

Clark County Ag News

ANR Newsletter - A newsletter for homeowners and producers in Clark County about education opportunities and information regarding agricultural production from the Purdue Extension Service.

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Notable Dates!		
Feb 19 th to Dec 3 rd	Thursdays, see details below	Horticulture at Home, Floyd County/Grant Line Nursery and Garden Center
Feb 26 th , March 9 th or March 10 th	See details below	Code Red Document Training
Feb 27 th	12:00pm - 3:45 pm	Grain Storage & Management, Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds
March 4 th	7am - 4pm	Southern Indiana Grazing Conference, West Gate Academy, Odon
March 5 th	5:30-8:30pm	Starlight Vegetable Growers Meeting, Joe Huber's Family Farm
March 5 th – 7 th		Indiana Small Farm Conference, Hendricks County Fairgrounds
March 10 th	8:30am - 3:30pm	Advanced Conservation Cropping Systems, Burney Clay Volunteer Fire Department

As my first newsletter after taking over from Dave Hynes as the ANR Educator for Clark County, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Simon Kafari. It is a great honor and a privilege to work as an ANR Extension Educator for Purdue University. I am filled with joy to be a part of the Purdue Extension family and the Clark County Community. A little about me:

FAMILY

I originally come from Ghana, a small country the size of Michigan in the Western part of Africa. I come from a large family with strong ties to family values and to religion. I relocated with my family to the US more than 20 years ago to accept citizenship of this country and to live and work here. At the time of my relocation, we were blessed with two children, a boy and a girl. We were blessed with two more here in the US, also a boy and a girl. I have relocated from Boise, Idaho, where I worked for 15 years, to Clark County without my family. My children will join me later when I get settled and know my way around.

EDUCATION

I have been blessed with a diverse and rich education. My undergraduate degree which was obtained in Ghana is in Agriculture with a major in Crop Production (Agronomy) and a minor in Soil Science and Animal Science. I later went on to study for a Masters in Agriculture (Agroforestry) also in Ghana partly on a scholarship from ICRAF (International Center for Research in Agro-Forestry). A merit-based World-Bank Scholarship later took me to the Netherlands to study for a Masters in Environmental Science at the Wageningen University. When I relocated to the US, I went back to school and obtained a Masters in Business Administration from Arizona State University.

ASPIRATIONS

I have done a number of different things throughout my career but there is no job as satisfying, fulfilling and rewarding as Extension work. It was therefore almost a calling that when the opportunity came to leave the IT sector, I could not look beyond going back to Extension to do what I love most and to be able to give back to the community as a way of saying thank you. To be a part of the success story of the more than 100 years of Purdue Extension, is more than what I could ask for. I am really thrilled to be here.

Thank you,

Simon Kafari

Horticulture at Home, Floyd County, February 19th to December 3rd

Do you need to gain horticultural skills for your home gardening or go through refresher horticultural training to further strengthen your skills? If yes, do not miss the "Horticulture at Home" one-on-one training conducted at the Grant Line Nursery and Garden Center by Gina Anderson, the Floyd County ANR Educator. Classes which include hands-on training, begin on February 19th in the evening. For further details and registration, please contact Grant Line Nursery and Garden Center at (812) 945-5676 or Gina Anderson, ANR Extension Educator in Floyd County, by email at gmanders@purdue.edu.

Class Dates and Topics:

February 19th - Seed Starting and Garden Planting

March 19th - Spring Containers

April 23rd - Tree Care

May 21st - Veggies and Herbs

July 23rd - Insect I.D. and Control

August 20th - Preserving Veggies

September 17th - Bulbs

October 22nd - Pruning

December 3rd - Live Greens

Code Red Document Training

Purdue Women in Agriculture have developed a tool which is a must have for small farm and small business owners. It enables them to have a “go-to” central location to collect critical business information required for day to day operations in the event of a crisis situation. During a crisis, the operation or business would be able to continue with minimal disruptions in a timely fashion while utilizing the Code Red document. Learn how you can prevent a code red situation for your family, business or farm operation by having a completed Code Red plan. We hope this tool will help farm families then turn a code red situation into a code green and the business can continue to operate on a daily basis. It also could be a tool that helps families get motivated to do get started on estate and/or succession planning.

Training in the use of this tool will be offered at various locations.

Program Highlights:

- The code red tool will be demonstrated at each program location and each participant will receive a code red flash drive.
- Attorneys will be present at locations listed below to discuss the importance of wills, trusts and power of attorney documents that everyone should have.
- Please bring your laptop to the training so you can become familiar with Code Red.
- Cost for all sessions will be \$10 (this will cover refreshments and code red flash drive)

CODE RED programs will be offered at the following locations:

- **February 26th**
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: 4-H Building's Learning Center 102 N 4th St. in Flora
Speakers: Kelly Heckaman & Andrew Martin, Purdue Extension
RSVP: by February 19th to Paul Marcellino at 765-456-2313 or pmarcell@purdue.edu
There is no fee, light refreshments will be served
- **March 9th**
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST
Location: Jasper County Fair Grounds, 2671 W. Clark St. Rensselaer
Speakers: Todd Sammons, Randle and Sammons Law & Bryan Overstreet, Purdue Extension
RSVP: by March 5th to Bryan Overstreet at boverstr@purdue.edu or 219-866-5741
- **March 10th**
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Purdue Extension- Kosciusko County Extension Office, 202 W Main Street, Warsaw
Speakers: Chad Miner, Miner & Lemon LLP & Kelly Heckaman, Purdue Extension
RSVP: Please pre-register and send payment by March 3rd. Contact Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340 or kheckaman@purdue.edu for registration form.

Grain Storage & Management Seminar, Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds – February 27th

With on-farm stocks of corn and soybeans up significantly following last year's record yields, organizers of the upcoming Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar decided to focus this year's program on grain storage and management issues. The seminar, sponsored by Purdue Extension, will take place February 27th from noon to 4 p.m. EST at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion, 4157 S. State Road 162, Huntingburg.

Speakers and topics are:

- * Klein Ileleji, Associate Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Proactive stored grain management strategies.
- * Charles Woloshuk, Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology: The basics of stored grain molds, mycotoxins and post-harvest grain-handling issues.
- * Mike Manning, Agricultural Engineer: Grain bin safety.
- * Mahsa Fardisi, Entomologist: Grain insect management.
- * Kenneth Eck, Dubois County Extension Educator, will also provide an overview of basic pesticide information.

The seminar counts as one of three meetings required for private applicator (PARP) recertification. The fee for recertification credit is \$10. Participants requesting credit must bring their pesticide cards and attend the entire program. For more information, visit the Purdue Extension Dubois County website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/dubois>

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference, West Gate Academy, Odon – March 4th

The Southern Indiana Grazing Conference is where to spend your day to hear expert speakers on grazing management. It is an excellent opportunity for large and small family farm owners.

This is the 6th Annual Southern Indiana Grazing Conference.

Speakers include: Gerald Fry, Kate Yeagerlehner, Ernest Weaver and Dr. Peter Ballerstedt.

They will be covering topics of: Make Grazing Your Business, Animal Indicators for Insight, Meat as Medicine, Filling in the Voids with Forages for Energy, and Selecting the Right Animals for Grass.

You can register online as well as get additional information on the conference by going to <https://sigc.eventbrite.com> or by calling 812-486-2600

Starlight Vegetable Growers Meeting – March 5th

The annual Starlight Area Vegetable Growers Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015, in the Barnyard Bash II building at the Joe Huber Family Farm and Restaurant (2421 Engle Rd., Borden, IN 47106). This annual educational program will begin with registration and dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by a program by Purdue Extension specialists and the Floyd County Purdue Extension Educator. The program is for anyone with an interest in producing quality vegetables. The dinner is \$10 per person with pre-registration by February 26th.

For nearly 40 years, vegetable growers from across Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky have been coming to Starlight, IN each winter to learn about the latest information regarding the production of fresh vegetables. Growers (including home gardeners) wishing to spend a few hours learning about the latest information in the field of vegetable crop production are encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for participants to visit commercial exhibitors throughout the evening to keep in touch with the latest pest control options, vegetable varieties, tools, and financial products.

Credits will be available for those folks who hold a Private Pesticide Applicator Certification. Anyone wishing to receive PARP credit will pay a \$10 charge and should bring their license. Commercial Pesticide CCH's in categories 1, 11, and RT have also been applied for participants at this program.

Participants are asked to pre-register by February 26th to help allow for adequate preparations.

Pre-registration may be completed by calling the Purdue Extension Office at 812-948-5470 or by contacting Gina Anderson, ANR Extension Educator in Floyd County, by email at gmanders@purdue.edu.

Indiana Small Farm Conference – Hendricks County, March 5th-7th

The third Annual Indiana Small Farm Conference takes place at Hendricks County Fairgrounds (1900 East Main Street, Danville) starting on Thursday, March 5th with pre-conference workshop activities. This conference provides small farmers with many opportunities to learn and interact with other farmers, producers, extension educators, researchers, and students.

The 3rd Annual Indiana Small Farm Conference
Thursday, March 5th - Saturday March 7th
Danville, Indiana

Pre-Conference Workshops on Thursday...

Learning and interacting with other farmers, producers, extension educators, researchers, and students

Making Your Market Farm Work For You Workshop; Hops Workshop; and Value-Added Local Food and Farms Tours on Thursday...

Beekeeping and Pollinators; Pastured Poultry; Soil and Land Management; Small Farm Energy; Livestock Management; Farm Management; Vegetable Production; Grant Writing; Introduction to Aquaponics; Meeting Demand of Organic Grain; Putting Together and On-Farms Food Safety Plan

Register today by calling Steve Engleking at 260-499-6334

Who?	One Day	Both Days
Conference Attendees	\$75	\$100
Students	\$50	\$75
Children 12 and under	\$15	\$25
Pre-Conference Workshop	\$50	

Advanced Conservation Cropping Systems, Burney Clay Volunteer Fire Department, March 10th.

This training is particularly important for CCAs and Fertilize Dealers, especially the individuals working with cover crops and/or producers that utilize manure. Farmers and Conservation Partnership employees are also welcome to attend. Below are details on participating in this training.

For the March 10th date RSVP by March 4th www.AdvancedSystemsSE2015.eventbrite.com

8:30 am Registration / Check-in

9:00 am Nutrients in Tile Systems Dr. Eileen Kladviko, Purdue University

- Potential Delivery of Nutrients to Surface Waters
- Methods to Mitigate Nutrient Loading Through Tile Systems

9:30 am Nutrient Cycling – Drs. Jim Camberato and Eileen Kladviko, Purdue University

- Phosphorus and Nitrogen Cycling
- Use and Effectiveness of Urease and Nitrification Inhibitors
- Manures as a Nutrient Source

NOTE – There will be a 10-15 minute break during this presentation.

11:15 am Strategies for Incorporating Manures into a Conservation Cropping System

Gordon Smiley, Smiley Bros and Rick Scranton, CCA (March 10); High-level Farmer TBA (March 11), Barry Fisher, USDA-NRCS (March 10 and 11)

- First-hand Experiences with Manures in a No-Till and/or Cover Crop System
- No-till and Next-level Equipment Strategies

12:15 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Manures – Avoiding Too Much of a Good Thing. Tony Bailey and Barry Fisher, USDA-NRCS

- Application Limits for Soil Health Considerations
- Manure Types and Their Effects

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