

Over the Back Fence

Howard County Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter

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Attention all farmers that may spray Dicamba Ag Herbicide

If you want to use Engenia (BASF), ExtendaMax (Monsanto), or FeXapan (Dupont) there are additional requirements for 2018. Among other new label restrictions, prior to applying any of these products, every applicator must complete state-required dicamba training. This training requirement applies to every commercial applicator, registered technician, private applicator, or non-certified applicator working under the private applicator's supervision who makes applications to soybeans or to any other crops. What this means is anyone that is going to spray dicamba ag herbicide has to go to a training. Additional information in newsletter.

Howard County Dicamba and PARP Trainings-

January 22nd. 6:30-8:30pm– Room 101 Howard County Government Center, 120 E Mulberry St. Kokomo
RSVP Paul Marcellino– 765-456-2313 or email pmarcell@purdue.edu

February 8th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Indiana Wesleyan University Kokomo Campus, 1916 E. Markland Ave. Kokomo, IN 46901 Note: This is the **Howard County SWCD Annual Meeting and Breakfast.**

Registration and breakfast- 8:00am.

Business meeting: 8:30-9:00am

Fred Whitford: 9:00-10:00am-Sprayer Cleanout

Austin Pearson: 10:00-11:00am-Dicamba training

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February 21st. 10:00am– 12:00noon– Dicamba training- Room 101 Howard County Government Center, 120 E Mulberry St. Kokomo
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2018 Agriculture Outlook



Kokomo Grain and Purdue Extension invite you to Purdue Farm Outlook on January 31st. The program will begin at 7:30 with a buffet breakfast at Celebrations(3437 W Sycamore St, Kokomo) Dr. Chris Hurt will be delivering the 2018 Agriculture Outlook after breakfast.

Where is U.S. agriculture headed in 2018? Will low crop prices finally “turn

the corner” and begin to recover, or are we locked in a period of low-for-long? Indiana’s crops had a rugged start last spring but most regions recovered. This program will discuss the latest local and national USDA yield estimates along with price prospects and potential marketing strategies for corn and soybeans. Crop farmers have been facing weak margins since 2014. Are profit prospects for the 2017 crops going to improve? Early income prospects for the 2018 and 2019 crops will be discussed as well. Farmers have been trying to push costs per bushel lower. How much progress have they made and what are the prospects for lower input costs in 2018? How can crop farmers adjust to tighter, or even negative margins? How will acreage shift among corn, soybeans, and wheat in 2018? What farm and agribusiness management strategies will work best in the current economic environment? A new Farm Bill is expected in 2018. What are some of the early prospects for that legislation? The animal industries continue to expand with lower feed prices. Will larger production mean lower animal product prices and margins in 2018? What about land values and cash rents? How much did they change in 2017 and what might be the direction for 2018 and beyond? Are land values and rents going to adjust a little bit more, or a lot more?



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