Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act

Negotiation Schedule for 2014 Processing Asparagus

Commodity		Action Required	Date
Processing Asparagus	Marketing Period		April 15, 2014 – July 7, 2014
	60 days prior to the beginning of the marketing period	Negotiations begin around this date. Assn. annual report due, including handlers with whom they'll negotiate	February 14, 2014 (Friday)
	30 days prior to the beginning of the marketing period	**Last day to opt out of bargaining**	**March 16, 2014** (Sunday) – **Opt out letter should be to AMBB no later than close of business on Monday, March 17, 2014**
	First day of the marketing period	Arbitration timetable begins	**April 15, 2014** (Tuesday) is the deadline for conclusion of negotiations. Contact AMBB at 8:00 a.m. April 15, 2014, if no settlement exists
	Thirteenth day of marketing period	Last day to submit name of joint settlement committee person to AMBB administrative staff	**April 27, 2014** (Sunday) – Contact AMBB no later than close of business on Monday, April 28, 2013
	Fifteenth day of marketing period	Date that agreement on joint settlement person must be made	**April 29, 2014** (Tuesday) – Contact AMBB at 8:00 a.m. April 29, 2014 to arrange for selection of Joint Settlement Chairperson
	Thirtieth day of marketing period	Arbitration hearing should convene prior to this date.	**May 14, 2014** (Wednesday)
	Thirty days following the beginning of the marketing period	Date that negotiated settlements are due to the AMBB administrative staff	**May 15, 2014** (Thursday) – Submit to AMBB no later than close of business on May 15, 2014
	Twenty days following arbitration hearing completion	Joint Settlement Committee's award should be submitted to AMBB administrative staff.	Date to be determined
	Thirty days following the award of the joint settlement committee	Signed award is due to the AMBB administrative staff	Date to be determined