

The Farm at Prophetstown Newsletter



What's Happening at the Farm at Prophetstown?

Big things are happening at the Farm! We just had our first event of the year: our Heirloom Seed Library, and it was a huge success! We loved seeing so many wonderful people out at the Farm again! Our staff has finished deep cleaning and organizing the tenant house, which has a lovely new addition! An antique pump organ was donated by the Sondgerath family. You can try it out next time you visit the Farm! In other news, we plan to get piglets in April, so come see us and keep an eye out for them!

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Farm to Table Dinners

This year, for the first time, we will be showcasing talented local chefs at our dinners! Dates will be posted soon on our website and social media. Reservations will open one month prior to each dinner. Once dates are posted, call 765-567-4700 for reservations or questions.



Animal Sponsorship

At The Farm at Prophetstown, we are dedicated to our animals' care and welfare. They are our partners in historic interpretation and helping families make memories!

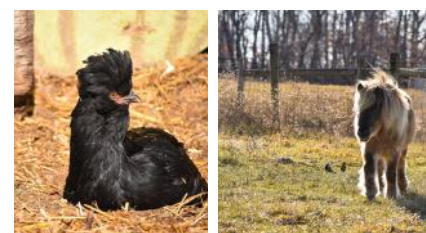
Cost for animal upkeep is one of the major expenses at The Farm, and it is through the sponsors of our animals that we can continue to have a large variety of animals for visitors.

We welcome individual and business sponsors! If we receive more than one sponsorship per animal, we will use the extra funds for animal care year round. All sponsors will be acknowledged on a sign in the barn. Please visit our website or call 765-567-4700 to start sponsoring an animal. Thank you!



The Animals

Everybody is doing pretty well here at the farm! They love the warmer weather because they get to see more visitors! They would love to see you here soon!



A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff Members

The Farm is lucky to have such a great team as we head into the busy season! We are all very excited to bring you fun times and great memories this year at the Farm. The staff members are pictured above at our all-staff meeting.

- Farm Director: Lee Goudy**
- Team Leader: Hannah Smith**
- Events Coordinator: Robin Anderson**
- Farm Team:**
- Emma Doering**
- Evan Johnson**
- Jade Haan**
- Luc Sproles**
- Melissa Nipper**
- Morgan Grey**
- Teresa Nabangala**
- Will Lasater**

If you see one of our new team members: Robin, Melissa, Morgan, or Luc, be sure to give them a warm welcome to the Farm!

A Message from the Director

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lee Goudy; I am the new Executive Director of The Farm at Prophetstown. If you are not familiar with The Farm, I'd love to share a little about why I find The Farm such an important historical asset to share with our community and beyond. I have quickly learned the importance of holding on to such a precious gem as The Farm.

Not long ago, family farms covered the landscape in America. 1920s farmsteads were once the livelihood for nearly half of the population in the Midwest. With machine modernization, commercial farming took the place of horse plowed fields, heirloom gardens glistening with morning dew, livestock getting fed by hand, free ranging chickens and small family-run farms. Overtime, the 1920s era farming way of life began to slowly disappear. Luckily, The Farm at Prophetstown has been here to preserve this way of life. At The Farm, families can observe and participate in these pastimes through educational programs and immersive events offered to preserve and celebrate the memory of historic farming. Young and old can hold on to and enjoy the serenity of a simpler time at The Farm whenever they visit.

As the Executive Director of The Farm, my focus is to enhance the overall experience we provide to our many visitors throughout the year. The home of many visitors I have spoken with ranges from Germany, Spain, Australia, France, Japan, and California to first-time visitors from right here in Lafayette. The Farm is literally providing educational programming for all ages, sharing ideas, and sending a piece of The Farm home around the globe. This is all made possible thanks to the generosity of so many donors, volunteers, and supporting staff of The Farm at Prophetstown.

I would like to personally invite you to The Farm to visit this year. Our programs are fresh and new and our staff is dedicated to showing, sharing and teaching about historic agriculture and the homesteading arts. Thank you, I'm looking forward to seeing you at The Farm.

Spring Events

March-June



3/4/23 Planting Seeds with Kids- Children will have the opportunity to plant and take seed starters while learning how to care for the plants. 12:00pm-2:00pm.

4/1/23 Program- Raising Chickens: The Basics- Interact with our flock, in this hands-on class. 12:00pm-1:30pm.

4/8/23 Program- Living History: Join members of our staff as they demonstrate some typical chores around the house as people would have done them in the 1920s. 1:00pm-2:30pm.

4/15/23 Program- Recording Memories in a Scrapbook: A popular indoor diversion in the 1920s was the assembling of individual and family scrapbooks. Stop at the Gibson House to Learn More and see a collection of scrapbooks! 12:00pm-3:00pm.

4/22/23 Program- Exploring Heirloom Apples: Professor Bill Hoover will provide an overview of the Apple Orchard at The Farm. 12:00pm-1:00pm.

4/30/23 Iced Tea on The Porch- Tea has been a popular beverage for centuries and the 1920s was no exception. We will be serving up different teas for you to sample. 12:00pm-3:00pm.

5/6/23 Program- Autos, Tractors, and Trucks: What promises did modern advertising make about the advantages of autos, tractors, or trucks for the farm family? 12:00pm-3:00pm.

5/13/23 Plant Sale- Sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Farm will be selling heirloom vegetables and herbs at the entrance to the Farm and the DNR will be selling native species of wildflowers and grasses at the DNR Visitor Center. Join us anytime from 9:00am-3:00pm!

5/20/23 Class- Crafting Treats for Farm Animals: Everyone loves treats and toys! Animals are no different. The chickens, horses, JJ the donkey, and several other animals, will be happy taste testers! 11:00am-12:30pm.

5/27/23 Percheron Day on the Farm- Learn about Percheron horses and see them pull a Heritage John Deere plow to demonstrate how farmers in the 1920s plowed their fields. 11:30am-2:00pm.

6/3/23 Family Day- Please join us for a fun filled day on The Farm! This is one of our biggest events! We will have historic demonstrations, music, games, food, plenty of animals to see and more! 11:00am-3:00pm.

6/10/23 Square Dancing in The Barn- A local square-dancing group will be on the Farm sharing the joys of square dancing. Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes! 1:00pm-2:30pm.

6/17/23 Class- Learn how Dairy Products are Made: Visit our milkhouse to learn just what it took to prepare dairy products in the 1920s, including milking the cow! Fresh butter, cream, and yogurt will be prepared. \$10 per person plus park admission. Reservations required, as space is limited. 12:00pm-2:00pm.

6/25/23 Class- Spinners on The Farm: Thelma, Louise, and Cocoa, the three sheep who live at The Farm, graciously provide beautiful fleeces each year. Discover how to spin their fleeces to create yarn that can be used to make wearable articles. This hands-on program teaches you to build a simple drop spindle (which you can take home after the event) and provides lessons in beginner spinning on that drop spindle. \$5 per person plus park admission. Age 12 and up only please. Reservations required, as space is limited. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Farm Fresh Meat, Eggs, and Produce



If you haven't heard, the Farm at Prophetstown sells our beef, pork, eggs, and produce raised/grown right here at the Farm. Stop by our gift store or give us a call to get our most up-to-date inventory and pricing. We have many different cuts of beef and pork available now! Chicken and duck eggs are available, but always sell fast! Produce will be for sale this summer!

Limited Time, Members-Only Discount: Farm Members can show their card during the month of March to get 10% off all meat! Memberships still available for purchase on our website, gift store, or by giving us a call!

All events are free with park admission unless otherwise specified. Park admission is \$8 or free with your State Park Annual Entry Pass.

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LEE Executive Director

Mr. Lee Goudy, who grew in Logansport, Indiana, began in his leadership role with The Farm at Prophetstown in May 2022. In 1998, Lee, his wife, and their two children moved to Lafayette when Lee began a new career in the Quality Control Lab at Eli Lilly, while his wife, Traci, worked in senior health care services as a Registered Nurse. Lee grew an interest in business growth and community outreach, which led him to join Traci's company, Homecare by Design, in 2011, where he and his wife worked together for over a decade building and expanding the business. Homecare By Design was acquired by a larger senior care company in October 2021, which gave Lee the opportunity to seek new avenues to serve the community, ultimately leading him to join The Farm at Prophetstown team. Lee enjoys the outdoors, whether it is on a lake in his boat, capturing photos of wildlife, or simply taking a walk in the woods. Lee also loves spending time with his three grandsons and teaching them how to fish, with hopes that they will develop an appreciation for nature as well.

Lee is excited to work with Prophetstown State Park and eager to help The Farm reach its fullest potential as a place where others can experience farm living from times past and create fond new memories for years to come.



HANNAH Team Lead

I came to the Farm in 2017 with a food service background having just moved back from New Orleans where I was the Banquets Manager of the Le Merdien for 2 years. Before that, I worked for Purdue's catering department. I started at Purdue when I was just 16 and by the time I graduated Purdue with a B.A. in Communication and Political Science I was working as a student catering coordinator. After graduation, I worked full time for the catering department before moving to New Orleans in 2015.

I love the Farm because it brings together many things I love including animals, history, and the beautiful outdoors. My love of all things that grow started when I was a small child spending time on my grandparents fruit and vegetable farm in southern Indiana. Here at The Farm at Prophetstown I was promoted to Team Leader in 2022 where, in addition to running the front of house for the Farm to Table dinners, I manage the farm operations, supervise our staff, and assist with events and tours. I can't wait to see you out at the Farm and introduce you to my favorite coworker, (though I love them all) our beautiful standardbred horse, Daisy.



ROBIN Events and Outreach Coordinator

I grew up pretty close to The Farm in Rossville, Indiana. I have a background in FFA, 4-H, and I recently graduated from Purdue! My degree is in Horticulture Production and Marketing. My dream career has always been to find something outdoors that allows me to interact with people; I have found a wonderful place to do just that! When I'm not at the Farm you can find me working in my garden, baking cookies, taking a hike, or going camping with friends and family.

At the Farm at Prophetstown, my role is to plan and facilitate all our events, outreach to the community, coordinate educational tours of the Farm, and see to the care of our members, volunteers, and visitors. I am very passionate about preserving the living history that is found on our Farm. My favorite things about the Farm are the gardens, the antiques in the museum homes, and our sweet animals! (especially Shiloh, our barn cat!) I look forward to meeting you at the Farm!

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EMMA Farm Team

I moved from Texas to Indiana in 2019, and joined The Farm family in December 2021. I gained my animal knowledge through FFA, working with and riding horses and caring for farm animals of my own! I love caring for all the animals on The Farm and working with them and their unique personalities (especially Daisy!) Each day on The Farm is different, you never know what the day will have in store for you!



EVAN Farm Team

I grew up in the greater Lafayette area most of my life. I attended West Lafayette Jr/Sr High school, moved to Indianapolis to attend Butler University, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. My passion for animals was instilled in me at an early age. Most of my family has had farming experience in the past, and I showed goats and rabbits in 4-H at the Tippecanoe County Fair for 10 years. My favorite thing to do at the farm is mow.



JADE Farm Team

I graduated from Rossville High School, and soon after started working here at The Farm. I am currently finishing up cosmetology school and graduating in April! I adore all of our animals, but my favorite would have to be the horses.

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LUC Farm Team

My name is Luc Sproles. I grew up in Reynolds, Indiana, loving the outdoors and raising show pigs. My love for the outdoors and animals led me to join FFA where I was a very active member. I am passionate about teaching others about agriculture and connecting them to the history and agriculture of the farm. Currently, I am studying Agricultural Education at Purdue University but am always happy when I get to see Bojangles at the farm (don't tell the other animals)!



MELISSA Farm Team

Hello I'm Melissa. I'm currently in school for my AAS degree in agriculture. When I'm not at work or school, I'm either tending to my plants and animals or taking care of my 2 wonderful children. Working on this farm brings me so much joy and happiness. I get to play with animals all day! My favorite animal on the farm is the goats, Peanut and Butter are just so cute and funny!



MORGAN Farm Team

I am a Purdue graduate in Wildlife biology, with lots of varied experience in the environmental field. I love gardening at home and am looking forward to gardening at The Farm! I adore animals and have many pets - I am passionate about rescuing abandoned or mistreated domestic pigeons. I currently have 2! I love all The Farm animals so much, but my favorites have to be the turkeys Opal and Georgia!

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TERESA Farm Team

I was raised in West Lafayette, IN. I do have a background in Farming and taking on new challenges. I'm currently a Communications student at Purdue Fort Wayne. I'm very ambitious and delight to be part of the Farm's day to day history making, especially our visitors. I do have to say I enjoy the summers at the Farm for the animals (especially JJ), plants, and family gatherings; it's really heartwarming.



WILL Farm Team

I've lived in West Lafayette my whole life, and I graduated from West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High in 2020. I moved to Iowa for a year after high school, but returned to study Agricultural Economics at Purdue, which is when I started working at the farm. My favorite parts about the farm are being outside all day, and working with all of the animals and their unique personalities. My favorite animals on the farm are the cows.
