



## — Newsletter —

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### SIGN UP TODAY! INDIANA GROWN MEMBER CONFERENCE



Register [here](#) today for the first-ever Indiana Grown Member Conference taking place Monday, November 5 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the [Hendricks County Fairgrounds](#)! Deadline to register for this **FREE** event is Friday, October 19! Network with fellow members and hear from industry experts about a variety of topics affecting you as a business. You'll learn new marketing tips, insurance

information, food safety guidelines and everything in between! Please direct any questions to Dana Kosco at [DKosco@ISDA.IN.GOV](mailto:DKosco@ISDA.IN.GOV). We hope to see you there!

## INDIANA GROWN FOR SCHOOLS SURVEY



The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's [Indiana Grown Program](#) (ISDA/IG) is gathering information as part of their involvement in a Farm to School grant and in partnership with [Purdue Extension](#) (PEX), [Indiana Department of Education](#) (IDOE) and the [Indiana State Department of Health](#) (ISDH).

The information gathered will be collated into the [Indiana Grown for Schools: School Food Service Resource Guide](#) which will be distributed to all Indiana public school corporations once completed. School food

service directors can then use this guide to inform their local purchasing decisions.

Participation in the **Indiana Grown for Schools: School Food Service Resource Guide** survey is not a guarantee of future sales and ISDA/IG, ISDH, PEX and IDOE are not responsible for the accuracy of the information you submit. Participation in the resource guide survey is voluntary. You will not be excluded from selling direct to schools if you choose not to complete the survey.

Please click [HERE](#) to complete this short survey. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Tallman at 317-697-5863 or [HTallman@ISDA.IN.GOV](mailto:HTallman@ISDA.IN.GOV).

Feel free to share this survey link (<https://goo.gl/forms/HvSya1LCgPmJGXjQ2>) with anyone in your network who raises, grows, packages or produces food in the State of Indiana. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a printed version of this survey, please forward their contact information to [Heather Tallman](#).

Thank you for your time and participation!

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## HOLIDAY SALES OPPORTUNITY



Are you interested in a new sales opportunity for the holiday season? An Indiana Grown member, Cris Lamb with Old World Fudge, is stocking a holiday pop-up store in Ft. Wayne's Glenbrook Mall. She is looking for members who wish to sell on consignment during the holiday rush. Contact Cris Lamb at 260-609-1210 for details on this sales opportunity.

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## INDIANA TOURISM ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS



The application period for Indiana Tourism's [Destination Development Grant](#) program is now open. Cities, towns, counties and nonprofit entities located in Indiana that are involved with tourism promotion and development are eligible to apply for the grant. These grants can boost communities and

regions across the state. Grant requests of between \$50,000 and \$250,000 will be considered through this competitive application process. Entities that have previously received a Destination Development Grant may not apply for additional Destination Development funds for a two-year period from the date of their last award.

The deadline for applications is December 3, 2018 by 4 p.m. ET. Contact Amy Howell at [amhowell@visitindiana.com](mailto:amhowell@visitindiana.com) for further details.

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## FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Purdue University is offering training [events](#) throughout Indiana to help prepare fruit and vegetable growers to meet regulatory requirements from the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule. This training will satisfy the training requirement for covered growers. After completing this training, growers will be eligible to complete the On

Farm Readiness Review which is designed to assess grower readiness for inspection. During these Reviews, representatives from Indiana Department of Health, Purdue Extension and Indiana State Department of Agriculture will visit the farm and go through a series of questions to determine grower readiness for compliance and successful inspection. Please note, that this is not a compliance inspection, rather a consultation in preparation for compliance. Registration is available [here](#).

The Produce Safety Rule is the first regulation that establishes science-based minimum standards for safe production and harvesting of fresh fruits and vegetables. Farms that grow, pack, process, or sell fresh produce may be affected by the rule and should visit [SafeProduceIN.com](http://SafeProduceIN.com) to learn more. There, growers can find more information about determining their status as covered or exempt farms, compliance dates and registration details for the training events. Contact Morgan Gadd at [mgadd@isda.in.gov](mailto:mgadd@isda.in.gov) or (317) 407-5940 with any questions.

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