

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center
Jordan Tatter Conference Center
1791 Hillandale Road
Benton Harbor, Michigan

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013
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 August 14, 2013, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- November 6, 2013, Location: TBD
- 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)
- Tri-National Agriculture Accord, Saskatoon, Canada, Sept. 22-25
- 9:25 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
In accordance with the Public Appearance Guidelines in the Commission Policy Manual, individuals wishing to address the Commission will be allowed up to three minutes for their presentation. Documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The public comment time provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment.
- 9:35 a.m. 9. **Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Standards Proposed Revisions:** Scott Piggott, Chief Operating Officer, Michigan Farm Bureau (action item)
- 10:00 a.m. 10. **Southwest Michigan Water Resources Council and State of Michigan Water Strategy Updates:** Ben Russell, Co-Chairperson, Southwest Michigan Water Resources Council, and Member, Water Use Advisory Council, and Owner, Russell Farms; and Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:25 a.m. **Break**

- 10:30 a.m. 11. **Michigan AgBusiness Resources Packet:** Linda Jones, Grape and Wine Program Manager, Agriculture Development Office (information only)
- 10:40 a.m. 12. **Support for Ag and Culinary Tourism by the State of Michigan and Partners:** Linda Jones, Grape and Wine Program Manager, Agriculture Development Office (information only)
- 10:55 a.m. 13. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:05 a.m. 14. **Commissioner Issues**
- 11:15 a.m. 15. **Public Comment**
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- 11:30 a.m. 16. **Adjourn**