



— Newsletter —

December is finally here, and it's time to get in the holly, jolly spirit! With 2017 coming to an end, make sure to check out Indiana Grown's December events, updates, and announcements.



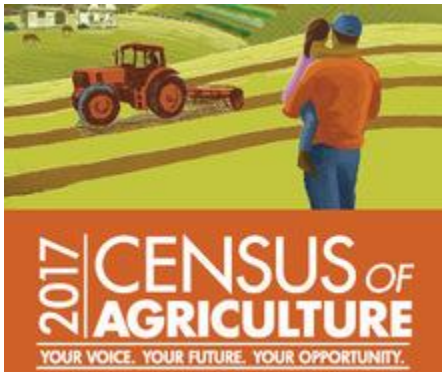
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2018 FANTASTIC FOOD FEST



The third annual **Fantastic Food Fest** takes place on **Feb. 10-11 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds**. This year, Indiana Grown is a proud sponsor of the event and is able to offer reduced pricing for members at this direct-sale opportunity. It will also feature renowned celebrity chef Sara Moulton and former Top Chef contestant Casey Thompson! The 2018 Fantastic Food Fest offers Indiana Grown members the opportunity to showcase products through demonstrations, presentations, cooking

classes and workshops. Join nearly 10,000 culinary enthusiasts and foodies during the state's largest interactive food and beverage event! Request more information [here!](#)

COMPLETE THE USDA NASS SURVEY



Calling all producers! The United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) is sending out its agriculture survey, and we are encouraging all Indiana Grown producers to complete the survey either by mail or online. If you're a grower or raise livestock and did not receive a survey, please request one [here](#). This information is used to bring new opportunities to Indiana, so we need all farmers and growers to participate.

DONATE YOUR FOOD TO THE HUNGRY



Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FIH) helps maximize public-private partnerships that link hunger service providers, food producers and processors from around Indiana. The organization is looking to help interested members donate to food banks or off-load additional products at a cheaper rate. FIH's partnerships enable food and funding resources to be more effectively identified and coordinated to better serve Hoosiers in need. Contact Emily Bryant at ewbryant@feedingindianahungry.org.

PARTICIPATE IN “MEET THE MAKER MONDAY”



Fellow member [Goose the Market](#) is offering Indiana Grown members a tremendous opportunity to perform cooking demonstrations and interact with customers every Monday at Goose the Market’s “Meet the Maker Monday.” Goose the Market provides the venue, advertises the event, and even shares the story behind the products! This opportunity will help get Indiana Grown brands and products to a group of invested, interested, and likely-to-purchase customers. Contact Heather Tallman at HTallman@isda.in.gov.

DISPLAY YOUR PRODUCTS AT THE AMERICASMART TRADE SHOW



On **Jan. 11-15, 2018**, Indiana Grown members are welcome to display products in an Indiana Grown Pavilion area at [AmericasMart](#) for the Atlanta International Gift and Home Market for Food and Beverage trade show! Nearly 50,000 buyers will come together to network and showcase products. This is an exclusive deal with AmericasMart and only available to members new to AmericasMart. Contact Suzi Spahr at sspahr@isda.in.gov or 317-407-2924.

JOIN OUR MEMBERS-ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP



Indiana Grown now has a **closed, private, members-only Facebook group** providing a fair and collaborative space for members to share information and for our staff to keep lines of communication open during traditional office hours. All members are encouraged to join this page. Contact Heather Tallman at HTallman@isda.in.gov or call 317-697-5863 with any questions or concerns.

SNAP AND SEND YOUR INDIANA GROWN PHOTOS



Do you have an Indiana Grown sign or logo featured on your products or in your retail location, farmer's market booth, or website? Well prove it! Send us photos of the featured logo or tag us on social media as **@Indiana_Grown** on **Twitter** and **Instagram**, or **Indiana Grown on Facebook**. Send all photos to Dana Kosco at dkosco@isda.in.gov. We'll be sharing these photos on social media, so be sure to include your appropriate social media handles!



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