



# PURDUE UNIVERSITY



## SOUTHEAST PURDUE AGRICULTURAL CENTER



The Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center (SEPAC) is an agricultural research farm located at Butlerville Indiana. SEPAC was established in 1977 when the State of Indiana transferred 830 acres from the Department of Mental Health's Muscatatuck State School to Purdue University. In 2005 an additional 1600 acres was transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to Purdue University.

Cropland at SEPAC is used for research and demonstration areas to grow corn, soybeans and wheat. Forested land is used for timber management and tree plantation research. The majority of the soils at SEPAC are poorly drained silt loams that have low organic-matter content and are highly erosive. For this reason conservation tillage practices are utilized on the majority of the cropland at SEPAC.

The headquarters at SEPAC includes office space for the farm staff as well as an 1100 sq. ft. conference room. Professional staff at SEPAC includes three full time employees, and two part time employees. Facilities also include a soil drainage and water quality station, an in field diagnostic training center, a forestry greenhouse, and crop sample dryers. Additional facilities and equipment include modern machinery, a farm shop, a pesticide handling facility, equipment storage and grain bins.

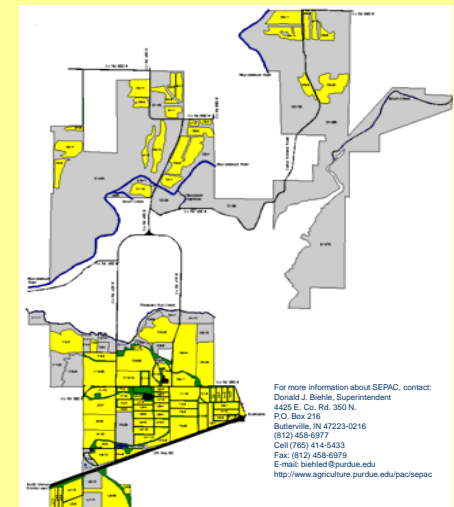
Research at SEPAC concentrates on grain crops, forages, forestry. Projects include research in the areas of pest management, nutrient management, crop variety performance, soil drainage, water quality, forestry plantation management. Approximately 50 different research projects are being conducted at SEPAC at any one time. This involves input from over 30 professors, graduate students and technicians.

SEPAC is proud to work as a partner with the Cooperative Extension Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Farm Bureau, and agribusiness to provide research based educational workshops and field days to the public. Hundreds of adults and children visit SEPAC each year to gain appreciation for agriculture and natural resources. Field days and tours provide producers an opportunity to discuss topics important to their operations with other agricultural professionals.



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center is committed to assisting the agricultural community by providing the necessary land, facilities, equipment and personal skills required to conduct practical agricultural research in Southeastern Indiana.



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