

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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The Annual Clark County Annual Farmers Appreciation Day Celebration event this year is on July 15th from 4:00pm-6:30pm during the 4-H Fair.

The purpose of this yearly celebration is to highlight the efforts and dedication of Clark County farmers in putting bread on our tables. As part of these celebrations, the Farmers Appreciation Day planning committee invites County Residents and organizations to help fund the event. Donations are solicited each year before the 4-H Fair but we would also appreciate any donations after the Fair to be used to plan for the following year's celebration. For the 2018 Farmers Appreciation day event, we have the following sponsorship levels:

Gold Sponsors - \$500
Silver Sponsors - \$300
Bronze Sponsors - \$100.

Any donation below or above these levels is encouraged and appreciated. Donations in kind, in the form of gift certificates, garden plants and agricultural equipment and inputs are also welcome.

This year, by courtesy of Spriestersbach Farm Corporation (SFC), our major sponsor, we are able to take the celebration to yet another new level. We would have 2 grand prizes – one for the youth and another for adults. The adult prize is worth over \$200 while the youth prize, which is in the form of a beekeeping set is worth over \$300 (donated by SFC). The climax of the event will be the awards to 3 esteemed County Farmers in the areas of Heritage Farm, Beginner Farmer and Urban Farmer of the year.

Clark County residents are invited to nominate their preferred award winner with final selection done by the Farmers Appreciation Day planning Committee. If you are interested in participating in the nomination processes, please contact the Clark County Extension Office for additional details. But most importantly, come and join us to say thank you to our county's famers.

Happy summer to you all!

Mark your calendar – Agricultural Events		
July 5 th and August 23 rd	“The After Dinner Garden Conversation” – Clark County Vegetable Gardening class series	7:00pm-9:00pm
July 15 th	Clark County Annual Farmers Appreciation Day	4:00pm
July 25 th and August 15 th	Beekeeping Club meeting	6:30pm

“The After Dinner Garden Conversation” – Clark County Vegetable Gardening class series (July 5th and August 23rd)

Location: 4-H Fairgrounds, 9608 Hwy 62, Charlestown

The Clark County annual vegetable gardening class series dubbed “The after dinner garden conversation” continues with its class series in July and August, from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

The topic for the July 5th class is “Managing your Garden Pests without the use of Pesticides - The place of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)”.

Managing insects and diseases in the home garden can at times be overwhelming and make an otherwise successful gardening season a nightmare. This is more so when the objective is to raise healthy vegetables or maintain an environmentally friendly vegetable garden where little to no synthetic chemicals are used.

The application of the basic concepts of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in a garden can go a long way to help meet these objectives. The premise of IPM is that when it comes to pest control in Agriculture, there is no one silver or magic bullet. It requires a multi-prong approach. This class will take participants through the basic principles of Integrated Pest Management, how it can be applied in the home garden to minimize on the use of synthetic chemicals while reducing insect and disease infestation in your garden.

The August 23rd topic is “Healing Gardens Part 1 - Basic Design Considerations”. This is a two-part class series that takes a look at the application of healing gardens in the home setting. The first part in August looks at basic design considerations while the second part in September looks at the basic construction of key components to a healing garden.

Healing gardens have been used by hospitals and large clinics as part of the healing process for patients. Although healing gardens were used a lot in ancient times, their role in healing diminished with the advancement of modern medicine. In recent times, they have become more popular with medical research demonstrating that they are effective as part of the healing process. The growing interest in complementary and alternative therapy that emphasizes on healing the whole person - mind, body, and spirit has further made these gardens more popular.

In the basic design concepts class, participants will learn the basic concepts of healing gardens using the “sensory” healing design approach. Basic design concepts will be looked at through the lens of the 5 human senses – smell, touch, sight, hear and taste.

To register for the classes or if you have questions about these classes, please call the Clark County Extension Office (812-256-4591) or email skafari@purdue.edu.

New participants are welcome to these classes and the rest of the vegetable gardening class series. There will be a fee of \$5 per class. Participants will get a 3-ring binder with presentations they participate in and enjoy light snacks at every presentation.

Should you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, prior to the day of the class, please contact the Extension Office.

Clark County Annual Farmers Appreciation Day (July 15th)

Location: Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds, Shelter House

This year's farmers' appreciation day celebration takes place on July 15th at 4:00pm, during the 4-H Fair. Several activities are scheduled to commemorate the occasion. We will have demonstrations that are farming related as well as exhibitions and information sessions by local businesses serving the Clark County community. Participants will also have the opportunity to watch the rich farming history of Clark County in pictures and videos.

Guest speakers will grace the occasion with agricultural related topics and a keynote speaker will address a topic relevant to current farming challenges in the Country and State at large and in the County in particular.

We will have raffle draws for attractive door prizes including an adult Grand prize value \$200 and a Grand youth prize of a complete beehive set (Donated by Spriestersbach Farm Corporation) value over \$300. Light refreshments will also be served.

To crown the celebration, 3 awards will be given by Purdue Extension to farmers in the county in 3 categories – Heritage Farm of the Year, Beginner Farmer of the Year and Urban Farmer of the Year.

The event is opened to all including non-residents of Clark County. The Clark County Annual Farmers Appreciation Day celebration community invites everyone to come and have the opportunity to say "Thank you" to our Clark County farmers and to see the rich history of farming in the County.

Beekeeping Club Meeting – July 25th and August 15th

Location: Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds, Food stand

The Clark County Beekeeping club will continue its monthly meetings in 2018. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. July and August meetings will be on the 25 (due to the 4-H Fair) and 15 respectfully.

The club is opened to all and welcomes anyone interested in joining to learn either about beekeeping or help train others in the County on beekeeping.

If you have questions, please contact the club leadership or Clark County Extension Office by calling 812-256-4591. You can also email Simon Kafari at skafari@purdue.edu. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, prior to the day of the event, please contact the Extension office

Clark County Wants to Know

Purdue University ANR Educators are a trusted link between Farmers and research, in particular research from Purdue University and other Land-grant Universities. To this end, we seek for unbiased information to pass on to farmers to help them in their farming activities. As corn, soy bean and cattle farmers busy themselves with farming activities, I thought I should share with you some information sources that may be helpful to you.

These handy resources are good references that will help farmers have a better understanding of the application of science to their farming activities.

1). "Growing Season Characteristics and Requirements in the Corn Belt" written by Ralph E. Neild, University of Nebraska and James E. Newman, Purdue University.

(<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/nch/nch-40.html>)

2). Yield Response of Corn to Plant Population in Indiana

(<http://www.kingcorn.org/news/timeless/SeedingRateGuidelines.pdf>) by RL (Bob) Nielsen, Jason Lee, John Hettinga, & Jim Camberato, Purdue University

3). The Purdue Crop Performance Program (PCPP) website

(<https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/PCPP/Pages/default.aspx>). A good resource to consult for corn and soy bean performance. It contains corn and soy bean trial results from across the state of Indiana.

4). The crop performance bulletin

(<https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/PCPP/PCPP%20Bulletins/2015%20bulletin.pdf>). Has suggestions on selecting high performing corn and soy bean hybrids.

5). The Purdue forage information website

(<https://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/forages/rotational/index.html>). A good place to go to for answers to some of your fencing, watering and pasture management questions. It also links you to other useful research information sources that will help you with the management of your cattle management.



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Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14 can help your family learn to manage emotions, set goals, avoid peer pressure, make better decisions and create better relationships.

You will learn how to show love while setting limits, how to listen to your child and how to help family members show appreciation to each other.

**All families have strengths.
This program will help your family become even stronger!**



**Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds
9608 Highway 62, Charlestown, IN 47111**

Every Thursday for 7 weeks

Starting on Sept. 6 – Oct. 25, 2018

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per family/scholarships available

****Dinner Provided ** Childcare Provided****

RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

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