



FELEGE HIYWOT CENTER: We Are the Future of Agriculture



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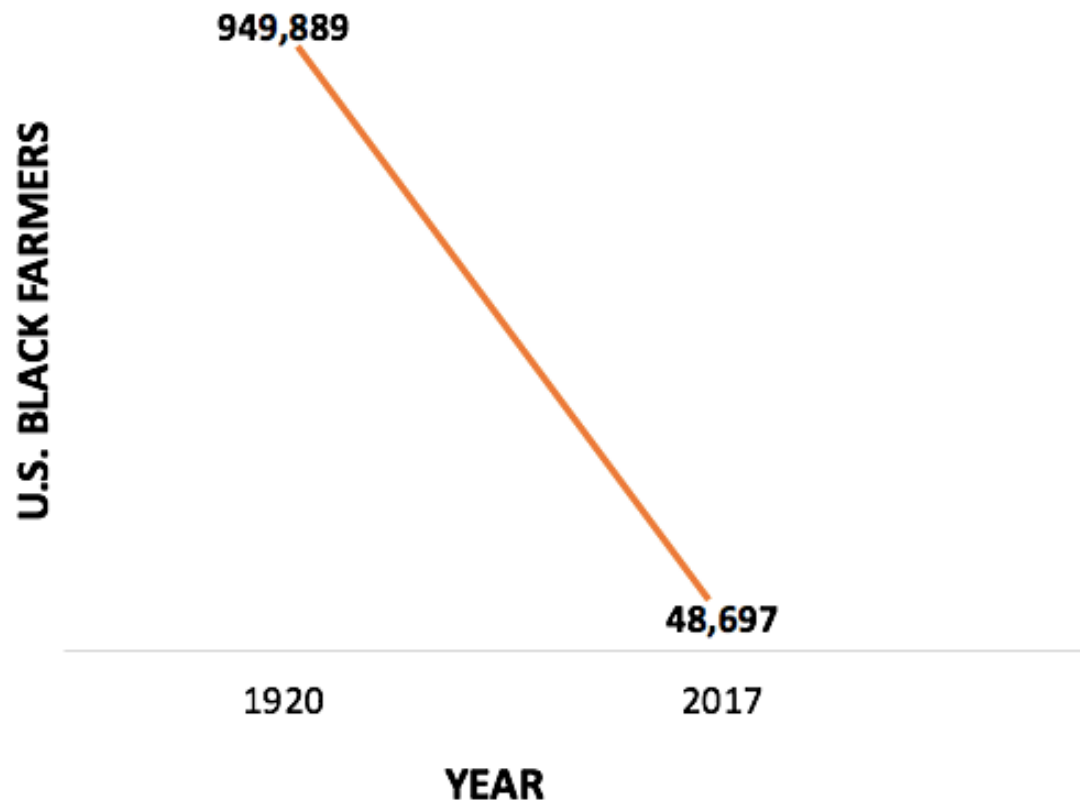


Section 1: Black Farmer Facts!



POPULATION

In 1920, there were 949,889 Black farmers in the United States.¹ The U.S. Black farmer population has declined to 48,697.²



132

ACRES

132 acres is the average size of a black-operated farm in the U.S.²

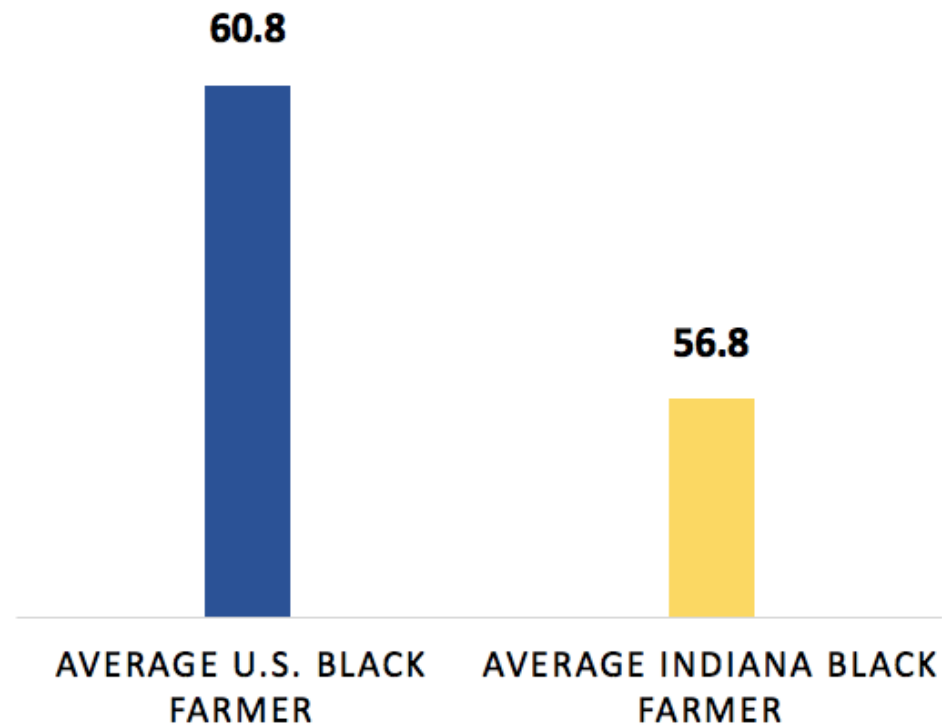
\$1.4

BILLION

In 2017, \$1.4 billion in agricultural products was sold by black-operated farms in the U.S.²

AVERAGE AGE

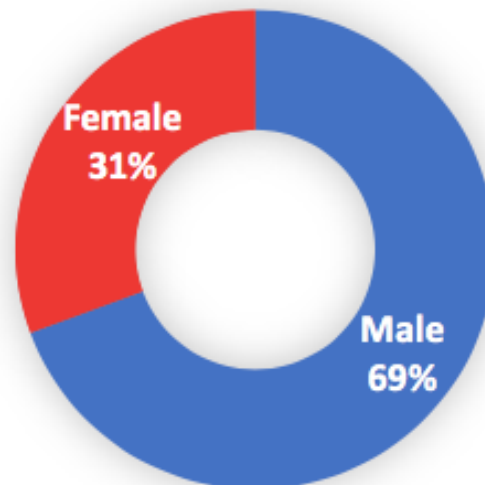
The average U.S. Black farmer is 60.8 years old.² The average Indiana Black farmer is 56.8 years old.³



186

BLACK FARMERS

There are 186 Black farmers in the state of Indiana.³



GENDER

There are 129 (69%) Black Indiana farmers who identify as male.³
There are 57 (31%) Black Indiana farmers who identify as female.³

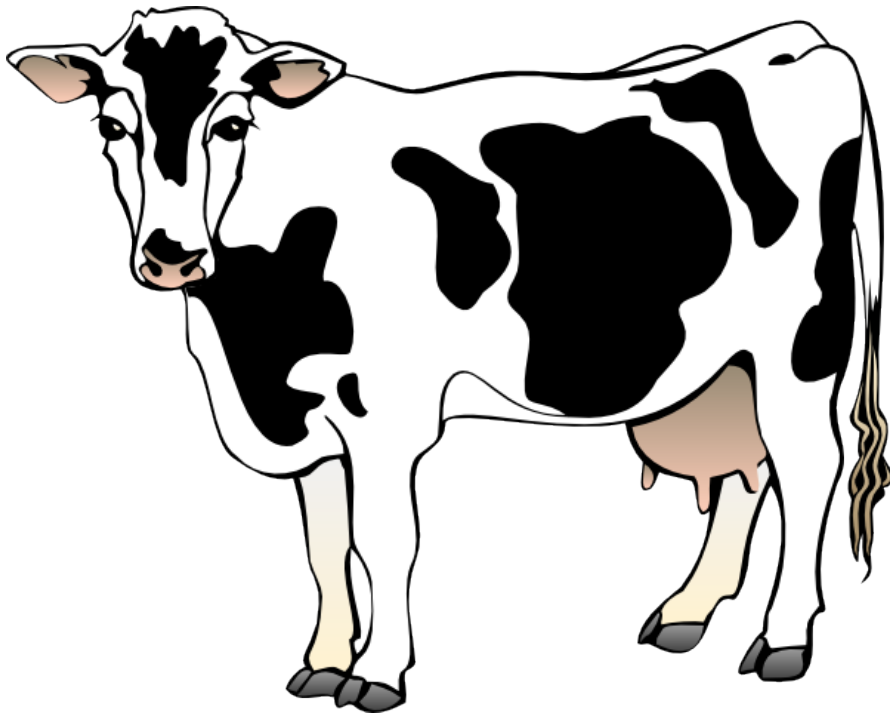


CROPS

Majority of Black Indiana farmers sale crops.³ The top crops grown are grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas.³

97
PERCENT

Ninety-seven percent of Black Indiana farms are family farms.³



CATTLE

Black Indiana farmers' livestock inventory consists mainly of cattle and calves.³

11 PERCENT

Eleven percent of Black Indiana farmers sell directly to their consumers.³



Section 2: Preparing the Future!



Cultivating The Future

“Through urban farming, environmental preservation, and other programs, we are encouraging today’s youth to embrace the virtues of community service.” - FHC

Ms. Ivey and FHC participants smiling in the lab



Ms. Ivey teaching a student about gardening



- ★ The Felege Hiywot Center is a youth-based program that teaches Indianapolis children the heart of urban farming. The youth that participate in the Youth Farm Initiative program accumulate life skills while making an enormous impact daily within their communities.

The Youth Farm Initiative

- ★ This program services high school students in the Indianapolis area teaching them the necessary skills about agriculture. Students that participate in this program will engage in STEM learning, explore agriculture job opportunities, learn more about sustainable practices, and produce their own foods.

Nakiea & Duane preparing vegetables in the kitchen



Ms. Jimie and Mrs. Ivey smiling with the FHC students



How to get Involved?

★ Go on the website: <https://fhcenter.org/>

Or contact the center directly:

(317) 545-2245

On the website follow the “Get Involved” section to learn more about how you can get involved and access to the application

 <https://www.facebook.com/fhcindy>

 <https://twitter.com/fhcenter>

 <https://www.pinterest.com/fhcenter/>

 <https://www.youtube.com/user/fhcenter>

 <https://www.linkedin.com/in/aster-bekele-82479611/>

 <https://www.instagram.com/FHCgarden/>



Section 3: Future Boilermaker!



The Good Habit Challenge: Creating a good habit!

Are you interested in going to Purdue University when you grow up? Did you know you can take simple steps now to become a Boilermaker? All you need to do now is to be sure you practice good habits!

Do you know what a habit is?

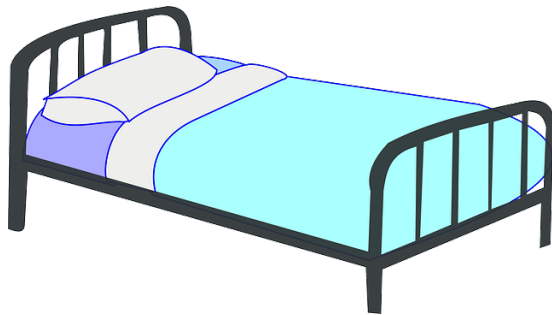
A habit is a behavior that an individual repeats daily.

Can you write a bad habit that you may have?

How can you change your bad habit into a good habit?

The Good Habit Challenge: Can you do all 5 everyday?

Set a bedtime!



Do your homework!



Eat your vegetables!



Do your chores!



Read a book!





Section 4: Felege Hiywot Activities!



Can you draw yourself in the garden?



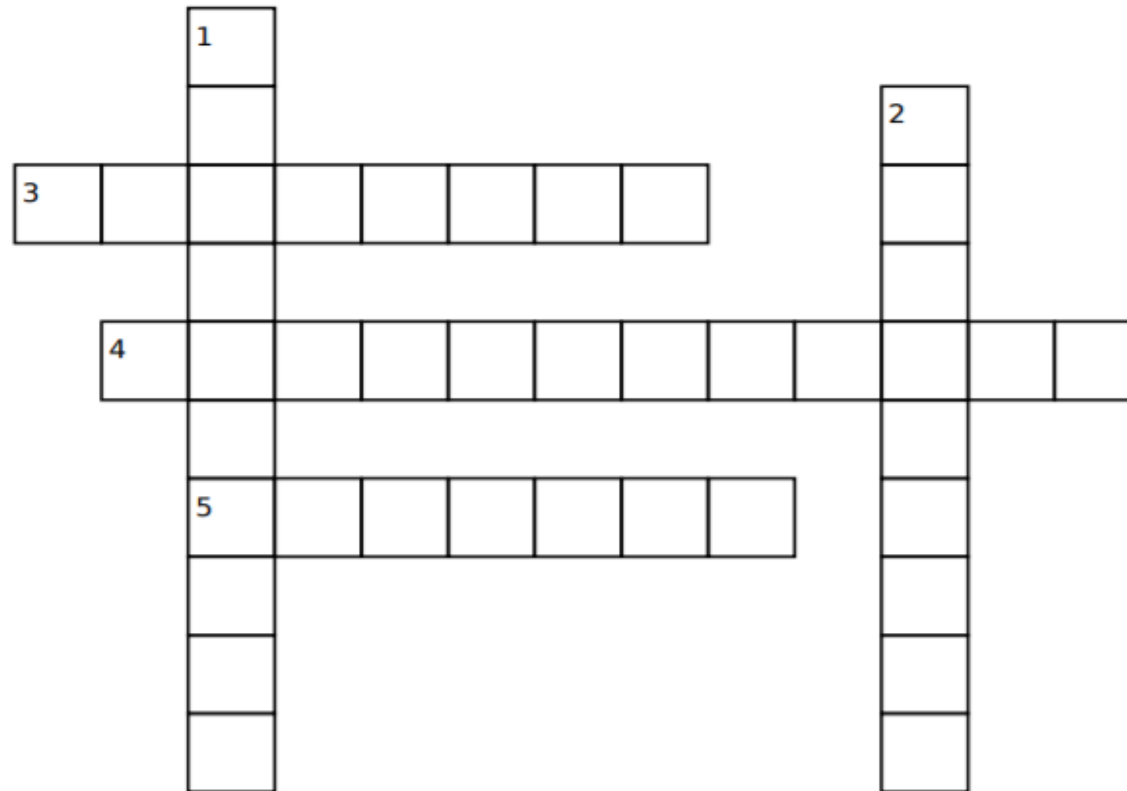
Plan your own garden!



Felege Hiywot Center Coloring Sheet



Felege Hiywot Center Crossword



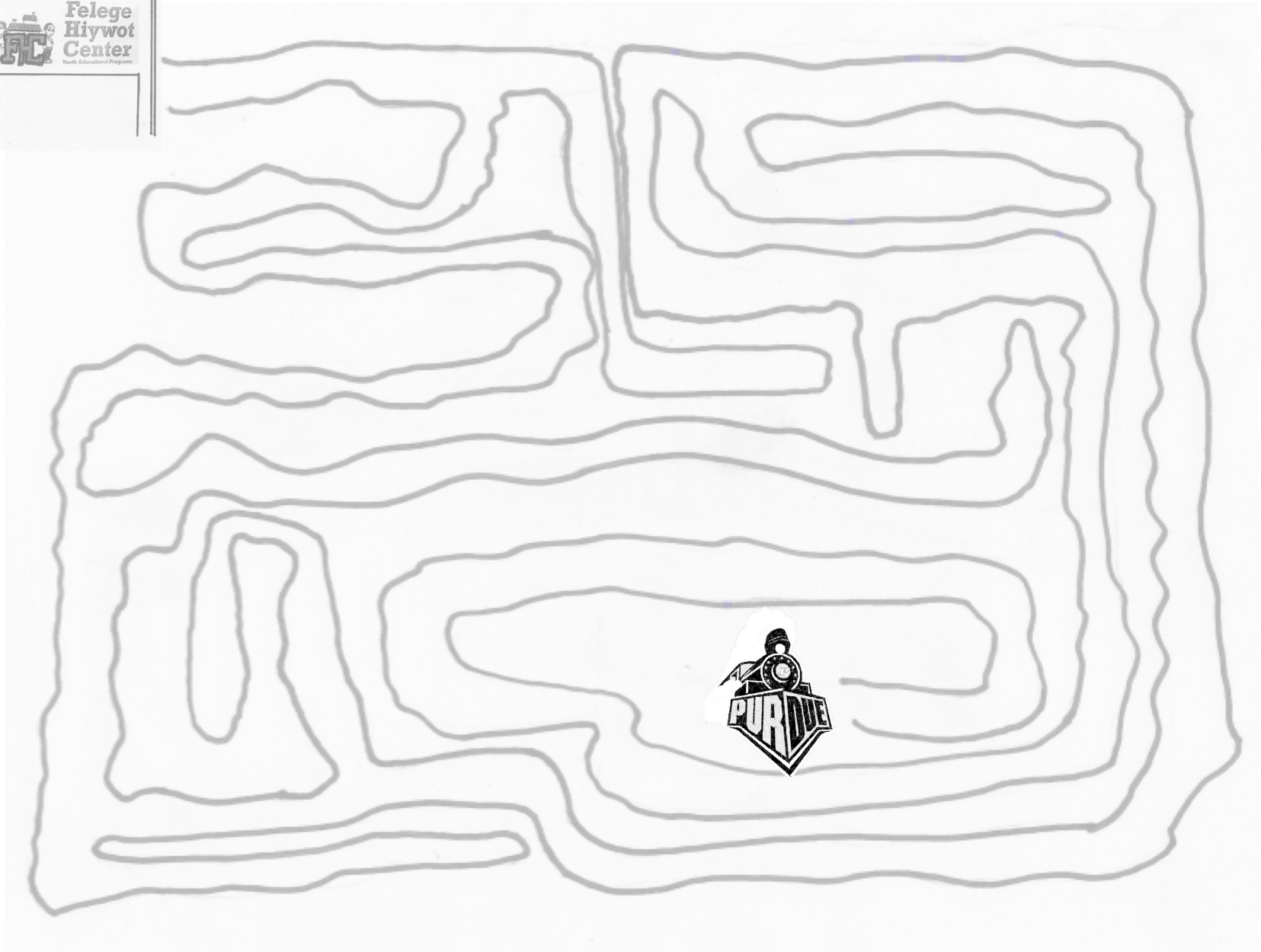
Down:

1. a leader must display this quality
2. a skill gained through learning

Across:

3. working together with others
4. "Looking for direction in life."
5. an action of helping others

Can you find your way to Purdue University?



Endnotes

1. USDA, http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/AgCensusImages/1920/Farm_Statistics_By_Color_and_Tenure.pdf
2. USDA, https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights/2019/2017Census_Black_Producers.pdf
3. USDA, https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/Online_Resources/Race,_Ethnicity_and_Gender_Profiles/Indiana/cpd18000.pdf

Felege Hiywot Center Crossword Key

1. Leadership
2. Knowledge
3. Teamwork
4. FelegeHiywot
5. Service



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