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# SAVE THE DATES

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE NETWORKING GATHERINGS

LEARN MORE AT: [purdue.ag/coag-networking](http://purdue.ag/coag-networking)



**MARCH 7, 2025**  
3:00-6:30pm

**Joint Poster Networking Gathering**  
Colleges of Agriculture & Engineering

► *Marriott Hall*



**JULY 10, 2025**  
3:00-6:30pm

**Mandela Washington Entrepreneurial  
Fellows Poster Networking Gathering**

► *Lafayette Brewing Company (Upstairs)*



**SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**  
3:00-6:30pm

**CoAg Graduate Student Welcoming  
Poster Networking Gathering**

► *Marriott Hall*



**AUGUST, 2025**  
DATE & TIME TBD

**Experience ACRE**  
Celebrating agricultural field research

► *Agronomy Center for Research & Education*



**OCTOBER 3, 2025**  
3:00-6:30pm

**Global One Health**

► *Marriott Hall*



**January 30, 2026**  
3:30-6:30pm

**Fermentation Frenzy**

► *Marriott Hall*

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