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Register now for winter Certified Livestock Producer trainings

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will hold three Certified Livestock Producer trainings across the state this winter. The program recognizes outstanding livestock producers that go above and beyond in their farm management practices in the areas of environmental stewardship, animal wellbeing, bio-security, emergency planning and community relations.

“Becoming a Certified Livestock Producer is an excellent way to show your community how committed you are to responsibly raising livestock,” said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. “We know most livestock producers do a great job already, and this program will further round out their farm management plans.”

Trainings will be held February 10 in Auburn, March 7 in Spencer and March 9 in Indianapolis. More information will be sent to producers after registration.

Interested producers must register by contacting Kimmi Devaney at KDevaney@isda.in.gov or 317.450.3570 no later than seven days prior to the training they plan to attend.

To complete their certification, producers will develop a bio-security plan with their veterinarian, create an emergency plan and meet with their local fire department, and complete self assessments in various subject areas.

Certified livestock producers receive a variety of discounts from program sponsors, including Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, MWI Veterinary Supply, Townsends Sales Livestock Equipment, Cherry Brother Designs Farm Source Systems (Farm emergency plans) and Cowco Inc.

Indiana is one of only a handful of states to have a voluntary program that recognizes farmers for their commitment to innovative and top industry standards. Since the program’s launch, 100 Hoosier farmers have earned the certification and more than 30 are currently in the process.

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