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Livestock grants awarded to eight nonprofit organizations

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 9, 2017) —The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](http://www.isda.in.gov) (ISDA) awarded \$51,200 in livestock grant funding to eight nonprofit organizations for projects that will foster growth within the Hoosier livestock industry.

“We are excited about these projects and the opportunity they afford to strengthen and cultivate Indiana’s livestock sector,” said Ted McKinney, ISDA Director. “As an important part of food production and our state’s economy, we will continue to do everything we can to add value to our commodity products and grow the industry through innovative solutions.”

Grant submissions were reviewed by a committee to determine the programs and events that will have the greatest impact across all sectors of Indiana agriculture. The following organizations and projects received funding:

Organization:	Project/Program:	Funding:
Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council	CAE virus education, testing and eradication in Indiana goat herds	\$800
Hoosier Rabbit & Cavy Shows	94th Annual ARBA Convention and Show	\$10,000
Indiana 4-H Foundation	Pilot education program for the quality care of animals	\$12,000
Indiana Board of Animal Health	Livestock traceability enhancement and efficiency	\$12,000
Indiana Boer Goat Association	Indiana Boer Goat Classic Series	\$2,400
Indiana Forage Council	Excellent forage management adds more value to livestock	\$2,500
Indiana Milk Quality Professionals	Indiana Milk Quality Conference	\$6,500
Indiana State Fair Foundation	Celebration of Champions (Livestock Promotion)	\$5,000

Information about the 2018 grant cycle should be available early fall. Nonprofit organizations interested in submitting a grant proposal for 2018 should contact Agricultural Marketing & Industry Development Manager Kimmi Devaney at KDevaney@isda.in.gov.

For more information about the livestock grants, please visit www.isda.in.gov.

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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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