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**STATEMENT**  
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## **Kettler commends the selection of Karen Plaut as dean of the Purdue College of Agriculture**

**INDIANAPOLIS (May 16, 2018)** — Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler issued the following statement on the selection of Dr. Karen Plaut to serve as the new Glenn W. Sample Dean of the Purdue College of Agriculture:

"Karen is an excellent choice as the new Glenn W. Sample Dean of the Purdue College of Agriculture. Her dedication and experience makes her uniquely qualified to be able to lift up all sectors of Indiana agriculture, while equipping students to tackle the challenges facing our industry. I'm confident that under her leadership, Purdue's agriculture program—one of the best in the world—will continue to grow and thrive."

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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. 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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