

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Geagley Laboratory, Gordon Guyer Room
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JULY 22, 2014 TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** (action item)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the May 28, 2014, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- September 17, Constitution Hall, Lansing
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel** (action item)
- 9:15 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
7. **Director's Travel** (action item)
- South Korea Trade Mission August 23-29
 - NASDA Annual Meeting September 10-14 in Vermont
 - Tri-National Accord October 7-9 in Chicago
- 9:25 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
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- 9:35 a.m. 9. **Gene Thompson Scholarship Awards:** Jeff Haarer, Producer Security and Agriculture Products Manager, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (information only)
- 9:45 a.m. **Break for Scholarship Awardee Photo Shoot**
- 9:50 a.m. 10. **Budget Update:** Maria Tyszkiewicz, Budget Officer (information only)
- 9:55 a.m. 11. **Farmland Preservation Permanent Agricultural Conservation Easement Request for Acreage Removal:** Rich Harlow and Elizabeth Juras, Farmland Preservation Program, Environmental Stewardship Division (action item)

- 10:05 a.m. 12. **Agriculture Labor Workforce Coalition Update:** Mike DiBernardo, Economic Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information and discussion)
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40 a.m. 13. **Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv) Update:** James Averill, State Veterinarian and Division Director, and Nancy Barr, Poultry/Swine/Aquaculture Program Manager, Animal Industry Division (information only)
- 11:00 a.m. 14. **Food Processing Generally Accepted Processing Practices (GAPPs) Introduction:** Jim Johnson, Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division; and Chris Peterson, Professor, Nowlin Chair of Consumer-Responsive Agriculture, and Director, MSU Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources (information only)
- 11:30 a.m. 15. **Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Standards Introduction of Proposed Revisions:** Jim Johnson, Director, and Jan Wilford, MAEAP Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 11:55 a.m. 16. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 12:05 p.m. 17. **Commissioner Issues** (action item)
- Retirement Resolution – Thomas Amross
 - Policy Focus Topic for September
- 12:15 p.m. 18. **Public Comment**
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- 12:30 p.m. 19. **Adjourn** (action item)