

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPEDITIOUS PASSAGE OF THE
FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT “FARM BILL”**

WHEREAS, as stated by Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank D. Lucas, “Reauthorizing the Farm Bill affects every American; ensuring that our farmers and ranchers have the tools they need to produce an abundant and affordable food and fiber supply is as important to our country as national defense;” and,

WHEREAS, the Farm Bill provides farmers with risk management tools without direct crop subsidies; and,

WHEREAS, the Farm Bill maintains critical funding for Specialty Crops, the Market Access Program (MAP), and Value Added Producer Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Farm Bill supports conservation programming at a lower spending level through consolidation and improved efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, passage of the Farm Bill this fiscal year is essential to providing aid to farmers suffering from disastrous weather events; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development encourages expeditious passage of the new Farm Bill; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development transmits copies of this resolution to the Michigan Congressional Delegation.



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East Lansing, Michigan

Velmar Green, Chair
Michigan Commission of Agriculture
and Rural Development