

# MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Constitution Hall – Atrium Level  
Con-Con Conference Room  
525 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan

**NOVEMBER 18, 2015**  
TENTATIVE AGENDA – Revised Nov. 10, 2015

- 9:00 a.m.     1.     **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2.     **Approval of Agenda (action item)**
3.     **Approval of Minutes** from the September 9, 2015, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (**action item**)
4.     **Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule (action item)**
- 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)**
- January 30-February 3 for NASDA Winter Policy Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- 9:25 a.m.     8.     **Public Comment on Agenda Items**  
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- 9:40 a.m.     9.     **Conservation Species Advisory Panel:** Gina Alessandri, Division Director, and Mike Philip, Pest Survey Program Specialist, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (**action item**)
- 9:45 a.m.     10.    **Industry Perspective on Wild Foraged Mushroom Certification:** Chris Wright, Midwest American Mycological Information (information only)
- 10:05 a.m.    11.    **Industry Perspective on Specialized Meat Processing Variance:** Ben DeMots, Vice President, Bob Culler, Director of Regulatory Affairs, and Scott Filbrandt, Board Member and Michigan Meat Processor, Michigan Meat Association (information only)

- 10:25 a.m. 12. **Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices Process and Review of Proposed Changes:** Jim Johnson, Director, and Wayne Whitman, Right to Farm Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division; and Brad Deacon, Director of Office of Legal Affairs (information only)
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:55 a.m. 13. **Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council Update:** Linda Jones, Grape and Wine Program Manager (information only)
- 11:15 a.m. 14. **Department Scorecard Update** – Ken McFarlane, Director of Strategy and Business Performance (information only)
- 11:30 a.m. 15. **Budget Update:** Maria Tyszkiewicz, Budget Officer (information only)
- 11:50 a.m. 16. **Legislative Update:** Matt Blakely, Director, Policy Development and Legislative Affairs (information only)
- 12:00 p.m. 17. **Commissioner Issues**
- Retirement Resolution for Michael Juhasz (**action item**)
- 12:10 p.m. 18. **Public Comment**  
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- 12:25 p.m. 19. **Adjourn (action item)**