

# MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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

**NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

TENTATIVE AGENDA – Revised October 31, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** (action item)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the September 18, 2013, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- December 13, 2013, Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center, Traverse City
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel** (action item)
- 9:15 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
7. **Director's Travel** – no new out of state travel planned
- 9:25 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**  
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- 9:35 a.m. 9. **Proposed 2014 Meeting Schedule** (action item)
- 9:45 a.m. 10. **Budget Update:** Maria Tyszkiewicz, Budget Officer (information only)
- 10:00 a.m. 11. **Michigan Fiber Industry Coalition:** Sheila Miller, Ad Hoc President, Michigan Fiber Industry Coalition; and Tamara Miller, President, MI-Alpaca (information only)
- 10:20 a.m. 12. **Specialty Crop Block Grants Update:** Nancy Nyquist, Market Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information only)
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:40 a.m. 13. **Nursery Inspection Fees:** Jeffrey Zimmer, Deputy Division Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (action item)

- 10:55 a.m. 14. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:05 a.m. 15. **Commissioner Issues** (action item)
- EPA Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to Michigan Wetlands Program
  - Retirement Resolution for Gerald M. Wirth
- 11:20 a.m. 16. **Public Comment**  
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- 11:45 a.m. 17. **Adjourn**