

**Indiana Vegetable Growers Association
Annual Report
November 30, 2014**

Membership. IVGA had 104 regular and 5 corporate paid members in 2014, down about 9% from last year.

Web Site. The website remains at ivga.org.

Gifts and Grants.

IVGA issued a call for proposals in late 2013, received three proposals, and voted to fund two with gifts of \$1,000 each:

- “Prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* naturally present on commercial cantaloupe seeds”, Dr. Amanda Deering, Food Science, Purdue, with Dr. Haley Oliver, Food Science and Dr. Robert Pruitt, Botany and Plant Pathology.
- “Neonicotinoid impact on honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) in cantaloupe production”, Kira Nixon, Entomology, Purdue, with Dr. Rick Foster.

Indiana Horticultural Congress. IVGA co-sponsored the 2014 Indiana Horticultural Congress with Purdue University and other producer organizations.

Directories. A membership directory and a directory of wholesale vegetable producers were compiled in January 2014 and mailed to members. The directory of wholesale producers was also posted on the web site.

Letters of Support.

IVGA wrote a letter to support the grant application for the project “Food Safety Education and Audits for Indiana Fruit and Vegetable Growers” that was submitted by Purdue University and the Illiana Watermelon Association to the USDA/ISDA Specialty Crop Block Grants Program. The project has been funded for \$121,171.