The Hay Tour will take place at the Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (SIPAC). This tour will combine educational workshops with new equipment field demonstrations. Presentations will cover various topics including “the past, present and future hay harvesting equipment” and matching equipment to harvesting conditions to make the highest quality end product. Mowers, tedders and rakes, balers, wrappers and other equipment will be demonstrated until designated fields are harvested and baled. These side-by-side equipment demonstrations are intended to show producers how the machines run when put in a field under sometimes not-so-ideal conditions.

The Hay Tour begins at 1:30pm with live equipment demonstrations taking place from 3:30 — 5:30 PM and there will be time afterwards to talk with the manufacturer representatives one-on-one. The event will be held at the SIPAC, 11371 E Purdue Farm Rd., Dubois, IN 47527.

Registration will be $30 for the Hay Tour or $10 for the Equipment Demonstrations per person, no need to RSVP. Just follow the signs as you enter SIPAC the day of the event.

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