

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Forage Use on an Organic Farm and Wildlife Habitat – Topics at Indiana Forage Council’s Annual Meeting and Seminar February 28, 2019**

West Lafayette, IN – As part of its annual meeting and seminar on February 28, the Indiana Forage Council (IFC) has invited two individuals to discuss how forages can be used to produce pasture-raised meat and provide habitat for wildlife.

Jarred Brooke, Purdue University Wildlife Specialist, will discuss common farmland wildlife, their habitat needs, and steps landowners can take to integrate wildlife that are less common today as compared to several decades ago back into their farms.

Sara Creech, owner of Blue Yonder Organic Farm in Hendrick’s County, will share how personal tragedy led to healing through farming and how working with nature leads to restoration and hope. What began as a garden project for growing quality healthy produce for her family has grown into a fully functioning farm growing all kinds of produce as well as pasture raised meats.

The annual meeting will be held February 19 at the Turkey Run State Park Inn which is located within Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN. The annual meeting for members and anyone interested starts at 4:30 p.m. EST and is followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The seminar, featuring Creech and Brooke, begins at 7 p.m.

Attending the annual meeting is not required for participation at the dinner and seminar. The cost of to attend the dinner and seminar is \$20. Attendees are requested to RSVP by February 21 to Jason Tower, [towerj@purdue.edu](mailto:towerj@purdue.edu) or 812-678-4427.

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