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ISDA to host Certified Livestock Producer training in Greensburg

GREENSBURG, Ind. (May 2, 2017) — The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) will hold a Certified Livestock Producer training session in Greensburg on June 19, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is open to all species and sizes of livestock operations, and recognizes producers that go above and beyond in their farm management practices in the areas of environmental stewardship, animal well-being, biosecurity, emergency planning and community relations.

“There are many benefits to becoming a Certified Livestock Producer, such as meeting with the fire department and having an emergency plan,” said Ted McKinney, ISDA Director. “This is an excellent way to show your neighbors and community that you are doing things right.”

To complete the certification, producers must develop a biosecurity plan with their veterinarian, meet with their local fire department and create an emergency plan, complete self-assessments in various subject areas, as well as participate in their industry’s quality assurance program (F.A.R.M., Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc.).

Certified livestock producers receive a variety of discounts from program sponsors, including Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Townsends Sales Livestock Equipment, Cherry Brother Designs Farm Source Systems (Farm emergency plans) and Cowco Inc.

Livestock producers interested in attending the training session should contact Kimmi Devaney at KDevaney@isda.in.gov or 317.450.3570. The deadline to register is June 14, 2017. More information will be sent to producers after registration.

Visit www.in.gov/isda/2395.htm for more information.

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ABOUT ISDA

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor’s Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to [Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.



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