



We hope everyone had a great start to the new year and are looking forward to a fabulous February! Stay in the loop by checking out events, opportunities, and announcements in store for Indiana Grown members this year.

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR FANTASTIC FOOD FEST



The third annual [Fantastic Food Fest](#), sponsored by Indiana Grown, is this weekend! On **Feb. 10-11 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds**, this fun, foodie experience will bring nearly 10,000 culinary enthusiasts together to explore the latest cooking trends and learn techniques and recipes from renowned celebrity chef **Sara Moulton** and former Top Chef contestant **Casey Thompson**. The 2018 Fantastic Food Fest will offer Indiana Grown members a tremendous opportunity to showcase products through demonstrations, presentations, cooking classes, and workshops at the state's largest interactive food and beverage event. More information can be found [here](#).

REGISTER FOR THE INDIANA SMALL FARM CONFERENCE 2018

Indiana Small Farm Conference



The [Indiana Small Farm Conference](#) is a great opportunity to learn from experts, network locally, and try new practices. The three-day conference takes place **March 1-3 in Danville, Indiana**. Enjoy the conference with a series of workshops on various topics, such as on-farm food safety, farm viability, and farm management. The Indiana Small Farm Conference includes a [trade show](#) with more than 50 vendors and a [poster session](#) showcasing local foods, diversified agriculture, and more. To view all speakers and pricing details, visit [here](#).

SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN



The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) is now accepting applications for the [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#), funded by [USDA](#). These grants are available to nonprofits, producers (requiring a multiple producer impact), academic institutions, government agencies and others to fund projects that will vastly enhance the competitiveness of Indiana's specialty crops. Those commodities that are eligible must be cultivated and used by people for food, medicinal purposes and/or aesthetic gratification. Proposals are due March 26, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. (EST). For more information about the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, please visit www.in.gov/isda/2474.htm or contact Ann McCambridge at amccambridge@isda.in.gov or 317.419.0200.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: VINTAGE INDIANA WINE FESTIVAL



Leave the kids at home as you enjoy top-of-the-line wine during the 19th annual [Vintage Indiana Wine & Food Festival](#), taking place from **Noon to 6 p.m. on June 2 at Military Park in downtown Indianapolis**. This award-winning festival unites wineries and chefs for a fun, "adults only" event offering complimentary samples of more than 200 wines. Members interested in being a vendor will receive 50 percent off their food or artisan table. Contact Vino@purdue.edu for more information.

APPLY FOR THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S CERTIFICATION



Calling all women-owned, veteran-owned, and minority-owned businesses! We encourage you to apply for the [Indiana Department of Administration's](#) MBE/WBE/VBE certification. If approved, certified businesses will gain access to various training, networking, subcontracting, and state business opportunities. Visit [here](#) to find out if your business qualifies.

JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS-ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP



An exclusive, **members-only Facebook group** is now available for all members to join. This page offers members a fair and collaborative space to share information and allows our staff to keep lines of communication open during traditional office hours. All members are encouraged to join this page.

Contact Heather Tallman with questions at HTallman@isda.in.gov or call 317-697-5863.

SEND US YOUR INDIANA GROWN PHOTOS



Whether it's at a retail location, farmer's market booth, or online, we want your pictures! Our team is collecting member product photos featuring Indiana Grown signs or logos. Send us your pictures or tag us on social media ([@Indiana_Grown on Twitter and Instagram](#), or [Indiana Grown on Facebook](#)). You can also send photos directly to Dana Kosco at dkosco@isda.in.gov. We'll be sharing these photos on social media, so don't forget to include your appropriate social media handles!



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