

# FARMERS ALLIANCE NETWORK

Supporting Central Indiana Rural Families in New Income Opportunities

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### Shrimp and Trout Farmers Alliance Formed in South Central Indiana 2006 Shrimp Launch Planned for June 4 in Morgan County

The Farmers Alliance Network (FAN) announces the formation of the Shrimp and Trout Farmers Alliance for South Central Indiana (SAT Alliance).

“This new alliance is an outcome of several shrimp and trout farmers already working together and the understanding that they can strengthen their individual purchasing, marketing and information powers by formalizing their relationship into the SAT Alliance” states Jim Roudebush, Director of the Farmers Alliance Network (FAN) here in Central Indiana.

The president of the newly established not-for-profit SAT Alliance is Tim Connor of Monrovia, Indiana. Tim and his wife Julie own and operate the Connor Shrimp Farm. The SAT Alliance will hold their meetings in Morgan County but will work with all interested fresh water pond farmers in Central and Southern Indiana counties.

According to Connor, “There is so much opportunity in shrimp and trout farming here in Central and Southern Indiana and the SAT Alliance will help many Fresh Water Pond farmers reduce costs, improve marketing and better understand key shrimp and trout farming principles.”

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It was also announced this week that the 2006 Shrimp Launch will be conducted on Sunday June 4 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Connor Shrimp Farm in Monrovia, Indiana. Approximately 10,000 juvenile shrimp about the size of the “tip of the thumb” will be placed in the Connor’s fresh water pond that day. The shrimp are fed twice a day and when harvested in early fall, they will have grown to “about the size of a small hand.” The public is invited to the launch.

The Connor Shrimp Farm is located at 6349 N. Baltimore Road, Monrovia Indiana, 46157. For more detailed directions use Mapquest or find SR 142 in Morgan County and go north on Baltimore Road near Wilbur, IN.

To learn more about or join the Shrimp and Trout Farmers Alliance of South Central Indiana contact Tim Connor at [satalliance@aol.com](mailto:satalliance@aol.com) or 765-349-1427.

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