March Networking Event Location: Hamilton County

In an effort to facilitate member connections within our group, Indiana Grown has scheduled regional member networking events for 2019. These free networking events are a great way to foster connectivity within our membership, help Indiana Grown stay in tune with member needs and learn more about how many of you can work together. Indiana Grown's March networking event will be held in Hamilton County.

- **Date:** 03/26/2019 (Tuesday)
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST
- **Location:** Table by Market District (11505 N Illinois St, Carmel, IN 46032)
- There is no purchase necessary to attend

If you would like to attend this event, **sign up by clicking here.** Note: If there are less than 10 RSVPs at any one event, that particular date is subject to cancellation. For any question please contact: Heather Tallman 317-697-5863 HTallman@ISDA.IN.GOV.
Help Indiana Grown promote your business!

Indiana Grown would like to provide you with marketing materials to promote your business as an Indiana Grown member, but we need your help! Please fill out this SURVEY to share with us what you feel would be the most valuable resources for your business. This is NOT a guarantee of receiving the materials you request as part of this survey, but rather will allow us to determine the most effective options to provide.

Please direct any questions to Dana Kosco at dkosco@isda.in.gov or 317-473-5210. Thank you for your participation!

Join us at an event of MONUMENTAL proportions

Indiana Grown’s Monumental Marketplace is back for its third year! This spectacular event will be taking over the entire circle again in 2019 as Indiana Grown members have the chance to sample, sell and share their story around all of Monument Circle on Friday, June 28, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We want YOU to help us make this the biggest and best event yet! Those interested in participating are asked to fill out this survey by Wednesday, May 15. Contact Heather Tallman with questions at HTallman@isda.in.gov or call 317-697-5863. See you there!

Female Owned? Yelp wants to hear from you.

To celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8th and Women’s History Month this March, Yelp is rolling out a free “Women Owned Business” decal for boss ladies. So how can women business owners get their hands on these window decals? Just fill out this form by Friday, March 15. The storefront stickers will be sent directly to the business in the mail. Learn more here.

Seventy-nine percent of American female entrepreneurs report feeling more empowered than they did five years ago, and we want businesses across the country to feel just as empowered by letting their loyal customers and potential customers know they’re proudly women-owned.
New Fall Sales Opportunity

Harvest is a four day festival from October 3–6, 2019 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art on the grounds of Newfields that showcases unique experiences in art and nature. Educational demonstrations, sprawling pumpkin displays, open fire cooking, family activities, beer and food culminating in a one stop shop for a complete fall time experience. The festival is expected to attract 10,000 guests within the four day run. Newfields is looking for partners and brands to work on delivering our Harvest festival. Festival takes place October 3–6, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Vendor/Brand primary proposals due March 13 by 5:00 p.m. Vendors and brands will pay a vendor fee of $300 for a physical presence and access to our guests. Submit interest and questions to Hospitality/Culinary Arts Administrator Katie Kennedy at kkennedy@discovernewfields.org.

Join the Buy Indiana Expo!

Hosted annually by NSWC Crane at French Lick Resort, the 2019 Buy Indiana Expo gives Hoosier businesses the opportunity to showcase their products or services while networking and learning more about doing business with government entities. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will give the opportunity to showcase products or services with Crane representatives while also making new business contacts.

Learn more about contracting with the federal government by registering here: [https://bit.ly/2X5kxGn](https://bit.ly/2X5kxGn)

Complete Processing Survey from Fellow Livestock Farmers

Two pasture-based livestock farms in Southern Indiana need your input. We sell meat directly to consumers, and we struggle to find nearby, quality processing options that meet the needs of chefs and farmers’ market customers. We have a grant from USDA SARE to explore opening a farmer-to-farmer butcher shop. We’re asking you to take 15 minutes to fill out a survey about your processing reality and needs. Indiana University helped us put the survey together. It's anonymous, but your input can help us learn ways Indiana can improve its processing options. We'll share what we learn.

To participate, go to: [http://www.nightfallfarm.com/processing.html](http://www.nightfallfarm.com/processing.html)
Indiana Grown is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture in partnership with Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch.

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