

## SESSIONS OVERVIEW

TUESDAY, MARCH 3		Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex			
7:30 - 9:30	Conference Registration				
	CONFERENCE ROOM	NORTH HALL	SOUTH HALL	CLASSROOM B-C	CLASSROOM A
8:45 - 9:45	<b>Food Safety</b> ISDA and Indiana Grown Don Lamb Indiana State Department of Agriculture	<b>Business</b> Cultivating Opportunity: Indiana Grown Program Advantages Caroline Patrick	<b>Fruit</b> Tree Fruit Thinning Brent Arnoldussen	<b>Vegetables</b> An update of cucurbit diseases: gummy stem blight, anthracnose, phytophthora, and cucurbit yellow vine disease (PARP) Cesar Escalante	<b>Resilient Ag</b> Winter hardy legume cover crops Adebukola Dada
9:45 - 10:00	Break (Room Transitions)				
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Food Safety</b> Food Safety considerations for Value-added products and byproducts usage Perry Kirkham Hansel Mina Brenda Hash	<b>Business</b> Estate Planning and Asset Protection for Farmers Michelle Adler	<b>Fruit</b> Apple leaf blotch and emerging diseases in apples in the Midwestern and Mid-Atlantic U.S. (PARP) Melanie Lewis-Ivey (30 mins)  <b>Dogwood borer: a re-emerging pest in apple production</b> Elizabeth Long (30 mins)	<b>Vegetables</b> Addressing root-knot nematode challenges in high tunnel tomato production Lei Zhang   Wenjing Guan  <b>Entomopathogenic nematodes for sustainable pest management in specialty crops (PARP)</b> Julia Wooy	<b>Resilient Ag</b> Planting pollinator habitat to maximize crop pollination services Ella Stroh
11:00 - Noon	Trade Show Break- PARP Regulatory Topic (30 Min)- Conference Demonstration- Soil Health Trainer -Cider Tastings - Exhibit Hall				
12:00 -1:15	Networking Luncheon - North and South Halls				
1:15 - 2:15	<b>Farmer Panel</b> - North and South Halls Mistakes and how they have overcome them				
2:15 - 2:30	Break				
2:30-3:20	<b>Flowers</b> How FlowersInSeason.com Can Help Cut Flower Growers Market and Sell Flowers Michelle Wallace, Marc Amante *SARE	<b>Business</b> Building Your Food Product and Business Patrick Nycz	<b>Fruit</b> <b>Berry Bad News: Tackling Botrytis in strawberries before it takes hold (PARP)</b> Melanie Lewis-Ivey	<b>Labor</b> A Legal Workforce - What's new with H-2A and how it can work for your farm Sarah Black	<b>Resilient Ag</b> Addressing knowledge gaps in animal traction Moriah Bilenky David Schamber Jennifer Thomas  *SARE
3:20-3:30	Break (Room Transitions)				
3:30-4:20	<b>Flowers</b> From soil to stem: Resource management and season extension strategies for cut flowers VIRTUAL Dr. Melanie Stock	<b>Business</b> Risk and Insurance Discussion for Farmers Markets, Agritourism and Small Farms John Nagle	<b>Fruit</b> <b>Principles and Tools For Apple Cropload Management</b> Brent Arnoldussen Calvin Beasley Stuart Brennenman	<b>Vegetables</b> <b>Unexpected insect damage: How to scout, identify, and manage (PARP)</b> Laura Ingwell	<b>Resilient Ag</b> <b>Building Better Beds: Using No-Till Systems to Reduce Weeds, Improve Soil Health, and Hold More Water</b> Megan Ayers Ryan Lee
9:00 - 4:00	Two Quiet Rooms Available				
4:30-5:30	* PARP Check Out Poster Session (4:30-5:30) Cider Contest - Evening Social				

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Wednesday, MARCH 4		Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex			
7:30 - 9:30	Conference Registration				
	CONFERENCE ROOM	NORTH HALL	SOUTH HALL	CLASSROOM B-C	CLASSROOM A
8:45 - 9:45	<b>Labor</b> Things to consider when adding farm labor to your farm Lais McCartney Beth Vansickle Rebecca Koetz	<b>Business</b> Marketing Strategies: Telling your story in an authentic way Lise Kruer	<b>Livestock</b> "Have To's" to Ruminant Livestock Nutrition Nick Minton	<b>Urban Ag</b> Quail in the City: Tiny Livestock, Big Potential Jayde Grisham	<b>Niche Opportunities</b> Hot Opportunities: Cultivating a Midwest craft hot sauce movement Petrus Langenhoven Alexandria Snabes
9:45 - 10:00	Break (Room Transitions)				
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Vegetables</b> A year in the life of a high tunnel: Going beyond tomatoes Chris Adair Dan Perkins	<b>Business</b> Identifying and Exploring New Markets Alexis Sheffield	<b>Livestock</b> Viability in Targeted Grazing for Small Scale Farmers Sabrina Friend Sylvester Friend *SARE	<b>Urban Ag</b> Growing Dual-Use Plants Amanda Bradshaw Burks	<b>Niche Opportunities</b> Niche Crop Production & Marketing: Broomcorn & Willow Brian Geier Elizabeth Tobey
11:00 - Noon	Conference Room - Bright Ideas Reception - *SARE Exhibit Hall- Trade Show Demonstration - Quail				
12:00 - 1:15	Networking Luncheon - North and South Halls				
1:15 - 2:15	Keynote session - North and South Halls Marty Travis, Spence Farm - The Power of Local Foods				
2:15 - 2:30	Break				
2:30-3:20	<b>Vegetables</b> High Tunnel Sweet Pepper Production Strategies and Variety Selection Petrus Langenhoven	<b>Business</b> Farm Business Plan Mad Libs Liz Brownlee	<b>Fruit</b> Maximizing Yield with High Tunnel Table Grapes Miranda Purcell 2:30 - 3:00  2025 monitoring updates: Spotted-wing drosophila and their parasitoids Elizabeth Long 3:10 - 3:40	<b>Flowers</b> Woodies for Cut Flower Production Alexis Sheffield	<b>Food Safety</b> Food Safety Basics for Produce Growers Amanda Deering Scott Monroe Tari Gary Katheryn Parraga
3:20-3:30	Break (Room Transitions)				
3:30-4:20	<b>Vegetables</b> Returns on Investment - A Year in the Life of a AZS Rinse Conveyor Washer on an Organic Farm Dan Perkins	<b>Business</b> Understanding What Your Wholesale Buyer Wants Lali Hess Adam Steckler Anna Holloway	<b>Fruit</b> Soil vs. Soilless Strawberry Production Wenjing Guan 3:50 - 4:20	<b>Flowers</b> Blooms & Business: Growers' Panel on Cut Flower Success Irene Torres Elizabeth Tobey Kailee Bennett	<b>Food Safety</b> Food Safety Basics for Produce Growers Amanda Deering Scott Monroe Tari Gary Katheryn Parraga
9:00 - 4:00	Two Quiet Rooms Available				
4:30-6:00	<b>Evening Social - Reception + Food, Poster Session (4:30-5:15)</b> <b>Demonstration - Bin Washer - Chris Adair</b> <b>Book Signing - My Farmer, My Customer by Marty Travis (book for sale, Cash or Check ONLY)</b>				

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8:45 - 9:45	<b>Urban Ag</b> Beginner's Grant Writing and Management Basics Kayla Wright	<b>Business</b> Farmers Markets: Tips and Tricks for Vendors James Wolff	<b>Resilient Ag</b> Indiana Organic Network: Updates on the Statewide Soil Health Census Yichao Rui Pavani Ganju	<b>Livestock</b> Ask the Egg-spert: Small Flock Questions Answered by a Poultry Scientist Sara Cloft	<b>Flowers</b> Floral Designing: Tips on Creating Profit Making Petal Brenda Lekse
9:45 - 10:00	Break (Room Transitions)				
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Urban Ag</b> Permaculture 101 Rebecca Koetz	<b>Business</b> The business of regional food systems: value chains, hubs, services, and buyer interest Rachel Brandenburg	<b>Resilient Ag</b> Optimizing Compost Use for Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture Gowri Somasundaram Brooke Alfrod Jason Gearhardt	<b>Livestock</b> Into the Fold, Getting Started with Small Ruminants Cora Reinbolt	<b>Flowers</b> From Field to Vase: Marketing Fresh Blooms Denise Smith
11:00 - Noon	Trade Show Break Trade Show Demonstration				
12:00 - 2:15	Networking Luncheon – North and South Halls				
2:15 - 2:30	Break				
2:30-3:20	<b>Urban Ag</b> Farm Stress and the Urban Farm Community Adam Tyler	<b>Business</b> Grow & Know: Specialty Crop Record Basics Jenna Nees & Dennis Buckmaster	<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Livestock</b> Lessons learned from a two year integrated crop livestock systems study Moriah Bilenky	<b>Niche Opportunities</b> Discover the emerging mushroom industry Roger Winstead Mary Winstead
3:20-3:30	Break (Room Transitions)				
3:30-4:20	<b>Urban Ag</b> Don't Make My Mistake, Urban Edition Dan Garcia Scott Rice Tyler Gough	<b>Business</b> Making Sense of Social Media Opportunities for Small Businesses Andrea Hatfield	<b>Vegetables</b> Produce Drying Betty Feng	<b>Livestock</b> Exploring Wool Pellet and Mulch Applications in Specialty Crop Production Whitney Schlegel Wenjing Guan *SARE	<b>Niche Opportunities</b> The 5 W's of Agrivoltaics Alan Bailey
9:00 - 4:00	Two Quiet Rooms Available				

\* SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Researched and Education Grant Awardee.