



**Women in Agriculture
January 2024 Winter Newsletter**

2024 Ag Women Engage Conference

Fort Wayne, Indiana - Purdue Extension is proud to announce the upcoming Ag Women Engage Conference, a dynamic event aimed at celebrating women in the agricultural sector. The conference will take place at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana on February 22nd, 2024.

The AWE conference is designed to bring women together involved in various aspects of agriculture, including farmers, researchers, educators, and industry professionals. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, share experiences, and gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing women in the agricultural field.

Participants will have the option to participate in four breakout sessions throughout the day which focus on the various areas of risk management. Keynote speaker Amanda Radke, fifth generation rancher and author, will discuss navigating dynamics of multi-generational family agricultural businesses.

Registration is now open and available until February 13th. To register and learn more about the Ag Women Engage Conference please visit <https://purdue.link/AWE2024>.

For questions or concerns regarding the AWE conference, please contact Jenna Nees at smith535@purdue.edu or 765-653-8411.



Keynote Speaker Amanda Radke,
Fifth Generation Rancher and Author

Hotel Information

Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center
1020 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Phone #: 260-420-1100

Register Here: <https://purdue.link/AWEConfHotel24>

The hotel rate is \$149 per night
Reserve your room by January 30, 2024.

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2024 Ag Women Engage Pre-Conference Sessions

February 21, 2024

Option 1

9am to 3:30pm:

“Farm Accounting Workshop With Quicken”

Are you a farm family looking for a better way to keep your farm records?

Are you interested in learning more about computerized record keeping for the farm, but unsure if this is the right decision for you?

Are you currently utilizing Quicken®, but don't feel like you are utilizing it to the fullest?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider signing up for the Farm Accounting Workshop with Quicken®. Workshop participants will use example farm data to learn how to set up accounts, categorize income and expenses, run tax reports, explore recording farm production data, track income/expenses across tax years, and cash flows by enterprise.

This hands-on workshop uses an Ohio State University Computer Lab with Quicken® software installed. Program presented by Bruce Clevenger, Farm Management Field Specialist with Ohio State University Department of Extension.

Date/Time: Feb. 21, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eastern

Location: Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, IN

Cost: \$75 with Ag Women Engage Conference Registration

\$100 without Ag Women Engage Conference Registration

Register Here: <https://purdue.link/AWE2024>.

**This pre-conference session is limited to only 10 participants.

Option 2

10am to 3:30pm:

“Transferring Your Farm’s Legacy”



Founding Attorney/Partner, Dobbs & Folz, LLC

Developing and implementing a succession plan can be a difficult task. Oftentimes, producers are left wondering where they should start when they should start, and how can we do this with minimal conflict.

In this day-long workshop, you'll learn about transferring the management of the farm, developing a financial roadmap for succession planning, dealing with conflicts, and hear from Polly Dobbs, Dobbs & Folz, LLC. Polly will be discussing common pitfalls, tools to overcome the pitfalls, buy-sell agreements, and the upcoming tax changes that could affect your strategy.

Participants will be invited to meet with members of the Purdue Succession Planning Team following the educational workshop.

Date/Time: Feb. 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eastern

Location: Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, IN

Cost: \$50 with Ag Women Engage Conference Registration

\$60 without Ag Women Engage Conference Registration

Register Here: <https://purdue.link/AWE2024>.

Ag Women Engage Conference Breakout Sessions

February 22, 2024

Breakout Session #1 Options

- Potential Toxicity Found in Pastures
- Amplify Your Voice
- Stressed Spelled Backwards is Desserts. Coincidence? I Think Not!
- Crop & Livestock Insurance

Breakout Session #2 Options

- Putting Your Pen to Paper: Develop a Written Land Lease
- Root to Flour: A Sustainable Ingredient
- **Profitable Grain Marketing in Today's Challenging Environment**
- **Gangs of Rural Indiana: What You Don't Know, But Should**

Breakout Session #3 Options

- Understanding the New Soil Testing/ Cover Crop Cost Share Program
- Strategic Thinking Within Ag
- So You Think You Want A Farm Loan
- How Does Opioid Use Affect Rural Communities? Current Information and Prevention Tips

Breakout Session #4 Options

- Climate Considerations and Resources for Reducing Risks
- Hiring an Employee: Tips and Best Practices
- Farm Financials– the Path to Success
- Succession Planning Panel

Keynote Presentation



"Plant & Prune The Family Ag Business To Reap a Bountiful Harvest"
Navigating Dynamics of Multi-Generational Family Agricultural Businesses
Presented by Amanda Radke,
Fifth Generation Rancher and Author



Sessions Include

- Interviewing Skills
- Jobs in Agriculture
- Business Professional Dress/ Meeting Etiquette & Attire
- Exploring Your Next Steps: Agriculture University Panel
- Exploring Your Non-traditional Next Steps: Trade Schools/ Apprenticeships Panel
- Indiana State FFA Officer
- **Entrepreneurship Keynote: Dirt Darlin' Emily Stewart**

The Young Ladies in Ag Forum is Open to Young Ladies in Grades 8-12 & College

Register Here: purdue.link/YLAF2024REG

Cost \$25 per Person

Dinner Included

Participants are encouraged to spend the night and participate in the 2024 Ag Women Engage Conference on February 22, 2024

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FIELDS OF RESILIENCE: WOMEN'S AG RISK MANAGEMENT SERIES



Women in Agriculture



Alexis Stevens
Iowa State University



Ed Farris
Purdue University



Beth Hall
Midwestern Regional
Climate Center



Andrew Holden
Ohio State University

2024

Join the Purdue Extension Women in Ag Team as they present a timely Ag Risk Management topic on these monthly afternoon webinars.

January 26th: Managing Your Cyber Ecosystem-Alexis Stevens

February 23rd: Is Your Farm Ready for Succession?-Ed Farris

March 22nd: Weather & Climate Tools to Mitigate Farm Risk-Beth Hall

April 26th: Artificial Intelligence in Farm Management-Andrew Holden

RECURRING 4TH FRIDAYS

WEBINAR ON ZOOM

12-1 PM EASTERN

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/WIAWebinars2024>



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SAVE THE DATE

PURDUE BEEF BASICS

IN THE EASTERN CORNBELT

From Purdue University Extension, Agricultural and Natural Resources, comes a virtual, multi-session program this February and March for the **beef cattle industry!**

PROGRAM BEGINS FEBRUARY 6



Extension educators, specialists and industry experts will facilitate and lead program sessions. Among the topics to be covered are an **overview of beef cattle, behavior and facilities, health, genetic selection, forages, nutrition and reproduction.**

PROGRAM DATES & TIMES

February 6 until March 26, 2024 on:

- **Tuesdays** from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. EST
- **Thursdays** from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EST

Producers with less than five years of experience and those interested in exploring the industry are encouraged to attend. The cost to participate is **\$50** and **the deadline to register is January 24, 2024.**

REGISTER TODAY

<https://cvent.me/EBNPNV>



QUESTIONS

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RURAL FAMILIES

MARCH 5 | MARCH 7 | MARCH 12 | MARCH 14



Purdue Extension to host multistate emergency preparedness workshop series for rural families

An upcoming four-part extension workshop for women in agriculture will focus on emergency preparedness for rural families.

The program will be a 4-part series, held at numerous locations across Nebraska and Indiana. The series will focus on farm and ranch emergency management, first aid, fire protection, and hazardous materials. Workshops will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eastern time on March 5, 7, 12 and 14.

The program is a collaboration between extension women in Agriculture programs at Purdue University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, agricultural occupations have high rates of work-related injuries and deaths. While not all emergencies result in bodily injury or death, they also may cost rural families in other ways.

“Women play a critical role in ensuring the safety of their homes and rural communities,” said Jenna Nees, Purdue Extension Educator Ag & Natural Resources in Putnam County. “In many

farm and ranch families, safety is an important topic, but it sometimes gets overlooked because it does not directly impact profitability.”

Each state’s workshop sites will be hosted by local extension personnel. Keynote speakers will be simulcast to each location, and each site will provide additional speakers and hands-on activities. Dinner will be included.

Nees said the program’s structure is intended to strengthen networks of women in rural areas, which can provide opportunities for building trust and sharing information. “Connections are so important to rural women,” she said. “We have seen the benefits that come from knowing your peers, having a place to share difficulties, and mitigate the isolation that so many of us in agriculture often feel.”

The workshops seek to help participants initiate preventative practices, set up a plan to deal with emergencies before they occur and be more comfortable reacting to emergency situations.

There is a registration fee of \$50 per person before Feb. 20. The fee increases to \$60 per person after Feb. 20. Participants should plan to attend each session. A virtual option is available for those unable to attend a workshop site, although in-person attendance is highly encouraged to better network with other attendees and interact with speakers. The virtual registration fee is \$75 before Feb. 20 and \$80 after Feb. 20. Registration may be completed on the Nebraska Women in Agriculture website, <https://wia.unl.edu/prep>.

Those with questions or concerns can contact Jenna Nees at smith535@purdue.edu or 765-653-8411.

This project was supported by a grant from NCRCD through funding from USDA NIFA Award #2022-51150-38141.

Disaster Preparedness for Rural Families Indiana Workshop Sites

- Angola — Steuben — County Community Building, 317 S. Wayne St
- Bloomfield — Community Event Center at the Greene County Fairgrounds, 4503 W. State Road 54
- Columbia City — Purdue Extension - Whitley County, 524 Branch Court
- Columbus — Purdue Extension- Bartholomew County, 783 S. Marr Rd
- Greentown — Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds - Lead Center, 610 E. Payton St
- Plymouth — Marshall County Building - Extension Office, 112 W. Jefferson St.
- Portland — Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin Street
- Princeton — Gibson County Fairgrounds, 709 N. Embree
- Valparaiso — MAAC Center, 4203 Montdale Park Drive
- Veedersburg — Fountain County Fairgrounds, 476 W. US HWY 136
- Winchester — Randolph County Fairgrounds, 1885 S. US Hwy 27



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Indiana Horticultural Conference & Expo

January 22, 2024 –
January 23, 2024

Hendricks County Fairgrounds
1900 E Main Street
Danville, IN 46122

The Indiana Horticultural Conference & Expo is a two-day meeting designed to inform vegetable and fruit producers on production practices, pest management, food processing and safety, marketing, and new regulatory requirements. The Conference provides networking opportunities to reacquaint with old friends and business contacts, as well as form new connections. We encourage you to visit the trade show and meet vendors of equipment, seeds, plant protection products, irrigation needs, and other inputs and services that help to make your business successful. Lastly, we encourage you to join the industry organizations most relevant to your operation. These organizations provide a valuable forum to address issues of collective concern to your industry and provide the opportunity to speak with a unified voice. We welcome any suggestions and feedback and look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Horticultural Conference & Expo. Day 1 will feature educational tracks in Fresh Vegetables, Raw Products (Red Gold), and Food Safety. Day 2 will feature educational tracks in Fruits, Business & Marketing, and Controlled Environment Agriculture. Stephen Meyers, Chair Miranda Purcell & Nathan Deppe, Co-Chairs Indiana Horticultural Conference & Expo

Register Here: <https://cvent.me/5DGxeD>

Produce Safety Alliance Growers Trainings **for 2024**

Register Here: <https://infmcp.org/>

**Produce Safety Alliance Growers Training –
Virtual**

January 17, 2024 09:00 - 17:00

**Produce Safety Alliance Growers Training in
Greenfield, IN**

February 8, 2024 09:00 - 17:00

**Produce Safety Alliance Growers Training –
Virtual**

February 24, 2024 09:00 - 17:00

**Produce Safety Alliance Growers Training in
Goshen**

March 19, 2024 09:00 - 17:00

2024

INDIANA SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

February 29 - March 1

Hendricks County Fairgrounds - Danville, Indiana

What is the Indiana Small Farm Conference?

The Indiana Small Farm Conference is a unique space to learn new techniques, see what works, and network with others.

- Hosts over 500 attendees
- 50+ exhibitor and vendor trade show (If you are interested in being a trade show vendor, please contact Phil Cox, cox119@purdue.edu)

Learn more about the conference and the work that the Purdue Extension team does to make your small farming program work. Purdue.ag/sfc

Conference Chair

Amy Thompson afthompson@purdue.edu

APPLY NOW!

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AWARDS

FIND THE APPLICATIONS

[HTTPS://PURDUE.LINK/WIA-AWARDS](https://Purdue.Link/WIA-Awards)



2024 Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting



Join Us

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024

Professional Speakers



Ronnie Boehm
IFC Spokesperson

Zack Ireland
Freshly Dairy, Owner



Cost
\$25.00
PER
PERSON

Event Info

Event registration includes tour of Freshly Dairy and dinner for \$25/person. Freshly Dairy welcomes you to tour their family owned Indiana dairy, where they proudly produce and bottle fresh milk. The tour, meeting and seminar is open to the general public.

Agenda (EST):

- 3:00 PM - Freshly Dairy Tour
3974 West Old SR 34
Lizton, IN 46149
- 4:30 PM - Annual Meeting
Cochran's Catering Hall
29 West Main St.
Jamestown, IN 46147
- 6:00 PM - Dinner
- 6:45 PM - Awards and Speakers
- 8:00 PM - Adjournment

REGISTER BY:

JANUARY 28, 2024

Event Contact: Elysia Rodgers
260-925-2562
eberry@purdue.edu



CONFERENCE

Feb 14, 2024

 Crowne Plaza Indianapolis

Register by 2/6
(no on site registration)

www.midwestcovercrops.org/meetings/



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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Rob Myers

Director,
Center for Regenerative Ag,
University of Missouri



Barry Fisher

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Field Crops



Horticultural Crops



Grazing

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Join us also for the
MCCC ANNUAL MEETING
February 13

2-day registration includes...

Networking reception

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Research updates from across
the Midwest

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