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planning program.

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Family farmers can get tips from Purdue University specialists on business communication and dealing with accounting and legal issues during a succession planning program.

“Cultivating Strong Indiana Farm Family Relationships for Today and Tomorrow” will be offered in March. The program is presented by Purdue’s Women in Agriculture and Farm Succession Planning teams in partnership with the North Central Risk Management Education Center.

The program will take place on March 21 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Purdue Extension Allen County office, 4001 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne.

Kelly Heckaman, Purdue Extension educator in Kosciusko County, said Indiana farmers and farm wives have asked educators for advice on handling their family businesses.

“In order to get estate planning started in families, they need to be able to communicate about it. And it’s an emotional topic, so it can be hard to get those conversations started,” Heckaman said. “The workshops will give families ideas on improving their conversations and skills to help them work through their problems and keep their families intact.”

Purdue Extension presenters include Janet Ayres, agricultural economist; Angela Gloy, farm business planning specialist; and members of Purdue’s Farm Family Succession Planning Team.

Heckaman said the program is a collaboration between Extension and local

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