



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

INDIANA
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A message from:

**INDIANA
GROWN** 

February might be the shortest month of the year, but it's filled with a really great opportunity for Indiana Grown to educate consumers on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and supporting local.

National CSA week kicks-off Feb. 20, 2023. During this week, Indiana Grown will be highlighting nine members, their farms, families and the benefits of CSAs. In addition to highlighting CSA week, we have two upcoming events that we would love for you to attend! The Indiana Grown Member Symposium and the formerly known "Monumental Marketplace" are listed after the Indiana Grown Message.

Did you know this about CSAs.....

- CSAs are a great way to be introduced to new foods, allowing you to be creative with the recipes you make.
- CSAs allow you to have access to fresh fruit, produce, local goods like meat, cheese, honey, etc. all grown within a very short distance from your home.
- CSAs allow for fruits and vegetables to be picked at their ripest which often allows for more nutrient dense and healthier fruits and vegetables since they travel less distance to your home.
- CSAs allow you to connect directly with your community's farmers and producers which allows you to form great relationships and learn how your food is raised.
- There are 4 common types of CSAs for consumers within Indiana, allowing for flexibility to fit your needs: Traditional, Market-Style, Flexible and Multi-Farm options.



**- Your Indiana Grown Team
Angela, Brandon, Caroline**

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE INDIANA GROWN MEMBER SYMPOSIUM

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Hendricks County Fairgrounds – 1900 East Main Street, Danville IN 46122

Cost: \$35.00* per person

You're invited! Indiana Grown is excited to be hosting a revamped Indiana Grown Member Symposium. This event is open to all Indiana Grown members and will cost \$35.00* per person. The event will feature dynamic speakers, breakout sessions on growing your business and networking with industry leaders and partners. Registration includes refreshments, breakfast, and lunch. **To register for this event, click [here](#).**

*Registration payment is non-refundable, non-transferrable and does not include processing fees. If you have any questions, please contact the Indiana Grown team at IndianaGrown@isda.in.gov. We are excited to see you in April.



THE FARMERS' MARKET FEATURING INDIANA GROWN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Indiana Grown team, SSP America and the Indianapolis Airport had the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the airport store on February 7. Thank you to all the members who came! Read more about the restaurant opening [here](#) or visit Indiana Grown's social media accounts. Click [here](#) for photos of the event.



MONUMENTAL MARKETPLACE IS MOVING TO THE INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS



We have heard and appreciated your feedback regarding the Monumental Marketplace event. Based on your comments, the marketplace is moving! Monumental is moving to the Indiana State Fairgrounds! This will be in addition to the yearly State Fair store.

Our Indiana Grown June Marketplace will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the **Indiana State Fairgrounds** in the Ag/Hort building. We will have a load-in day for registered members on Friday, June 2, 2023, for you to bring your products, set-up your booth space, etc.

There will be a registration fee to be a vendor at the event.

Registration for members interested in being a vendor the marketplace will open in March.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed 19 new businesses into the Indiana Grown family during the month of January.

- Atarraya, Inc. – Indianapolis, IN
- Avon Valley Farms – Danville, IN
- Sub Zero Treats – Cicero, IN
- Earl Grey Fields – Pendleton, IN
- Stersara Farms – Leesburg, IN
- Flavor by Faith – Indianapolis, IN
- Lightning Bug Valley – Deputy, IN
- Clock Family Farms – Marion, IN
- Prime Cut 41 – Veedersburg, IN
- Leota Popcorn Company – Birdseye, IN
- Petals & Pollen – Indianapolis, IN
- Downtown Princeton – Princeton, IN
- Abby's Elderberry – Otisco, IN
- Hatfield Family Farms – Argos, IN
- May Family Urban Homestead – Fort Wayne, IN
- Cp Graphix – Lafayette, IN
- Tea's Me Café – Indianapolis, IN
- Nashville Farmers Market – Nashville, IN
- Walkers Homestead – Martinsville, IN

CELEBRATIONS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Congratulations to Michelle Dudash – Spicekick awarded the December 2022 Amber Grant



[Spicekick Meal Spice Kits](#) offers 9 different spice packets that are gluten-free, no-sugar-added, vegan-friendly, and free of artificial coloring and preservatives. Perfect for quick, flavorful home-cooked meals. Past grant winners are women who have simply shared from the heart. Our judges are looking for passion as well as business smarts. No business dream is too big or too small. Our past Amber Grant recipients have included everything from scientific inventors to bakers. What matters is YOU — the woman (or women) behind the business. For more information on the Amber Grant, click [here](#).

Congratulations to Joelle Orem - Orem Farms recognition from Purdue University

The Purdue Extension Women in Agriculture awards committee was co-chaired by Beth Vansickle, an extension educator in Madison County, and Lindsey Moore, senior litigation officer at Farm Credit Mid America. The Purdue Extension Women in Agriculture team provides educational opportunities and resources for women in the agriculture industry and coordinates the Midwest Women in Agriculture conference. For [here](#) for more information.



Congratulations to Starlight Distillery - ASCOT Awards 2022 Craft Distiller of the Year



ASCOT Awards is an international spirits competition created by spirits personality and veteran tasting judge, Fred Minnick. The competition provides a unique opportunity for distillers to have their products recognized through Fred's YouTube channel, social media, news articles, newsletters, and festival. For more about the ASCOT awards, click [here](#).

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH - SOLFUL GARDENS

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's magazine Growing Indiana highlighted Indiana Grown's very own, Solful Gardens. ISDA and Indiana Grown recognize and honor the remarkable past, present and future achievements of Black farmers and producers and their contributions to our state and communities.

Read the article on Solful Gardens [here](#).



HAVE AN AWARD OR CELEBRATION? TELL US!

Have you received an award, grant or achievement? Tell the Indiana Grown team in the Facebook group or send information to us at indianagrown@isda.in.gov to be featured. We would love to highlight your awards and recognize you in future newsletters.

INDIANA GROWN COMMISSION MEETING RECAP

We had a great first commission meeting which took place on January 25, 2023. Find the meeting minutes [here](#). Our next scheduled Commission meeting is April 26th, 2023.

MEMBER RESOURCES

Review frequently requested information.

MEMBER ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

Join the Indiana Grown member only Facebook group [here](#). Join the group and participate. Be the first to know about upcoming opportunities and directly network with members. The group is a community resource to ask for help, make connections, promote, and learn from other Indiana businesses.

LOGO AND MARKETING MATERIALS

Are you using the Indiana Grown logo on your product labels and packaging? We encourage you to display the Indiana Grown logo on your products, your website, at your storefront and/or at your vendor booth. This benefit of membership helps consumers easily identify products that are grown, raised or processed in Indiana. Request the Indiana Grown digital logo and additional marketing materials. There are stickers, yard signs, vehicle magnets, tablecloths, and other items available. Complete [this form](#) to request. Items are mailed weekly.

INDIANA GROWN MEMBER VISITS

Staff visited multiple members throughout January. Thank you for opening your doors to the Indiana Grown team. The tours have been wonderful, we have learned a lot about our diverse membership and how Indiana Grown can continue to support our members.

- Goose the Market – Indianapolis IN
- Perkins Good Farm – Delmotte IN
- Copper Moon Coffee – Lafayette IN
- Hidden Pond Farm – Centerville IN
- Crazy Horse Hops – Knightstown, IN
- Ullery's Ice Cream – Richmond, IN
- Hunter's Honey – Martinsville, IN
- Kim's Key Lime Cookies – Indianapolis, IN
- Howe Farms – Crown Point, IN
- American Mushroom Company – Bloomington, IN
- Mkono Farms – Bloomington, IN
- Ambrosia Orchard – Hoagland, IN
- Kimchi Café – Ft. Wayne, IN
- Out of a Jam – Ft. Wayne, IN
- Local Source – Evansville, IN
- Poptique – Ft. Wayne, IN
- Be Happy Pie Co. – Evansville, IN

We hope you have noticed our increased social media presence; our weekly Indiana Grown Destinations and Indiana Grown Member Spotlights have been powered by the Indiana Grown teams visits to members locations. We would also like to extend an invite for us to highlight your farm or business. If you are interested in being featured, please complete this [form](#). The Indiana Grown team will reach out to you for your story, and pictures we can share on social media.

To schedule a future visit with Indiana Grown, click [here](#).

WISH-TV SEGMENTS

The WISH-TV sign-up and waitlist is all booked up for 2023! Thank you all so much for wanting to showcase Indiana products and your stories. Check out these members who have participated in the WISH-TV segments this month!

Click below to watch January's member segments:

- [Dynamic Duo Food Cart – Indianapolis, IN](#)
- [Roka Farms – Indianapolis, IN](#)
- [Rooted with Ruby – Indianapolis, IN](#)
- [Iron Roots Farm – Noblesville, IN](#)



OPPORTUNITIES

Browse active opportunities that may apply to you.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

USDA Announces Grants for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making up to \$7.5 million available for grants through its Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP). The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories, Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. USDA will accept applications on [Grants.gov](#) until 11:59 p.m. ET on March 27, 2023. A pre-recorded webinar on [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants | USDA](#) provides an overview of the grants' purpose, project types, eligibility and basic requirements for submitting an application.

Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants for Indiana

The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. Find more information [here](#). Please contact dcoates@isda.in.gov with any questions.

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

The purpose of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture)."

ISDA is seeking projects that have objectives such as: increasing consumption and consumer purchasing, increasing access and distribution, increasing food safety knowledge and processing, developing new seed varieties and improving environmental sustainability, among other things. Find more information [here](#). Please contact syarde@isda.in.gov with any questions.

Women Owned Business Grants

WomensNet founded the “Amber Grant” in 1998. The grant was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of a very special young woman, Amber Wigdahl, who died at just 19 years old — before realizing her business dreams. Today, WomensNet carries on that tradition, proudly giving away at least \$30,000 every month in Amber Grant money. The application deadline for the next grant is February 28, 2023 For more information, click [here](#).

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Market News Cattle Workshop hosted by ISDA Interested in meat grading and cuts of beef? Join ISDA Feb. 20, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Purdue University, Boilermaker Butcher Block. Learn more [here](#).

Heart of America Grazing Conference Join the Indiana Forage Council as they host the Heart of America Grazing Conference on Feb. 20-21, 2023 in Ferdinand, Ind. <https://indianaforage.wordpress.com/>

Ag Women Engage Conference Feb. 21 – 23, 2023 at the Terre Haute Convention Center <https://ag.purdue.edu/departement/extension/wia/conference.html>

Small Farms Conference March 2 – 3, 2023 https://extension.purdue.edu/anr/teams/dffs/small_farm_conference/save-the-date.html

SALES OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Fling on the Farm Red Hill Mill Fiber Farm is hosting a farm event with local artisan vendors on April 29. Vendor application can be found [here](#).

Original Farmers’ Market The vendor application for the 2023 season is available now. The second round of applications are still open. Apply [here](#).

Coffee Creek Farmers Market Northwest Indiana’s Coffee Creek Farmers Market is the first producer only farmers market in Porter County. This weekday market runs Wednesdays from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Opening date is set for Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Find vendor applications [here](#).

Mishawaka Farmers Market Calling all local farmers, growers and makers! Vendor applications for the 2023 [Mishawaka Farmers Market](#) are now available. Click the link to apply.

Valparaiso Market Tuesdays and Saturdays starting June 3! Now accepting vendor applications for the 2023 season. Interested vendors can fill out the [application](#) and return it to market@valpo.us.

Fishers Farmers Market Applications for the Fishers Farmers Markets are open. Check out the [Become a Vendor](#) page to learn more.

Funny Farm Makers Market Funny Farm Coffee is excited to launch the first Funny Farm Makers Market in Lawrenceburg on Sunday, June 11 and is looking for artisans. Applications can be found [here](#).

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