

# MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Center, Meeting Room 203  
333 E. Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

**JANUARY 16, 2013**

TENTATIVE AGENDA – Revised 1/7/13

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order, Welcome New Commissioner, and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** (action item)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the December 12, 2012, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- Wed., February 13, GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Election of New Officers** (action item)
- 9:10 a.m. 6. **Commissioner Comments and Travel** (action item)
- 9:25 a.m. 7. **Director's Report**
8. **Director's Travel** (action item)
- NASDA Conference in Reston, Virginia, February 4-7
- 9:40 a.m. 9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**  
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- 9:50 a.m. 10. **Agriculture Census Update:** Jay Johnson, Director, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service – Michigan Field Office (information only)
- 10:10 a.m. 11. **ThumbWorks! Workforce Development:** Marvin N. Pichla, PhD, Executive Director, ThumbWorks! (information only)
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:35 a.m. 12. **Bovine Tuberculosis Spatial Model:** Dr. Dan O'Brien, Veterinary Specialist, Wildlife Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and James Averill, Director, Animal Industry Division (information only)

- 10:55 a.m. 13. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:10 a.m. 14. **Commission Policy Manual:** Brad Deacon, Emergency Management/Administrative Law Coordinator (action item)
- 11:20 a.m. 15. **Commission Focus Areas:** Director Clover Adams (discussion only)
- 11:40 a.m. 16. **Commissioner Issues**
- 11:50 a.m. 17. **Public Comment**  
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- 12:05 p.m. 18. **Adjourn**