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Saturday, August 6th 2022

Shotgun Start at 10:00AM EST, Includes Golf, Dinner,
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**--- RSVP's must be received by July 23rd, only 25 team
spots available ---**

Cost is \$300 per foursome, including dinner.
Coming for dinner only is also an option,
dinner is \$30 per person.

Registration forms are available on the Indiana LICA website.
Or by contacting Nanci in the INLICA office.



A Word from our President

Hello,

After the cold wet Spring, the heat and sun are a welcome change. Just make sure to stay hydrated and take plenty of breaks.

Summer convention in St Louis is less than a month away. I hope to see you there.

Don't forget the 1st annual golf scramble is coming up August 6th so get your teams registered. Currently there are less than 10 team spots left open. If you don't golf, come for dinner, drinks and just hang out.

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The Indiana board would like to extend their appreciation to Prins Insurance and United Fire Group for the funding received this past April. The LICA Chapters were invited to Cedar Rapids to participate in a team building cooking experience, and educational seminars prior to presenting funds that will be used in offering our membership quality speakers and education.



Indiana LICA participates in the National LICA Veterans Foundation Golf Outing

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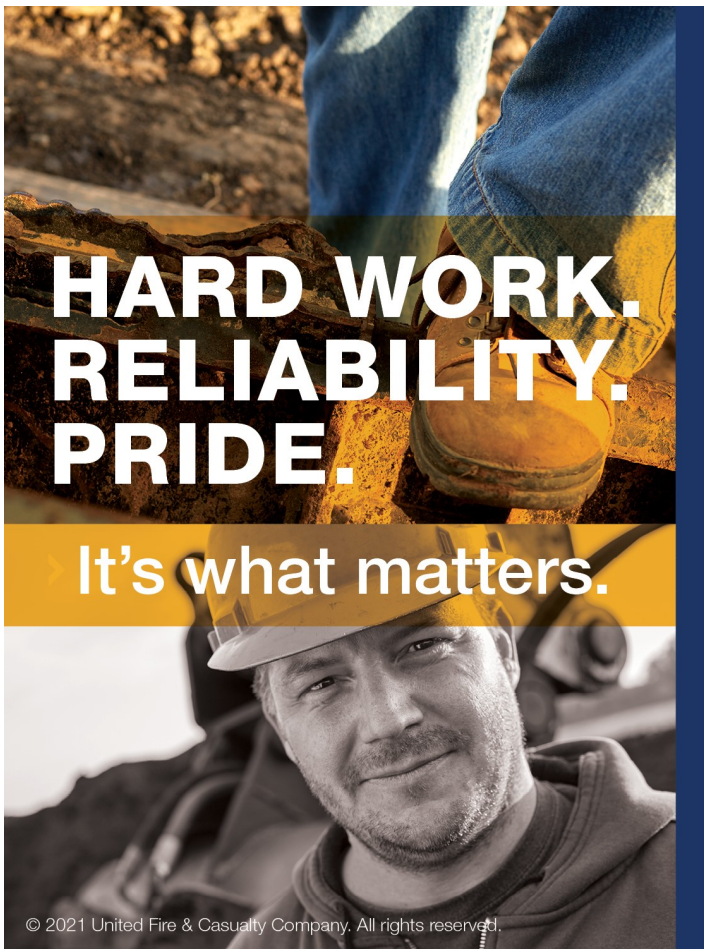


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First-generation Farmer, Mike Koehne, is an advocate for Agriculture



Past INLICA President, Mike Koehne, was recently featured in the Spring 2022 Indiana Corn and Soybean Post. The article details his farming journey that began in 1992, the jobs he took that lead him to his wife Jill, the trucking company they purchased, and the addition of his tiling business he still operates today. Many of you may not know that since his INLICA presidency, Mike has become involved with the Indiana Soybean Alliance. Mike was elected to their board in 2016. He is currently Vice Chair, but has also served as Chair of the Member-

Ship and Policy Committee. Most recently, Mike was elected to the American Soybean Association and is serving his first year. Be sure to check out the full article at <https://indianasoybean.com/indiana-corn-soybean-post-magazine/>



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Webinar series

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2022 Calendar of Events

July 12th through 16th—National LICA Meeting, St, Charles MO

August 6th—INLICA Golf Outing, Harrison Hills, Attica IN

September 10th—Board Meeting/Family Event, Punch Bowl Social, Circle Center Mall, Indianapolis

2023 Calendar of Events

January 26–28 —INLICA State Winter Convention, Indianapolis Marriott North

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USDA to Allow Producers to Request Voluntary Termination of Conservation Reserve Program Contract

USDA Announces Additional Flexibilities to Help Address Threats to Global Food Security

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will allow Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants who are in the final year of their CRP contract to request voluntary termination of their CRP contract following the end of the primary nesting season for fiscal year 2022. Participants approved for this one-time, voluntary termination will not have to repay rental payments, a flexibility implemented this year to help mitigate the global food supply challenges caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and other factors. Today, USDA also announced additional flexibilities for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

“Putin’s unjustified invasion of Ukraine has cut off a critical source of wheat, corn, barley, oilseeds, and cooking oil, and we’ve heard from many producers who want to better understand their options to help respond to global food needs,” said Julia A. Wickard, USDA’s Farm Service Agency State Executive Director in Indiana. “This announcement will help producers make informed decisions about land use and conservation options.”

FSA is [mailing letters to producers](#) with expiring acres that detail this flexibility and share other options, such as re-enrolling sensitive acres in the CRP Continuous signup and considering growing organic crops. Producers will be asked to make the request for voluntary termination in writing through their local USDA [Service Center](#).

If approved for voluntary termination, preparations can occur after the conclusion of the [primary nesting season](#). Producers will then be able to hay, graze, begin land preparation activities and plant a fall-seeded crop before October 1, 2022. For land in colder climates, this flexibility may allow for better establishment of a winter wheat crop or better prepare the land for spring planting.

Organic Considerations

Since CRP land typically does not have a recent history of pesticide or herbicide application, USDA is encouraging producers to consider organic production. USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides [technical and financial assistance](#) to help producers plan and implement conservation practices, including those that work well for organic operations, such as pest management and mulching. Meanwhile, FSA offers [cost-share for certification costs](#) and other fees.

Other CRP Options

Participants can also choose to enroll all or part of their expiring acres into the Continuous CRP signup for 2022. Important conservation benefits may still be achieved by re-enrolling sensitive acres such as buffers or wetlands. Expiring water quality practices such as filter strips, grass waterways, and riparian buffers may be eligible to be reenrolled under the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) and CLEAR 30 options under CRP. Additionally, expiring continuous CRP practices such as shelterbelts, field windbreaks, and other buffer practices may also be re-enrolled to provide benefits for organic farming operations.

If producers are not planning to farm the land from their expiring CRP contract, the Transition Incentives Program (TIP) may also provide them two additional annual rental payments after their contract expires on the condition that they sell or rent their land to a beginning or veteran farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

Producers interested in the Continuous CRP signup, CLEAR 30, or TIP should contact FSA by Aug. 5, 2022.

NRCS Conservation Programs

USDA also encourages producers to consider NRCS conservation programs, which help producers integrate conservation on croplands, grazing lands and other agricultural landscapes. EQIP and CSP can help producers plant cover crops, manage nutrients and improve irrigation and grazing systems. Additionally, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), or state or private easement programs, may be such an option. In many cases, a combination of approaches can be taken on the same parcel. For example, riparian areas or other sensitive parts of a parcel may be enrolled in continuous CRP and the remaining land that is returned to farming can participate in CSP or EQIP and may be eligible to receive additional ranking points.

Other Flexibilities to Support Conservation

Additionally, NRCS is also offering a new flexibility for EQIP and CSP participants who have cover cropping including in their existing contracts. NRCS will allow participants to either modify their plans to plant a cover crop (and instead shift to a conservation crop rotation) or delay their cover crop plans a year, without needing to terminate the existing contract. This will allow for flexibility to respond to market signals while still ensuring the conservation benefits through NRCS financial and technical assistance for participating producers.

More Information

Producers and landowners can learn more about these options by contacting FSA and NRCS at their local [USDA Service Center](#).

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How Rising Interest Rates Will Impact Farmers, Agriculture

By Eric Pfeiffer
June 21, 2022



What will be the effects of higher interest rates on farmers and agriculture?

"I'm almost gun shy of making strong predictions in the environment we've been in the last couple years," says USDA chief economist Seth Meyer. He adds that classic economics would say that normally, "rising interest rates in the United States strengthens the dollar, makes us a little less export competitive."

But Meyer says this isn't a normal situation. Commodity prices are very high, demand also continues high in light of short supplies of commodities, like wheat, and weather concerns for other crops. However, Meyer is not gun shy on making this projection for producers.

"If you're a producer, the thing you're instantly going to see is if you're going to go in and borrow, you're going to see the rate increase, and if consensus is right, that rate will continue to increase throughout the year."

Meyer says sometimes rising interest rates can lower the value of agricultural land and assets, but, again, this isn't a normal situation, so it's hard to tell what might happen.

"All else equal, the favorite thing economists say, all else equal, yeah, this should put a little downward pressure on assets like land. But, again, I think in the short run the question is how aggressive does the Fed have to be, and when we look back in 12 months where is the economy sitting as a result. So, again, long run, yes. If this is a part of a long run period where we see interest rates rising over time and sustained, then that's overall, a negative effect on land."



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