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17 Featured Farmers Announced for Indiana State Fair "Year of the Farmer"

INDIANAPOLIS– The Indiana State Fair is the greatest showcase of the past, present and future of Hoosier agriculture and the Indiana State Fair Year of the Farmer presented by Dow AgroSciences proudly dedicates your Great Indiana State Fair to the farmers who make it happen. To honor and celebrate those who have committed their lives to innovation in agriculture, each day of the 17-day Fair will highlight a different farmer/farm family who represents a different element of Indiana agriculture. These farmers, who were selected in collaboration with Indiana agriculture stakeholders, will be featured on daily highlight sheets for the Fair as well as participate in various events and exhibits all around the Fair.

"Farmers are the heroes of modern agriculture, and the people on this list are amazing role models for this essential industry," said Rajan Gajaria, Vice President, Latin America and North America, Dow AgroSciences. "There is amazing variety in Indiana agriculture, which gives fairgoers a unique opportunity to learn more about the farmers who feed us all."

Below are the farmers/farm families, the segment of agriculture they are representing, farm location and their featured day at the fair.

- Valerie Duttlinger—Swine; Gentryville, Spencer County; Friday, August 7
- Paul and Diane, Jeremy Russell—Sheep; Eaton, Delaware County; Saturday, August 8
- Dale and Lisa Koester—Corn, soybean and wheat; Wadesville, Posey County; Sunday, August 9
- Mike and Susan Shuter—Beef; Frankton, Madison County; Monday, August 10
- Phil Overdorf—Chicken, eggs and turkey; Tipton, Tipton County; Tuesday, August 11
- Jerry and Paige, Jason and Alison McClure— Apples, produce, wine; Peru, Miami County; Wednesday, August 12
- Maggie Goeglein Hanna—Urban farmer, Indianapolis, Marion County, Thursday, August 13
- David Lash—Corn and soybean; Mentone, Kosciusko County; Friday, August 14

- Dean and Anita Stumler—Pumpkin; Fredericksburg, Washington County; Saturday, August 15
- Luann Troxel—Dairy; Hanna, LaPorte County; Sunday, August 16
- Karlanea and Daryl Brown—Aquaculture; Fowler, Benton County; Monday, August 17
- Dan Wehr—Trees/hardwood; Jasper, Dubois County; Tuesday, August 18
- Doug Morrow—Corn and soybean; Marion, Grant County; Wednesday, August 19
- David, Mary, Adam, and Aaron Howell—Tomato; Middleton, Delaware County; Thursday, August 20
- Larry Wappel, Sr. ,Eric and Larry Wappel, Jr.—Mint; San Pierre, Starke County; Friday, August 21
- Cathy and Ashley Richards, Produce; Greenwood, Johnson County; Saturday, August 22
- Ed Bell—Strawberries and fruit; Hagerstown, Wayne County; Sunday, August 23

For more information on our Feature Farmers, be sure to follow @IndyStateFair, our hashtag #YearoftheFarmer and like us on Facebook.

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About Indiana State Fair Commission

The Indiana State Fair Commission is a quasi-governmental agency that oversees year-round management of the fairgrounds. The Commission operates as an eight member body that is governor appointed and hires an executive director to implement the policies of the Commission. Established in 1892, the fairgrounds is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 300 meetings, shows, sports and agriculture events, including the Indiana State Fair. The Indiana State Fair was first held in 1852 and is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural heritage. The fairgrounds is one of Indiana's top tourist destinations annually attracting 2 million visitors to its 250-acre campus in Indianapolis' Midtown district and adding $124 million to the local economy. The Commission's mission is to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at www.indianastatefair.com

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