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DATE: May 11, 2009
TO: Agriculture Commission
FROM: Don Koivisto, Director
 Michigan Department of Agriculture
SUBJECT: Plant Pest Inspection Fees

We are directed by Act 189, P.A. of 1931, Insect Pests and Plant Disease to annually review our plant pest program costs. Fees for this program area are approved by the Agriculture Commission. Based on a review by the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, I am recommending the following adjustments to inspection fees for 2009:

<u>Inspection Type</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Nursery Inspection – 1 st Acre	\$45	\$50
Nursery Inspection – Additional Acre	\$22	\$30
Hourly Inspections	\$45	\$55

These inspection fees were last adjusted in April 2007. Our average hourly inspection costs are approximately \$85.00. These fees do not cover the total cost of inspection; however, based on the current challenges of the industry I believe they represent a reasonable rate adjustment.

We have met with nursery industry representatives to discuss these fees. The industry understands the need for the increase due to reductions in general fund and do not oppose these proposed rates.

I look forward to your consideration and potential approval of these fees at our meeting on July 21.