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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



ABOUT

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch serves as Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and oversees the IN State Dept. of Agriculture



DIVISIONS

Economic Development
Public Affairs
Indiana FFA Association
Soil Conservation
Grain Buyers



VISION

Indiana agriculture will be a global leader in innovation and commercialization for food, fuel and fiber production



HIGHLIGHTS

Hoosier poultry producers were generous with their communities again throughout 2024

Earlier this week, [Gov. Eric Holcomb](#), Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb and the [Indiana State Poultry Association](#) recognized the generosity of Indiana's poultry producers at the 77th annual Governor's Poultry Presentation at the Indiana Statehouse.

Through their generosity, Indiana food banks and community organizations were able to offer 250,000 pounds of nutrient-rich duck, turkey and chicken meat to Hoosiers in need. Indiana chicken egg producers supplied food banks with one million dozen eggs, and duck producers donated upwards of 50,000 dozen eggs this year as well. Beyond the donation of poultry and eggs, poultry companies provided in excess of \$120,000 in direct contributions to various not-for-profit and charitable organizations in their communities.



Click below to read more about the poultry presentation event.

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Nominate Local Indiana Teachers for Top Agricultural Educator Award

Agriculture educators play a vital role within their communities by investing countless hours to prepare and empower students for successful careers in the industry. To honor their contributions and support them with additional resources, [Nationwide](#) and [Indiana FFA](#) are accepting nominations for Indiana's leading agricultural teachers for a chance to be named as the 2024-2025 Ag Educator of the Year.

Each year, finalists receive \$500 in funding to help advance their programs and the grand prize winner receives an additional \$3,000 to boost their efforts and the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy. [Nominate any Indiana agriculture educator](#) for the 2024-2025 Golden Owl Award from November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.



Click below to find more information or to nominate someone you know.

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NOTEWORTHY

Order an Indiana Grown Holiday Gift Box Today!

Support local and spread some holiday cheer with Indiana Grown the [Indiana Grown](#) Holiday Box!

This year's gift box showcases a variety of products from Indiana Grown members located across the state including coffees, sweet treats and body care items. Indiana Grown is a statewide initiative housed



within the [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) to highlight local products and artisan goods.

Click below to order the 2024 Indiana Grown Holiday Box. Quantities are limited.

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NOTEWORTHY

2025 Indiana Dairy Producers (IDP) Forum

From inspiring keynote sessions to sneak previews at new products to educational sessions, plus networking and celebrating industry leaders, there is something for every Indiana dairy producer at the 2025 Indiana Dairy Producers (IDP) Forum. IDP is focused on making Indiana the most desirable place to produce milk and the Forum taking place in French Link, Indiana, on January 28-29, 2025, provides a wealth of information and connections to help dairies advance and improve.



[Click here](#) to see the full program and registration details.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ISDA Participates in 33rd Tri-National Agricultural Accord

ISDA Director Lamb represented Indiana at the 33rd Tri-National Agricultural (TNA) Accord, hosted by NASDA in Arlington, VA. The TNA is a series of meetings with state and provincial leaders from departments of agriculture in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Participants engage in bilateral and trilateral discussions on key agricultural issues impacting the North American bloc while also building important relationships and partnerships that ISDA can use to benefit Indiana farmers and exporters in the future.



Indiana Presence at SIAL Paris

International Trade Manager Megan Bixler attended SIAL Paris in October on behalf of ISDA and the Indiana Soybean Alliance to support exhibiting Indiana companies and promote Indiana products. There were four Indiana companies that exhibited in USA pavilions: Maple Leaf Farms, Weaver Popcorn Bulk, American Beverage Marketers and Golden Waffles. SIAL Paris is one of the largest food trade shows in the world, with more than 7,000 exhibitors from 200 countries and 265,000 visitors.

2025 Trade Show Opportunities:

May 13 – 15: 2025 Sweets and Snacks Expo Indiana Pavilion

May 17 – 20: 2025 National Restaurant Association Show Indiana Pavilion

For more information regarding these trade show opportunities, contact [Megan Bixler](#), ISDA International Trade Manager.



Nov. 1: Nominate Local Indiana Teachers for Top Agricultural Educator Award

Find the full release [here](#)

Nov. 14: 77th annual poultry presentation at Indiana Statehouse

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Nov. 26: Hoosier poultry producers were generous with their communities again throughout 2024

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