

# Research & Innovation Hub

## West Lafayette + NW Indianapolis

- USDA locates **ARS** and **NASS** at Purdue West Lafayette campus.
- USDA locates **FPAC** and **Rural Development** staff in the NW Indianapolis corridor, co-located with a partner or in nearby leased space.
- **APHIS** could be located in either Node 1 or Node 2 of this hub.
- ~60-minute drive between W. Lafayette and NW Indy locations

### NODE 1 · West Lafayette

*ARS, NASS and APHIS at Purdue's West Lafayette campus.*

**Purdue University** – USDA’s Land Grant University Partner  
 Research faculty, extension, and field science infrastructure – natural home and extension for NASS and ARS

### NODE 2 · NW Indianapolis (presence opportunity)

*FPAC. APHIS and Rural Development co-located or at an independent facility nearby in the corridor*

**Corteva HQ** Private sector ag innovation – immediate neighbor

**FFA National HQ** Direct connection to America’s ag talent pipeline – neighbor

**Academic Partner – Satellite Office** University presence anchoring this NW Indy cluster – neighbor

**Commodity Groups** Farm check-off organizations (Beef, Pork, Dairy, Soybeans, Corn) – neighbor

***Why this works for USDA:** NASS and ARS functions at Purdue main campus gain direct access to one of the country's premier ag research universities. The NW Indianapolis corridor — FFA, Corteva, and an academic partner as immediate neighbors — offers a complementary presence roughly 60 minutes away and near desirable Indy suburbs. Few states can offer this kind of two-node configuration.*