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## **SARAH AUBREY TO SPEAK ON RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (REAP) GRANTS AND LOANS**

MONROVIA, IND. – March 10, 2011 – On Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. (EST), Sarah Aubrey, *Prosperity Ag and Energy Resources*, is to speak at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville, Ind. on acquiring grant and loan funding from the USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) program. The Hendricks County Purdue Extension Program will host the event on REAP and will hold informational sessions on opportunities for utilizing rural technical assistance funding for grain dryers and other energy efficiency rural projects.

The event hosted by Hendricks County Purdue Extension will benefit and assist those in search of funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy project development. Chad Martin, Renewable Energy Extension Specialist, *Purdue University*, will address the grain drying energy efficiency audit program and other energy audit services, as well as online tools for producers interested in making energy efficiency improvements. Also to speak at the informational session will be Roberto Lopez of the Purdue Horticulture Department, and David Hardin, a Hendricks County hog producer.

All members of the agriculture industry are encouraged to attend this event, with high regard to those interested in acquiring energy audits and REAP funding. The program will take place at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, Ind. This program will begin at 9:00 A.M. and will conclude at 12:00 P.M. No registration fee is required but expected attendants are asked to RSVP by March 15, 2011 to Janet Cunningham at [jcunningham@purdue.edu](mailto:jcunningham@purdue.edu) or by calling (317) 745-9260.

The REAP Program is authorized through the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill). REAP funding can be used for renewable energy development assistance. Information on the REAP program can be found at [http://www.ruradev.usda.gov/BCP\\_ReapResEei.html](http://www.ruradev.usda.gov/BCP_ReapResEei.html).

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