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### **ISDA promotes Indiana Grown program manager, hires outreach manager**

**INDIANAPOLIS (April 17, 2018)** – The Indiana State Department of Agriculture ([ISDA](#)) announces today the promotion of Suzi Spahr, program manager, to head up the [Indiana Grown](#) initiative, and the hire of Dana Kosco as outreach manager.

Spahr, who has been with the department since 2014, will now be managing the Indiana Grown team and overseeing the strategic direction of the initiative. She will also be responsible for reviewing contracts, the budget and grants, while serving as the liaison for other state agencies and industry organizations.

“Over the course of the last few years, Indiana Grown has rapidly expanded and thrived, and that success highlights the importance of having the right team behind the initiative,” said Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch. “I am excited to see how we can build upon this momentum and take Indiana Grown to the Next Level.”

Kosco is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Business Management from Krannert School of Management. Prior to joining ISDA, she was the Girls Nation Program Manager for the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as the office manager for then-Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann.

As outreach manager, Kosco has been tasked with creating fresh, innovative ways to help Indiana Grown and its membership reach new audiences and engage with more consumers. She will also be responsible for a variety of tasks, such as overseeing events, managing social media and developing the website.

“Indiana Grown continues to experience tremendous success and now has over 1,000 members,” said Bruce Kettler, ISDA director. “With the team we have in place, we’ll be able to further grow the initiative and reach even more consumers in every corner of the state.”

Visit [www.indianagrown.org](http://www.indianagrown.org) to learn more about the Indiana Grown initiative.

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*Note to the press: The photos below are the official headshots for Suzi Spahr and Dana Kosco.*



*Suzi Spahr, Indiana Grown Program Manager*



*Dana Kosco, Indiana Grown Outreach Manager*

#### **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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