

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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JULY 21, 2021 TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- **Introduction of New Commissioner**
2. **Approval of Agenda (action item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the May 12, 2021, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (**action item**)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- September 15, 2021
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item)**
- 9:20 a.m. 6. **Commissioner Issues**
- 9:25 a.m. 7. **Director's Report**
- 9:40 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 must complete a Public Appearance Card and 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.
- 9:50 a.m. 9. **Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Standards – Introduction of 2022 Standards:** Jim Johnson, Division Director and Joe Kelpinski, MAEAP Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:05 a.m. 10. **Generally Accepted Processing Practices (GAPPs) – Introduction of Proposed Revisions:** Jim Johnson, Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)

- 10:20 a.m. 11. **Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Requests:** Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Division Director, Agriculture Development Division (**action item**)
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:55 a.m. 12. **Budget Update:** Sylvia Renteria, Director of Finance and Budget (information only)
- 11:15 a.m. 13. **Legislative Update:** Ashley Steffen, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:20 a.m. 14. **Public Comment**
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- 11:30 a.m. 15. **Adjourn (action item)**

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Meeting Held via Remote Technology

MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2021

PRESENT:

Dru Montri, Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Charlie Meintz, Vice Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Tim Boring, Secretary, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Patricia Bergdahl, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Gary McDowell, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Montri called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2021, noting today's meeting is being conducted electronically to protect the health of Commission members, staff, and the public due to the Coronavirus by limiting the number of people at public gatherings.

Commissioner Boring called the roll with the following Commissioners present: Commissioner Bergdahl in Skandia, Michigan; Commissioner Boring in Stockbridge, Michigan; Commissioner Meintz in Stephenson, Michigan; and Commissioner Montri in Bath, Michigan. Director McDowell, in Rudyard, Michigan, was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 12, 2021. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGD AHL. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2021, MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is July 21, 2021. Commissioner Montri noted a face-to-face socially distanced meeting and outdoor tour for the Commissioners are being planned.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners shared information relative to their farm operations and agriculture in their respective areas. Concerns were expressed around the escalated lack of available labor, increased cost of inputs due to high corn and soybean prices, dry weather conditions in the Lower Peninsula, continuing supply chain issues, lack of access to broadband in rural communities, and increased volatility for Michigan's 2021 agriculture season. Commissioner Montri expressed appreciation for the Implicit Bias Training being made available to the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES

Commissioner Montrí introduced resolutions honoring Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) retirees Vijaya Pandit, a 25-year employee with the State of Michigan (SOM), David Pasutti, a 23-year SOM employee, and Vicki Chickering, a 30-year SOM employee. She acknowledged their tremendous contributions to the department.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED THE RESOLUTIONS HONORING VIJAYA PANDIT, DAVID PASUTTI, AND VICKI CHICKERING BE ADOPTED WITH BEST WISHES FOR THEIR LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. COMMISSIONER MEINTZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director McDowell announced Ashley Steffen began April 5 as the department's new Legislative Liaison and shared details around her background. Ms. Steffen will join the meeting later today.

The Director shared details relative to the Michigan Propane Commission, UK Consul General and commodity organizations meeting, Governor Whitmer's recent meeting with farmers, Regional Conservation Partnership Program grants, and Making it in Michigan Agriculture Summit. He also provided a SOM return to work update.

Commissioner Montrí noted she hopes efforts are ongoing to replace the Commission's fifth member. The Director acknowledged that need.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There was no public comment relative to agenda items.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND REQUEST: Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Division Director, Agriculture Development Division

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised four projects are being presented for Commission approval today. The first project today is Carbon Green BioEnergy LLC, which is looking to diversify their production due to growing demand. She introduced company official Gabe Corey, who shared details of the \$5,265,000 project, including its impact on Michigan agriculture. He also answered several questions from the Commissioners, including how they will continue to be a large volume processor of Michigan corn. Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD staff recommend the Commission approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of \$85,000 for Carbon Green BioEnergy LLC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT OF \$85,000 FOR THE CARBON GREEN BIOENERGY LLC PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers noted the second project today is Cultured Ferments Company LLC, which is purchasing equipment for a new product line to meet customer demand. She introduced company official Cortney Lorenz, who shared details of the \$110,061 project, including impact on agriculture in Michigan. She also answered questions from the Commissioners, including review of their current and potential future markets. Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD staff recommend the Commission approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of \$10,000 for Cultured Ferments Company LLC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BORING MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT OF \$10,000 FOR THE CULTURED FERMENTS COMPANY LLC PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEINTZ. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised the third project is Coulter Farm Properties LLC, which is building controlled atmosphere rooms for apple and asparagus storage, as well as space for multiple commodity packing and storage. She introduced company official, Caleb Coulter, who shared details of the \$4,580,000 project, including its impact on Michigan's agriculture industry. He also answered questions from the Commissioners, including how it will help reduce food waste. Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD staff recommend the Commission approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of \$75,000 for Coulter Farm Properties LLC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT OF \$75,000 FOR THE COULTER FARM PROPERTIES LLC PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEINTZ. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

The final project today is Ackroyd's Scottish Bakery, which is relocating into a larger facility and expanding their production to meet product demand. She introduced their president, Megan Ackroyd, who shared details around the \$1,200,000 project, including its impact on agriculture in Michigan. She also answered questions from the Commissioners, including details of their diversity efforts. Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD staff recommend the Commission approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Program performance-based grant of \$50,000 for Ackroyd's Scottish Bakery.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT OF \$50,000 FOR THE ACKROYD'S SCOTTISH BAKERY PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised July will be the last month to bring projects forward for the current fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE: Sylvia Renteria, Director of Finance and Budget

Ms. Renteria discussed details around development of the FY (fiscal year) 2022 budget, noting differences between the Executive and House and Senate Subcommittee recommendations. Major discrepancies include the House version recommending only quarterly allotments of the department's budget, and the Senate greatly reducing FTEs. Both subcommittee versions contain deviations for MDARD from the Executive recommended budget.

Next steps include the May 21 Revenue Estimating Conference, general fund target establishment by both chambers, and the Conference Committee hearing to resolve differences in the budget recommendations. She also reviewed several current pending FY 2021 supplemental and transfer requests. The department will continue to work with the Legislature and the Administration to develop a fiscally responsible budget for the department.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE: Poppy Sias Hernandez, Equity and Inclusion Officer, State of Michigan – Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Ms. Hernandez provided an overview of the State of Michigan Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative. This collaborative structure is focusing on how to improve DEI efforts statewide. Various components around this year's strategic plan were reviewed, the overall goal of which is to operationalize equity and inclusion across the state. Through training, coaching, and mentoring, leadership within all departments will be developed to improve impact of DEI efforts. Initiative updates will be provided each quarter and MDARD's Equity and Inclusion Officer (EIO) will share those with the Commissioners.

In response to Commissioners' questions, Ms. Hernandez clarified strategies around hard to reach populations and appointment of EIOs within state departments. Commissioner Montri noted the various questions demonstrate why this is a priority across the state, and thanked MDARD EIO Ashley Batteen and all department staff who engage in DEI efforts. She invited Mss. Hernandez and Batteen to review the Commission Policy Manual to assist in building DEI context into those policies.

The Director thanked Ms. Hernandez for her efforts in assisting the department in ensuring a clear, consistent message to its employees. He reinforced that this was a bedrock issue for the department.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY UPDATE: Rob Miller, Invasive Species Prevention and Response Specialist, and Robin Rosenbaum, Plant Health Section Manager, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division

Ms. Rosenbaum reported spotted lanternfly is likely to be the next invasive pest to arrive in Michigan. Mr. Miller reviewed specifics of the potentially significant threat from the spotted lanternfly and its impacts to agriculture and the public. Because the pest is difficult to eradicate, particularly in vineyards, it could have a significant impact on the state's grape industry. Spotted lanternfly can inadvertently be moved long distances on goods or conveyances and there is no way to prevent arrival of the pest in Michigan. He also shared details of MDARD's preparation through the inter-agency Michigan Spotted Lanternfly Readiness Team established in December 2019. Early detection and

response will be critical in managing the pest. MDARD and its partners will strive to eradicate initial introductions of the species through extensive delimitation survey, targeted broadcast application of insecticide, and creation of trap trees.

In response to questions from Commissioners, Mr. Miller advised the pest lays egg masses on most anything and may have arrived in the United States on shipments of stone from Asia. Thus far, grape is the only crop in which significant damage has been recorded; however, its unknown how spotted lanternfly will impact Michigan's specialty crops. The Commission requested future updates be shared with them as the situation progresses.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ashley Steffen, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Steffen referred to the MDARD Legislative Update provided to the Commissioners and reviewed activities and current status around bills of interest to the department. She noted specifics of bills related to horse racing, industrial hemp, food licensing and registration fees, federal Restaurant Revitalization Fund, timelines for reporting of deaths and serious injuries on family farms, and allowing commodity group meetings to be held remotely. MDARD has been very busy working with the legislators and other affected agencies involved in the various bills introduced.

In response to question from Commissioner Meintz, Ms. Steffen advised the bills specific to horse racing are an attempt to revive the industry in Michigan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment on non-agenda items was requested.

ADJOURN

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Attachments:

- A) *Agenda*
- B) *Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes March 10, 2021*
- C) *Retirement Resolutions for Vijaya Pandit, David Pasutti, and Vicki Chickering*
- D) *Director's Update March 10, 2021*
- E) *Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Projects*
- F) *Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Update*
- G) *Spotted Lanternfly Presentation*
- H) *MDARD Legislative Summary*

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
July 21, 2021 - Ag Commission Meeting

Welcome New Commissioner

I'm pleased to welcome Andy Chae who was recently appointed by Governor Whitmer as our newest Ag Commissioner. Andy is the owner of Fisheye Farms in Detroit where they produce diverse specialty crops such as melscun mixes, eggplant, cabbage and tomatoes. These products are then sold to multiple farmers markets, restaurants, and CSA programs. Welcome Andy!

Senator Tom Casperson Dedication Ceremony

On June 4, Director McDowell had the pleasure of joining family, friends, and local leaders in a dedication ceremony naming the Escanaba River Bridge after Senator Tom Casperson. It was a great turnout and a wonderful tribute for a man who cared deeply about Michigan agriculture and natural resources.

MASDA Meeting

On June 22-23, Director McDowell virtually participated in MASDA's summer meeting which was held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Topics of discussion included workforce and housing shortages, meat processing, weather related concerns, water quality funding, and food security. Attendees expressed appreciation for MDARD hosting monthly Midwest Ag Director meetings.

Neil Jones (Laboratory Division)

Last month, Neil Jones from our Laboratory Division reached a milestone in his career -- 50 years with the department! Congratulations Neil and the outstanding work he does every day.

Josh Neyhart Departure

Josh's last day with MDARD was June 25. He decided to pursue opportunities back home in Pennsylvania. The department is in the process of reviewing the Environmental Policy position and its duties. Posting should be done soon.

MDARD's 100th Anniversary

The law creating the Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.A. 13 of 1921, took effect on July 1, 1921. Beginning July 1, 2021, MDARD launched a year-long celebration of the department, its employees and programs, and Michigan's food and agriculture industry. Many activities are being planned including commemorative events, social media features, podcasts and more, and will continue through June 30, 2022. We've also created a special [100th Anniversary logo](#) that will be used by staff and on social platforms.

Governor Whitmer also signed a proclamation declaring the next 12 months as the "100th Anniversary Celebration of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development." Happy Anniversary to us!

Peterson Research Station

The grand opening celebration and tour of the Peterson Research Station will be held on August 5 in Hart. This facility has been in the making for a few years and will be a welcomed opportunity for our food and ag processing on the west side of the state. I'm looking forward to touring this state-of-the-art facility.

Return to Work Update

In mid-June, MIOSHA issued the latest workplace guidelines. While MDARD had anticipated phasing staff back into the office on July 12, there are still many unknowns regarding our office work spaces that need to be resolved in conjunction with DTMB. To that extent, we will continue to have staff work remote until Tuesday, September 7. In the interim, we will use this time to better understand workplace requirements and prepare for a safe return.

MAEAP Reauthorization

Discussions continue to occur with staff, stakeholders, legislators, and the Governor's Office on improvements to the MAEAP program. Reauthorization is critical to ensure our efforts on water quality and monitoring are realized.

Migrant Worker Rule Update

Thanks to the successful and ongoing efforts to reduce COVID cases, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services rescinded the testing order for food and ag workers on July 1, thereby lessening the regulatory burden on our food producers and processors.

The Emergency Migrant Labor Housing Rules issued by MDARD remain in effect for the duration of the six-month term from date of issuance, expiring later this fall. These Migrant Housing Emergency Rules, in conjunction with MIOSHA's workplace emergency rules, help safeguard the health of this vital workforce. Keeping the established response plan requirements for this growing season provides our growers and processors guidance should a positive employee be identified.

MDARD and MDHHS continue to strongly encourage and advocate for our food and ag workforce to get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. It is readily available across the state.

Recruitment, Professional Development, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer

Ashley Batteen has been selected as MDARD's Recruitment, Professional Development, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer. Ashley had been working in an unclassified role as the department's Recruitment & Professional Development Specialist for the past 18 months, and more recently as the Equity & Inclusion Officer. Through this effort she demonstrated that our department needs these three roles on a permanent basis. This is a big step for the future of MDARD. It also demonstrates MDARD's long term commitment to recruitment, professional development, and DEI. There have been many notable retirements and departures recently making this position even more key.

MDARD response to flooding (week of June 21 and 28)

Climate change is leading to more and more severe weather events, which makes things harder for agriculture and our farmers. Michigan fruit, as well as our asparagus crop, have had a few rough years with frigid temperatures, spring frosts, historic rainfalls, recent tornadoes, devastating flooding, and other weather events.

In late June, Michigan experienced significant rainfall/flash floods in certain parts of the state; resulting in Governor Whitmer declaring a state of emergency in Wayne County due to severe flooding. On July 1, the Governor sent a letter to USDA Secretary Vilsack urging him to expedite Michigan's disaster declaration request process. While final evaluation on possible damage in different areas of the state won't be known until farmers are done with harvest, this letter is an important first step in getting the process started.

A USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation makes farm operators eligible to be considered for certain types of federal assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including emergency loans and the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+). Producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA-FSA office for additional information.

Office of Rural Development Update

The FY22 budget as passed by the House on June 24 did not include the Office of Rural Development. As for next steps, there still needs to be consensus with the Senate. MDARD continues to advocate for position.

Horse Racing Advisory Commission

The first organizational meeting of the Horse Racing Advisory Commission was held on June 30. The group will meet again on August 24. Joseph Rivet will be coordinating MDARD's efforts on this front.



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GARY MCDOWELL
DIRECTOR

DATE: July 21, 2021

TO: Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

FROM: Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Director, Agriculture Development Division

SUBJECT: EDSPROP LLC (Great Lakes Potato Chips) – Food and Agriculture Investment Program

Background

Father and son duo, Ed and Chris Girrback started making potato chips under the Great Lakes Potato Chips label in 2010. The company has experienced 20 percent year over year growth while sourcing almost 100 percent from Michigan potato growers. Great Lakes Potato Chips was named one of the top 50 Michigan companies to watch in 2014 and was voted the number one Kettle Chip in the country by the Chicago Tribune newspaper in 2015. Their growth protectory continues as they look to construct a new processing facility to meet the demand for their product.

Project Description

An investment of \$2,248,326 to construct a new processing and warehouse facility on three acres in Chums Village Industrial Park will allow the company to continue to service the rapidly growing demand for product both inside and outside of the Great Lakes Region. Five new positions will be created with this project.

Impact on Michigan's Agriculture Industry

The company's growth will greatly increase the need for Michigan grown potatoes and they will have the ability to increase distribution of product from seven to fourteen states in the next five years. Currently, the company is sourcing seven million pounds of Michigan potatoes annually. This expansion will allow capacity to double, with an estimated 10 million pounds of potatoes being made into kettle chips in 2021. Great Lakes Potato Chip's produces a line of kettle cooked potato chips in five packaging sizes (1 oz., 1.5 oz., 8 oz., 16 oz., 22 oz.) They also co-pack for several independent labels. Distribution in the U.S. and Canada through a network of Brokers and Distribution Companies includes Gordon Food Service, U.S. Foods, and Sysco. Major customers include Costco, Sam's Clubs, Meijer, Kroger, Spartan Foods, Jewel Osco, and hundreds of smaller independent grocers and delis.

Additional Impacts

The Traverse City community has a built a strong culture around food and agriculture and this project connects to the high value products the community supports and for which it is recognized. The company will be moving from an old non-energy efficient plant to a new, modern energy efficient facility with the most up-to-date lighting and insulation. The company offers health benefits, including dental, as well as life insurance, profit sharing, and a bonus program. They provide on-the-job training and competency specific training as needed. They develop and

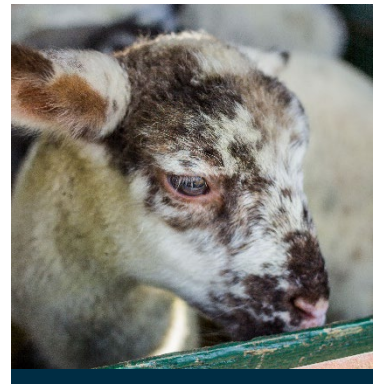
promote from within the company. Additionally, they work with the local MIWorks office to hire workers who are currently unemployed or underemployed whenever possible.

MDARD Staff Recommendation

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development staff recommend the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$80,000 for EDSPROP LLC (Great Lakes Potato Chips).



Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Budget Update



Sylvia Renteria
Director of Finance and Budget

Budget Time Frame



July 1st

October 1st

- Per MCL 18.1365, budgets shall be presented to Governor on or before July 1st
- Fiscal year starts October 1st



FY22 House Budget Status

- House approved omnibus budget bill 4410
- Closely aligns with executive proposal
- Maintains current year staffing levels
- Only deviations are:
 - Office of Rural Development not included
 - Alliance for Animal Agriculture restored to current year level of \$3.0 million
 - Conservation districts allocated \$2.0 million
- Not in alignment with Senate proposal



FY22 Senate Budget Status

- Senate approved department budget bill 77
- Stays with subcommittee recommendations
 - \$122.3 million gross
 - \$64.1 million general fund
 - 446.1 FTEs
- Maintains proposed adjustments of \$6.2 million in additional general fund
- Not in alignment with House proposal



Next Steps

- House was scheduled for sessions on July 14, 15, 21
- Senate was scheduled for sessions on July 15 and 27
- Then, out until mid August
- In meantime, continue supporting department's recommendation



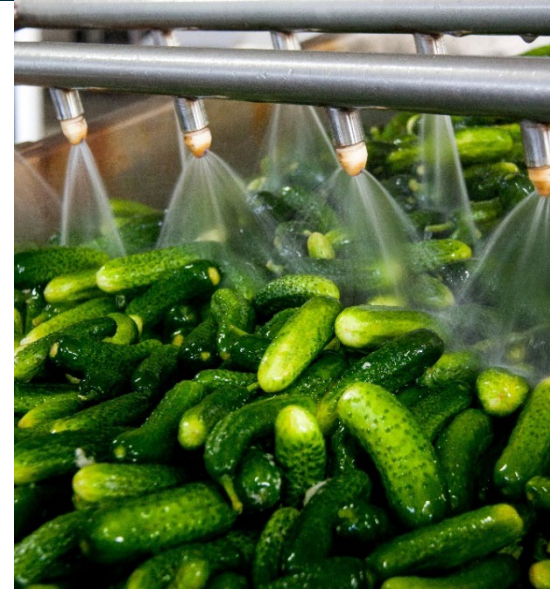
FY21 Supplementals and Transfers

Approved

- Laboratory federal authority increase for \$500,00

Pending

- Office of Rural Development general fund request for \$1.1 million and 1 FTE
- Migrant labor housing general fund request for \$1.0 million and 3 FTE
- Horse Racing Advisory Commission for \$125,000 general fund



Questions?



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MDARD Summary of 2021-2022 Michigan Legislature (Prepared 7/9/2021)

Type	Bill #	Subject	Date of Last Action	Last Action	Primary Sponsor	Position (if applicable)	Notes
House Bill	5250	Food: other; use of PFAS, bisphenols, and phthalates in food packaging; prohibit.	7/1/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Rabhi	Pending	MDARD is lead, other bill is Irwin's which will be EGLE
House Bill	5250	Food: other; use of PFAS, bisphenols, and phthalates in food packaging; prohibit.	7/1/2021	Referred to Committee on Agriculture	Rabhi	Pending	
House Bill	4842	Liquor: spirits; markup on spirits; revise based on distiller's use of Michigan distillate.	6/30/2021	Referred to Reg Reform	Outman	LARA opposed	Passed House on 6/30/21: 90-7-3
House Bill	4603	Civil rights: open meetings; circumstances permitting public meetings of certain public bodies to be held electronically by telephonic or video conferencing; modify.	6/30/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Joe Bellino	Legal took over as lead	Sent to the Governor on 6/30/21 - Passed both House and Senate overwhelmingly
House Bill	5128	Medical marihuana: other; smoking medical marihuana in public places; expand prohibition against to include food service establishments.	6/29/2021	Referred to Reg Reform	Calley	N/A	LARA/MRA is lead
House Bill	5129	Marihuana: other; smoking marihuana in public places; expand prohibition against to include food service establishments.	6/29/2021	Referred to Reg Reform	Calley	N/A	LARA/MRA is lead
House Bill	565	Appropriations: supplemental; drinking water and water infrastructure improvements supplemental; provide for. Creates appropriation act.	6/24/2021	Referred to Appropriations	Bumstead	N/A	Multiple agencies are included in this supplemental which appropriates \$2.5 B Federal relief
House Bill	4801	Public utilities: public service commission; registration procedure for electric vehicle charging stations; provide for.	6/22/2021	Referred to House Energy	Schroeder	No stance in committee/MDARD opposed going forward	Passed out of Energy 11-2-3 as substitute (H-2)

House Bill	4802	Public utilities: public service commission; licensing of electric vehicle charging station operators; provide for.	6/22/2021	Referred to House Energy	Kuppa	No stance in Committee from MPSC	Passed out of Energy 11-2-3 as substitute (H-2)
House Bill	494	Agriculture: other; certain reporting requirements for environmental assurance advisory council and funding and standards for the MAEAP; modify, and eliminate water quality protection fee sunset.	6/17/2021	Referred to Senate Agriculture	Daley	Opposed	Testimony was taken on 6/17/2021
House Bill	4912	Health occupations: veterinarians; veterinarian-client-patient relationship; require and provide for other amendments to the regulation of veterinary medicine.	6/16/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Bezotte	N/A	LARA is lead agency, MDARD is watching, hearing on 6/16 in House Ag
House Bill	4561	Food: licensing; licensing fees for certain food establishments; make refundable.	6/8/2021	Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform	Roth	Opposed	Passed out of Reg Reform 13-0
House Bill	4823	Removes allocation of revenue cap under the lawful internet gaming act to the Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund.	5/27/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Alexander	Unclear of lead agency	Passed House Ag 8-3 on 5/19-on third reading
House Bill	4824	Removes allocation of revenue cap under the lawful sports betting act to the Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund.	5/27/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Hertel	Unclear of lead agency	Passed House Ag 8-3 on 5/19-on third reading
House Bill	4516	Marihuana: liability; sale of marihuana to an individual who is younger than 21 years of age or visibly intoxicated; prohibit, and create cause of action for harm that the individual causes.	5/27/2021	Referred to the Committee on Reg Reform	Hauck	N/A	Passed House 102-6
Senate Bill	4517	Marihuana: other; definition of industrial hemp; modify	5/27/2021	Referred to the Committee on Reg Reform	Rabhi	N/A	Passed House 103-5
Senate Bill	4895	Agriculture: pesticides; use of neonicotinoid pesticides; regulate.	5/25/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Kuppa	N/A	Not moving

Senate Bill	4896	Agriculture: plants; classification of milkweed as a noxious or exotic weed by local governments; prohibit.	5/25/2021	Referred to House Agriculture	Steckloff	N/A	Not moving
House Bill	439	Environmental protection: permits; denial or imposition of additional conditions on; provide for when projects are located in environmentally overburdened communities.	5/25/2021	Re-referred to Transportation and Infrastructure	Runestad	N/A	MDOT/SBO are leads
House Bill	4881	Animals: research facilities; certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization; require.	5/20/2021	Regulatory Reform	Hertel	Requested	
House Bill	4882	Animals: research facilities; reporting requirements and penalties for noncompliance; provide for.	5/20/2021	Regulatory Reform	Brann	Requested	
House Bill	4599	Gaming: horse racing; breeders' awards; increase. Amends secs. 8, 19 & 20 of 1995 PA 279	5/11/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Alexander	Neutral	Passed House 106-1 on 5/11
HCR	4600	Gaming: horse racing; references to horse racing law of 1995 in 1951 PA 90; update. Amends sec. 2 of 1951 PA 90	5/11/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Cherry	Neutral	Passed House 106-1 on 5/11
House Bill	4394	Appropriations: zero budget; department of agriculture and rural development; provide for fiscal year 2021-2022.	5/11/2021	Appropriations	Allor	Opposed	Passed House 57-50 on 5/11
Senate Bill	77	Appropriations: zero budget; department of agriculture and rural development; provide for fiscal year 2021-2022. Creates appropriation act.	5/11/2021	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations	Roger Victory	N/A	Passed the Senate 20-15 on 5/11

House Bill	353	Food: licensing; waiver for licensing and registration fees for certain food establishments, water bottlers, and water dispensing machine owners for the 2021 to 2022 licensing year; provide for.	5/6/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Curtis VanderWall	Opposed	Passed out of the Senate 20-16 on 5/6. Referred to House Reg Reform
House Bill	354	Health: local health departments; waiver for licensing fees for certain food establishments for the 2021 to 2022 licensing year; provide for.	5/6/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Curtis VanderWall	Opposed	Passed out the Senate 20-16 on 5/6. Referred to house Reg Reform
Senate Bill	4031	Labor: health and safety; violations of reports of injuries and death; modify	5/6/2021	Referred to Agriculture	Kahle	MIOSHA is opposed	Passed House 83-25 on 5/6
House Bill	4784	Animals: care and treatment; definition of shelter for animals; modify.	5/5/2021	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary	Brann	Pending	No hearing
Senate Bill	4785	Crimes: animals; cross-reference in revised judicature act; update.	5/5/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Brann	Pending	No hearing
House Bill	4786	Crimes: animals; cross-reference in animal welfare fund act; update	5/5/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Brann	Pending	No hearing
Senate Bill	7	A concurrent resolution to approve a designated open space land application for property in Kent County.	5/4/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Thomas Albert	Support	Passed out of House Ag on 4/28 10 yeas; 1 nay (Carra), Full House 5/4, adopted and sent to Senate Nat Resources
House Bill	4420	Appropriations: zero budget; multi-department supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2021-2022.	4/29/2021	Appropriations	Albert	N/A	Reported from Full Appropriations on 4/29/21
House Bill	370	Environmental protection: hazardous products; glyphosate herbicide; prohibit certain residential uses of.	4/21/2021	Referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality	Rosemary Bayer	N/A	MDARD is lead agency, won't likely move

Senate Bill	4611	Animals: birds; issuance of carrier pigeon permits; require compliance with local ordinances and regulations, and prohibit the enactment of local ordinances that prohibit the keeping of carrier pigeons.	4/13/2021	Referred to Committee on Agriculture	Tulio Liberati	N/A	Watching: Probably won't move
House Bill	4550	Courts: juries; postponement of jury service; allow for farmers during certain months.	3/23/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Postumus	SCAO/Legal are lead agencies	Awaiting first hearing
House Bill	229	food: licensing; licensing fees for food establishments; provide waiver for 2021 to 2022 licensing year.	3/11/2021	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Curtis VanderWall	N/A	Replaced with SB 353&354
House Bill	4497	Health; other; aerial spraying of pesticides to prevent and control diseases and environmental health hazards; require department of health and human services to provide notice to the public before implementation.	3/11/2021	Referred to Committee on Health Policy	Brad Paquette	N/A	Watching: DHHS is lead agency and is opposed
House Bill	186	Agriculture: industrial hemp; regulations for growing industrial hemp; modify.	2/25/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Dan Lauwers	Support	PA 4 of 2021 signed on 3/25/2021
Senate Bill	4246	Trade: business practices; gas tax rates posted at gas pumps; require.	2/16/2021	Referred to the Committee on Transportation	Beau LaFave	Opposed	
Senate Bill	136	Agriculture: pesticides; registry of individuals seeking to be notified in the event of the emergency use or application of pesticides on or adjacent to their property; provide for.	2/16/2021	Referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality	Rick Outman	N/A	The Department worked with Sen. Outman to create an alert system outside of the legislative process.
House Bill	4186	Amends Animals: exotic; applicability of certain provisions of the large carnivore act based on residency; modify.	2/9/2021	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Thomas Albert	Opposed	No hearing

House Bill	4165	Highways: bridges; tractors and farm equipment to cross the Mackinac Bridge; allow under certain conditions. Amends sec. 12 of 1952 PA 214 (MCL 254.322).	2/9/2021	Referred to the Committee on Transportation	Steven Johnson	N/A	MDARD/MDOT are co-leads
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