

INSIDE AGRONOMY

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What is Inside Agronomy?

Our Department Head, Dr. Laura Bowling has a vision to have a departmental newsletter to allow one place for all of the great things (big & small) happening in Agronomy to be shared and celebrated. The plan is for this to be a bi-weekly newsletter. Submit your publications, photos and short stories/descriptions to Stephanie Orem at sorem@purdue.edu

Congratulations to our departmental nominees!

Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher
Mohsen Mohammadi

John T. Taylor Excellence in Teaching Innovation
Cankui Zhang

David C. Pfindler Outstanding Undergraduate Counselor
Keith Johnson

Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Early Career Teaching
Diane Wang

Outstanding Teacher Award for Clinical Faculty and Lecturers
Sara Allen

Outstanding Service to Students
Corey Gerber

Outstanding Graduate Mentor and Teacher
Yichao Rui

UPCOMING

Note: Laura will be out of the office for multiple events from September 29 - October 13.

October

1 - College of Ag Career Fair

7 - PERA transition - for proposals due 9/30 -10/7

16 - AGRY Sophomore Dinner w/Faculty & Staff

28 - Fall Seminar Series - Chris Renschler - USDA ARS National Soil Erosion Research Lab

November

10-13 - Tri-Society Annual Meeting (San Antonio)

11 - Boilermaker Reception @ ASA

27-30 - Thanksgiving Break

Seminar/Interviews for the position of Clinical Assistant Professor in Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrient Management.

Candidate 1: Muhammad Rasel Parvej

Tuesday, October 15 @ 1:30 PM; LILY 2-425

Zoom: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/93356914462>

Candidate 2: Bee Khim Chim

Thursday, October 17 @ 1:30 PM; LILY 2-425

Zoom: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/95849774898>

Did you miss our Welcome Back Social?

On August 22nd, 195 undergraduate and graduate students, along with faculty & staff enjoyed great conversations, as we got to know new Agronomy family members and welcomed back our tried and true friends. The ice cream and brownies were a welcome treat on a hot day after classes.



Submitted by Sherry Fulk-Bringman

FORAGE SORGHUM FIELD DAY

Submitted by Dr. Keith Johnson

There was an excellent forage sorghum field day at the Feldun-Purdue Agricultural Center (Bedford, IN) on September 10. Keith Johnson and Mitch Tuinstra presented at the event.

Topics: Choosing Sorghum, Agronomic & Feeding Implications, Hybrid Observations, Interseeding, Baleage, and Grain Sorghum in Winter Lots



FORAGE MANAGEMENT DAY

Submitted by Dr. Keith Johnson

Forage Management Day was held at the Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center on September 17th.



Twenty-five clientele and speakers enjoyed a day of interaction and discussion.



Toxic Plant Exhibit Team. (l-r) Molly Hasenour, Jason Tower, Dr. Keith Johnson, Grant Bercham

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2024 Indiana Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Agronomy Extension and the Crop Diagnostic Training & Research Center (DTC) hosted the 2024 Indiana Youth Crop Scouting Competition on August 22, 2024 at the Agronomy Center for Research and Education (ACRE). This year, 8 teams from across Indiana competed to move on to the regionals held at the University of Minnesota. This all-day competition is a great opportunity for the youth of agriculture to gain hands-on agronomic experience, while gaining exposure to Purdue University. Students who compete rotate through nine stations located around the DTC. These stations include disease, weed and pest identification, sprayer calibration, reading pesticide labels, corn, soybeans, forages, soil fertility and plant nutrition. Volunteers facilitating the program include faculty, extension specialists, grad students and staff, with 28 volunteers in total assisting in 2024. A big Boiler thank you to those who volunteered and our sponsors for this year's program; **Indiana Corn & Soy** and **Indiana Certified Crop Adviser Program**.

Submitted by Crystal Paris

50 Years of Purdue Soils Invitationals



On Saturday, September 21st, the Agronomy Club, along with the Purdue Soils Judging Team hosted 126 middle and high school soil judges for the 50th Purdue Soils Invitational Contest. There was also a contest being held in southern Indiana as well as one in Grant County by Ivy Tech.

We are an educational contest, with mentors as pit monitors, and data recorders. Some of the Junior contestants are filling in a scantron score sheets for the first time.

Submitted by Sherry Fulk-Bringman