



Indiana Horticultural Conference Fresh Vegetables Agenda
January 14, 2025 – Hendricks County Fairgrounds

8:00-9:00 – Registration, poster set up

9:00-9:30 – Connecting with research projects

This section highlights ongoing research initiatives that seek farmer collaboration and input. Topics include innovative cellulose-based biomulches for vegetable farming, Petrus Langenhoven; enhance understanding of tomato spot diseases, Cesar Escalante; strawberry production on small farms, Wenjing Guan; Insect monitoring networks, Laura Ingwell, Purdue University

9:30-10:00 – What's new in vegetable diseases? Meet our new plant pathologist, Cesar Escalante, Purdue University

10:00-10:30 – Scotch bonnet production. Bringing spiciness to the Midwest, Petrus Langenhoven, Purdue University

10:30-11:00 – Coffee break

11:00-11:30 – Weed management updates for vegetable farms, Stephen Meyers, Purdue University

11:30-12:00 – Insectary strips and beneficial insects, Laura Ingwell, Purdue University

Noon-1:00 – Lunch, provided

1:00-2:00 – Cover cropping for soil health, Eileen Kladviko, Purdue University

2:00-2:30 – A two system approach to soil health and nutrient management in pepper production, Petrus Langenhoven and Nathan Shoaf, Purdue University

2:30-3:00 – Coffee Break, poster session

3:00-4:00— Future climate-related challenges for vegetable production in Indiana, a panel discussion with Specialists, Laura Ingwell, Steve Meyers, Cesar Escalante, Liz Maynard, Wenjing Guan, Petrus Langenhoven, Purdue University

4:00-4:30 – PARP recertification