



— Newsletter —

Spring is just around the corner and the madness is about to commence! Don't forget to stay updated on all of the Indiana Grown events, updates and announcements this March.



MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF ISDA – BRUCE KETTLER



We are excited to share the news of Bruce Kettler being named the new director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). He brings more than 30 years of agricultural leadership experience and knowledge to the department, ranging from production to sales to community and industry relations. He will ensure ISDA continues to support existing agribusinesses while attracting new ones to the state, as well as work to raise awareness about the importance of local products and agricultural education. We look forward to working with Bruce Kettler and furthering our initiative's efforts together! Learn more about Bruce Kettler [here](#).

DON'T MISS THE ABIOSCIENCES START-UP SHOWCASE



AgriNovus
INDIANA

FoundryX and AgriNovus Indiana are teaming up again for an Agbiosciences Start-up showcase. Starting at **3 p.m. on April 10**, Hoosiers can hear firsthand from the entrepreneurs behind several innovative agbioscience start-ups about their technology, products and services. Mayor Scott Faddness of Fishers and Purdue University CEO Dan Hasler will share their views on Indiana's formidable food and ag innovation landscape. If you're an innovator, investor, entrepreneur, business or civic leader, researcher, teacher, scientist or student, you should definitely attend! Please **RSVP** by April 6 to lfritz@agrinovusindiana.com.

GET INVOLVED WITH VISIT INDIANA WEEK



The [Indiana Office of Tourism Development](#) is planning a unique celebration for Visit Indiana Week to coincide with National Travel and Tourism Week. **From May 6-12**, every day will feature a different promotion to encourage Hoosiers and visitors to explore Indiana and its various communities. From Tasting Tuesday to Foodie Friday, the week-long event will celebrate local wineries, restaurants, museums and more by promoting the applicable discounts and promotions. Interested members can fill out this [form](#) and learn how to submit discounts on VisitIndiana.com. Contact Amy Howell with questions at amhowell@visitindiana.com.

SAVE THE DATE: MONUMENTAL MARKETPLACE FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018



Last year's inaugural Indiana Grown Monumental Marketplace was such a success that we decided to do it again! This spectacular event will come full circle this year as Indiana Grown members have the chance to sample, sell and share their story across the entire Monument Circle on **Friday, June 15, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** That's right, we are taking over the entire circle this year and we want YOU to be a part of it! Those interested in participating are asked to fill out this [survey](#). Contact Heather Tallman with questions at HTallman@isda.in.gov or call 317-697-5863.

ATTEND THIS YEAR'S VINTAGE INDIANA WINE FESTIVAL



Why not come enjoy top-of-the-line wine during the 19th annual [Vintage Indiana Wine & Food Festival](#)? From **Noon to 6 p.m. on June 2 at Military Park in downtown Indianapolis**, this award-winning festival will unite wineries and chefs for a fun, "adults only" event offering complimentary samples of more than 200 wines. Members interested in being a vendor will receive 50 percent off their food or artisan table. Contact Vino@purdue.edu for more information.

CHECK OUT OUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS-ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP



Fellow Indiana Grown members, be sure to join our exclusive, **members-only Facebook group**. Available to all members, this page offers you a fair and collaborative space to share information and allows our staff to keep lines of communication open during traditional office hours. We encourage you all to join this page! Contact Heather Tallman with questions at HTallman@isda.in.gov or call 317-697-5863.



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