

## Please plan to attend the 2014 Indiana MPP training sessions!

Registration is not necessary to attend these meetings. If you have questions about the meetings, please contact:

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For details about the MPP go to:  
[http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/mpp\\_dairy.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/mpp_dairy.pdf)

For access to an online decision tool for the MPP provision of the 2014 Farm Bill, go to:  
[http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/pages/content/farmBill/fb\\_MPPDTool.jsp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/pages/content/farmBill/fb_MPPDTool.jsp)

Enrollment deadline for 2015 is  
**November 28, 2014,**  
at your local FSA office

If you require auxiliary aids and services due to a disability or have special food needs, please contact us 1 week prior to the event at 765-494-8491.

## MPP Meetings

Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m. to noon,  
Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds  
Ag Hall  
17746-D County Road 34  
Goshen

Nov. 3: 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
Hancock County Fairgrounds  
Exhibit Hall  
620 Apple St.  
Greenfield

Nov. 4: 9:30 a.m. to noon  
Jackson County Learning Center  
323 Dupont Circle  
Seymour

Nov. 4: 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
4-H Community Building  
547 S. Briant St.  
Huntington

Nov. 18: 1 to 3:30 p.m.  
Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds  
4157 S. State Route 162  
Huntingburg.

Nov. 19: 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Beck Agricultural Center,  
4540 U.S. 52 W  
West Lafayette.

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## 2014 Farm Bill - Dairy -



## Margin Protection Program

## IN Informational Meetings

**November 3, 4, 18, & 19**

Sponsored by:

**Purdue Dairy Extension  
USDA Farm Service Agency  
Indiana Dairy Producers**

Nov. 3, 9:30am Goshen  
Nov. 4, 9:30 am Seymour  
Nov. 18, 1:00 pm Jasper

Nov. 3, 6:00 pm Greenfield  
Nov. 4, 6:00 pm Huntington  
Nov. 19, 9:00 am West Lafayette

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# MPP Meeting Schedule and Speakers

*Times listed are EST*

## Goshen and Seymour

9:30 a.m.—**Registration**  
10:00 a.m.—**Welcome and Introductions**  
10:10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.—**MPP Program and Decision Tool (Chris Wolf)**  
12:00 p.m.—**Wrap-up & Adjourn**

## Greenfield and Huntington

6:00 p.m.—**Registration**  
6:30 p.m.—**Welcome and Introductions**  
6:40—8:30 p.m.—**MPP Program and Decision Tool (Chris Wolf)**  
8:30 p.m.—**Wrap-up & Adjourn**

## Jasper — Dubois County Fairgrounds

1:00 p.m.—**Registration**  
1:30 p.m.—**Welcome and Introductions**  
1:40—3:30 p.m.—**MPP Program and Decision Tool (Nicole Widmar)**  
3:30 p.m.—**Wrap-up & Adjourn**

## West Lafayette — Beck Center

9:00 a.m.—**Registration**  
9:30 a.m.—**Welcome and Introductions**  
9:40—11:30 a.m.—**MPP Program and Decision Tool (Nicole Widmar)**  
11:30 a.m.—**Wrap-up & Adjourn**

**Coffee and light refreshments will be provided at each location by IDP**

### Margin Protection Program

The 2014 Farm Bill provides a Margin Protection Program (MPP) for dairy farms. The MPP replaces the Milk Income Loss Contract program. Based on historical milk production, dairy producers enrolled in the program pay a premium to protect margins (average milk price minus feed costs). Producers may elect to protect margins in the range of \$4.00 to \$8.00 (\$0.50 increments) for 25 to 90 percent of their historic production (5% increments). The purpose of these meetings are to describe the program, provide details for enrollment, and demonstrate the decision tool that has been developed to assist dairy farmers with deciding how to participate for 2015.

### Speakers

**Dr. Chris Wolf**, Professor of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University. Dr. Wolf earned his BS degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison and PhD at University of California-Davis. His research and Extension interests include: farm management, dairy markets and policy, risk management on dairy farms, economics of livestock disease, structural change in agriculture, technology adoption by farms, and measuring and explaining farm size distributions. Dr. Wolf was instrumental in developing the decision tool for MPP.



**Dr. Nicole Olynk Widmar**, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. Dr. Widmar earned her BS degree at Cornell University and PhD at Michigan State University. Her research and extension activities are focused primarily on farm business management and production economics. Much of Nicole's work focuses on assisting with and providing support for agricultural producer decision making. She has a strong interest in applied research which incorporates both the economic outcomes of an on-farm decision and the intricacies of the biological processes underlying the production system employed.



## IN Resources at Meetings

### Purdue University:

Dr. Tamilee Nennich, Animal Sciences  
Dr. Mike Schutz, Animal Sciences  
Dr. Nicole Widmar, Ag. Economics

### Indiana Dairy Producers:

Doug Leman, Executive Director

### USDA Farm Service Agency:

#### 11/3 - Goshen:

Brenda Yoder, Elkhart County Executive Director  
Jenny Brosius, Elkhart County Program Technician

#### 11/3 - Greenfield:

Susan Houston, Rush/Shelby County Executive Director  
Jean Johnson, Rush/Shelby County Program Technician  
Linda Justice, Hancock County Executive Director  
Toby Hollinger, Randolph County Executive Director  
Tammy Jacobi, Henry County Executive Director  
Craig Dishman, Fayette/Union County Executive Director

#### 11/4 - Seymour:

Jeff Fisher, Jackson County Executive Director  
Megan Downing, Jackson County Program Technician  
Lacie Deputy, Jennings County Executive Director  
Chuck Deputy, Switzerland County Executive Director  
Bob Backus, Scott and Clark County Executive Director

#### 11/4 - Huntington:

Elonda Shirmeyer, Huntington County Executive Director  
Patti Strass, Huntington County Program Technician

#### 11/18 - Jasper:

Note: This meeting coincides with FSA Statewide Farm Bill Training for Employees. Illinois FSA will represent IN FSA at this meeting:  
Michael Eggerman, Clinton County Executive Director (IL)

#### 11/19 - West Lafayette:

Steve Brown, Program Chief, Price Support Programs, Indiana FSA State Office