

**Gary McDowell**  
**January 22, 2020**  
**Commission Meeting**

**Issues of Interest**

Ag Housing Stakeholder Meetings	Environmental Policy Advisor
State of the State (Jan. 29)	Emerging Contaminants Position/MPART Update
MDARD's 2020 Priorities	Crop Preparation for 2020
Governor's Budget Recommendations (Feb.)	

**Upcoming Meetings**

Jan. 23	RD Fund Board Meeting (Corn Office – DeWitt)
Jan. 23	Michigan Poverty Task Force
Jan. 24	QOL Directors Meeting
Jan. 27	MDARD Leadership Team Meeting
Jan. 28	GL Crop Summit Reception (Mt. Pleasant)
Jan. 29	Governor's State of the State Address
Jan. 30	Visit Mahindra (Auburn Hills)
Jan. 31	MDARD/MFB Quarterly Meeting
Feb. 3-8	Trip to Havana, Cuba
Feb. 5	Cabinet Meeting
Feb. 10	Cherry Board Members
Feb. 11	Commodity Board Member Training (Agro-Liquid)
Feb. 12	Quarterly Coffee w/President Bednarski & Dean Hendrick
Feb. 13	Ag Preservation Fund Board Meeting
Feb. 18	MDARD Leadership Team Meeting
Feb. 19	Foodborne Illness Exercise (Lansing)
Feb. 20	Pork Producers – Taste of Elegance (Lansing Center)
Feb. 21	QOL Directors Meeting
Feb. 24-27	NASDA Winter Policy Meeting (Arlington VA)

# **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

## **PUBLIC INPUT MEETING REPORT**

### **GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

**Public Input Meeting Held on October 22, 2019**

Pursuant to the Michigan Right to Farm Act, (Act 93 of 1981, MCL 286.471 *et seq.*), the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development may define Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs) developed with assistance by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and with written recommendations from Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Extension Service, and Agricultural Experiment Station (now named AgBioResearch), as well as the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency; the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other professional and industry organizations. In addition to public comment at Commission meetings, the Commission asked the Department to hold a public meeting to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on proposed changes to the GAAMPs. This meeting occurred on October 22, 2019, in the Gordon Guyer Conference Room at the Geagley Laboratory located at 1615 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

Present from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: Ben Tirrell, Olivia Turrubiates, and Nathan Kark as hearings officer.

Information about this meeting was released to the public and media on September 30, 2019. Media organizations as well as food, farm, environmental, conservation, legislative, and other organizations and individuals were notified. Copies of proposed changes to the GAAMPs were also posted on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development website.

All GAAMPs are developed and reviewed by multi-agency Task Force Committees which are chaired by Michigan State University faculty. GAAMPs are then presented to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development for consideration and adoption under the authority of the Michigan Right to Farm Act. Since their initial adoption, each set of GAAMPs has undergone annual review by the respective Task Force committees, which include scientists and others with expertise, education, and knowledge in the field. The Chair of each Task Force gathers comments from committee members and interested stakeholders and then makes recommendations for revisions of the GAAMPs to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development. The Commission ultimately has the authority to approve, amend, or reject those recommendations.

This meeting was held to receive public comment on the 2020 proposed drafts of the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for:

- Manure Management and Utilization
- Care of Farm Animals
- Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities
- Irrigation Water Use
- Nutrient Utilization
- Cranberry Production
- Farm Markets
- Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control

The deadline to receive written comments was 5 p.m., October 22, 2019.

There were no members of the public present for presenting comments and the meeting was adjourned.

The public input meeting began at 9:01 a.m., and concluded at 9:21 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Kark', written over a horizontal line.

Nathan Kark  
Hearings Officer  
October 25, 2019

# Michigan Commission on Agriculture and Rural Development

## January 17, 2020

### FY 2020 Current Year Budget

- \$111.4 Million Gross
- \$56.0 Million GF/GP

### Recent Action

- December supplemental appropriation bill enacted (PA 154 of 2019)
- Reversal of Administrative Board transfers
  - Restoration of the Food and Agriculture Investment Program
    - \$4.0 million GF/GP

### Supplemental Changes

- Reductions totaling \$1.0 million GF/GP across regulatory programs:
  - Animal Disease Prevention and Response
    - (\$382,600) Reduction – Reduces to original funding level included in Governor's Rec.
  - Pesticide and Plant Pest Management
    - (\$200,000)
  - Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)
    - (\$220,000)
  - Qualified Forest Program
    - (\$200,000)
  - Emergency Management/Emerging Contaminants Coordinator
    - (\$17,400)
- New Funding – One Time Only
  - Farm Stress Program - \$500,000 GF/GP

### FY 2021 Governor's Recommended Budget

- Investments and reductions being negotiated with State Budget Office
- Legislative submission is expected the first week of February



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### Performance Excellence

FOOD SAFETY, HUMAN & ANIMAL HEALTH

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, GOVERNMENT

1. Fundamental Maps

2. Department Scorecards

3. Heat Maps

4. Employee Engagement

5. Intentional Conversations

6. Department Meetings (all levels)

7. Strategic Action Plans

8. Customer Satisfaction Surveys

9. Standard Operating Procedures

10. Impediment Tracking and Resolution

11. Elevating Issues (Procedure #29)

12. Employee Safety

13. Lean Process Improvement

### Framework of 13 Components



80,000 Annual Inspection

115,000 Annual Licenses

45 License Types

### Our Staff

475 Employees

50% Field Based

Includes:

- Veterinarians
- Sanitarians
- Metrologists
- Entomologists
- Epidemiologists
- Lawyers
- Accountants
- Engineers
- Statisticians
- IT Experts

### Programs

> 90 Mandated Programs

Includes:

- Regulatory
- Economic Development
- Grants
- Communications
- Education
- Environmental Sustainability
- Consumer Protection

### Six Divisions

- Agriculture Development
- Animal Industry
- Environmental Stewardship
- Food & Dairy
- Laboratory
- Pesticide & Plant Pest Management

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MiScorecard Performance Summary								
<b>Business Unit:</b> Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development		<b>Green</b> >=90% of target						
<b>Executive/Director Name:</b> Gary McDowell		<b>Yellow</b> >= 75% - 90% of target						
<b>Reporting Period:</b> Dec 2019		<b>Red</b> <75% of target						
		<b>Date Approved:</b> 1/17/2020						
Metric ID	Metric	Status	Progress	Target	Current	Previous	Frequency	Metric Definition
<b>Economic Development</b>								
ESD-01	Migrant Labor Housing Preparedness	Green		90%	97% FY20 Q1	85%	Quarterly	Percentage of migrant camp owners prepared for full license recommendation at time of initial inspection for license year.
ESD-03	Privately owned forest lands managed under a forest management plan	Green		1,600	102,546 CY19 Q4	1,593	Quarterly	Qualified Forest Affidavit program acres in affidavits sent to landowners for recording.
AGD-09	Grain Dealer Audits - Compliance	Green		70%	97% FY19	91%	FY Annually	Number of risk-based annual grain audits and inventory control exams that were passed divided by the total number of in-state licensed facilities.
AGD-03	Increase in Value Added Agriculture Business	Green		27	35 Dec	24	Monthly	Number of company visits
AGD-04	Company Investment	Red		\$350,000,000	\$238,479,511 FY19	\$886,103,509	FY Annually	Amount of new investment generated by companies
AGD-05	Grant Dollars Leveraged	Green		100%	122% FY19	106%	FY Annually	Percentage of match dollars leveraged on the grants with a required match. Target is a 100% match on the grants with a required match.
LAB-09	Weights and Measures Device Compliance	Yellow		95%	94% FY20 Q1	93%	Quarterly	The number of compliant devices divided by the total number of devices measured.
LAB-08	Fuel Compliance	Green		95%	98% FY20 Q1	95%	Quarterly	The number of compliant fuel samples divided by the total number of fuel samples.
LAB-10	Routine Package Compliance	Green		90%	97% FY20 Q1	94%	Quarterly	The number of routine compliant packages divided by the total number of routine packages measured.
<b>Efficient Effective Government</b>								
MDARD-02	Employee Landscape - Champions	Yellow		70%	67% CY18	64%	CY Annually	The percent of agency employees identified as Champions in the SOM employee survey.
MDARD-03	Department Wide FOIA Compliance Rate	Yellow		100%	99% FY20 Q1	100%	Quarterly	The number of FOIA requests in compliance with statutory time-frames divided by the number of total FOIA requests received.
PPPM-09	Pesticide Complaint Investigation Closures by Month	Yellow		90%	75% Aug	58%	Monthly	Monthly number of investigations closed within 120 days (or within the proper extension date) of the complaint being filed, divided by the total monthly number of complaints filed. This measure has a 90 day reporting lag.
MDARD-04	Employee Communication	Green	=	100%	90% FY20 Q1	90%	Quarterly	Communication about performance is key to the department achieving outcomes and meeting goals. This measures the percentage of required documented bi-weekly conversations that occurred on time.
MDARD-06	MDARD Spend Plan Status	Yellow		100%	83% Dec	No Activity	Monthly	Measures the percent of spend plans completed by the divisions in accordance with the requirements of the MDARD CFO.
FDD-04	MFRPS Implementation Compliance	Green	=	100%	100% FY19	100%	CY Annually	The results of FDA's audit of ten Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS). The total % of all standard elements met divided by the total number of all possible standard elements, times 100.
FDD-17	Local Health Food Service Program Accreditation Compliance			90%	No Activity Dec	100%	Monthly	A accreditation review of the 16 minimum program requirements (MPRs) to assure the safety of ready-to-eat foods. Calculation methodology is the number of individual MPRs achieved, divided by the number of total MPRs possible, times 100.
MDARD-01	ICS Training Compliance	Red		95%	75% FY20 Q1	85%	Quarterly	Percentage of MDARD staff that have completed the required ICS training courses.
<b>Food Safety, Human and Animal Health</b>								
AID-09	Disease Control	Green	=	100%	100% CY19 Q4	100%	Quarterly	Measures the percentage of disease investigations initiated and completed in a timely manner.
PPPM-22	Feed Sampling Compliance	Green		75%	95% FY20 Q1	77%	Quarterly	Percentage of compliant sample analytes.
PPPM-25	Medicated Feed Compliance - Initial Inspection	Red		80%	0% Dec	No Activity	Monthly	Percentage of facilities that pass their initial annual inspection.
PPPM-26	Medicated Feed Compliance - Follow up Inspection			95%	No Activity Dec	No Activity	Monthly	Percentage of facilities that pass their follow up inspection.
FDD-01	Food Establishment Compliance (Initial Visit)	Yellow		90%	86% Dec	87%	Monthly	Measures the monthly compliance rate regarding priority violations from chapters 2, 3, & 44 from the food code where routine food safety evaluations have been completed. Establishments include food retail stores.
FDD-05	Food Establishment Compliance (Follow-up)	Yellow		90%	89% Dec	90%	Monthly	Measures the rate of industry compliance by determining the percentage of priority and priority foundation violations corrected upon follow-up evaluations conducted by MDARD's food and dairy divisions.
FDD-20	Dairy Farm Compliance (Initial)	Green		85%	85% Dec	83%	Monthly	Measures the monthly compliance rate where routine evaluations have been completed.
FDD-21	Dairy Farm Compliance (Follow-up)	Yellow		90%	80% Dec	93%	Monthly	Measures the monthly compliance rate where follow-up evaluations have been completed.
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>								
ESD-06	MAEAP New Verifications	Green		100	32 Dec	21	Monthly	The number of new system verifications completed by fiscal month.
LAB-07	Fuel Compliance w/ RVP Requirements	Green		95%	95% FY19	99%	FY Annually	The total number of compliant establishments divided by the total number of establishments. This metric was revised for the April 2017 scorecard to give the establishment compliance rate.



GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GARY MCDOWELL  
DIRECTOR

**ZONING ORDER**  
**DATE**

**Establishment of Zones for Bovine Tuberculosis**  
(Identification, Testing, Certificate, and Movement Requirements)  
Pursuant to Public Act 466 of 1988, MCL 287.708 and MCL 287.709 (8)-(10)

**Failure to comply with requirements under this zoning order may result in penalties under MCL 287.744.**

**Definitions**

As used in this order the following terms are defined as:

“Approved Secondary Identification Tag” means a yellow alphanumeric bangle tag issued by the Department or other unique visible identification approved by the Director.

“Cattle” means all live bovine (genus *Bos*) animals, bovine-like animals (genus *Bison*) also commonly referred to as American buffalo or bison, and any cross of these species unless otherwise specifically provided.

“Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan” means a written plan developed following an Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity assessment implemented to address all recommendations of the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity report categorized as high risk and approved by the Department.

“Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Area” means the area of the Modified Accredited Zone that includes the following:

Alcona county: The entirety of Caledonia Township, Mitchell Township excluding T26N R5E, the portions of Alcona and Hawes Townships west of Hubbard Lake Road, and the portion of Millen Township north of M-72 and East of M-65.

Alpena county: The entirety of Green, Ossineke, Sanborn, and Wilson Townships.

Montmorency county: The entirety of Rust Township, and those portions of Avery and Loud Townships east of M-33.

Oscoda county: Those portions of Clinton and Comins Townships that are east of M-33 and Abbe Road.

“Freezer Beef Herd” means a cattle herd approved by the Director that passes an annual inspection verifying the herd is comprised of 6 or fewer head in which all non-neutered cattle are of the same gender, no breeding of cattle occurs, no cattle are moved to any other premises, and all cattle are raised only for personal consumption.

“Initial Identification” means the first time an official identification is placed on an animal, whether it is for tuberculosis testing, complying with movement requirements, or for any other reason.

“Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market” means a premises licensed as a livestock auction under Public Act 284 of 1937, as amended, MCL 287.121 – 287.131.

“Privately Owned Cervid” means all species of the cervid family including, but not limited to, deer, elk, moose, and all other members of the family *cervidae* raised or maintained in captivity

for the production of meat and other agricultural products, sport, exhibition, or any other purpose.

“USDA APHIS WS” means the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services.

“USDA Approved Livestock Market” means a premises where livestock are assembled and that has been approved under Title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations* (9 CFR), Section 71.20.

“Verified Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan” or “Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan” means a farm-specific Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan or Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan approved by the Department and which the Department, during a regulatory visit, determines that the premises has implemented and is in compliance with. The verified status of an Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan or Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan shall be reviewed by the Department periodically. If during a regulatory visit the Department determines that a premises is not implementing or complying with an Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan or Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan, the premises will no longer be verified.

“Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan” means a written plan that contains structural and management requirements intended to reduce the risk that a herd will become infected with bovine tuberculosis, that has been approved by the Department.

**Bovine Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ)** - This zone includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties.

#### **MAZ Cattle Identification Requirements**

Initial identification of cattle, including cattle identified for TB testing, issuance of movement certificates, and movement from any premises, must utilize an official RFID electronic identification ear tag and an approved secondary identification tag. Cattle less than 15 days of age and cattle moved from an approved freezer beef herd directly to a slaughter plant require an official RFID tag but are exempt from needing an approved secondary identification tag.

All newly tagged cattle, or those requiring retagging with RFID, must be identified with RFID tags beginning with the prefix 840. Cattle tagged prior to March 11, 2015 with RFID tags that have a prefix other than 840 will be considered to have official identification for the life of the animal, and those tags must not be removed.

Official identification tags are premises-specific and may not be transferred to any other premises or used on cattle which are not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued.

#### **MAZ Surveillance Testing Requirements**

All cattle herds shall complete an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test of all cattle and bison 12 months of age and older, all non-natural additions of any age, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older that are in contact with the herd. Retesting of herds must be done within 9-15 months of the anniversary date of the initial whole herd test.

Any cattle herds which meet the requirements to be designated as freezer beef herds are exempt from the annual testing requirement.



### **MAZ Movement Testing Requirements**

All cattle moved from a premises in the Modified Accredited Zone must comply with the following:

#### *Movement of cattle within Michigan that originate from a premises outside the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Area*

- Cattle 60 days of age and older to be moved to any premises other than a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant must originate from a herd that has a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan, and must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  - a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  - b) Originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement, or,
  - c) If a steer or spayed heifer, complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.
- Cattle less than 60 days of age to be moved to any premises other than a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant must originate from a herd that has been determined to have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan, and originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Cattle of any age that originate from a herd that has **NOT** been determined to have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan shall only be moved directly to a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant. Such cattle shall **NOT** be moved through a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market or to any other premises.

#### *Movement of cattle within Michigan that originate from a premises within the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Area--* In addition to all other requirements, cattle originating from a herd within the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Area must comply with the following:

- Cattle 60 days of age and older to be moved to any premises other than a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant must originate from a herd that has a Verified Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan, and must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  - a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  - b) Originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement, or,
  - c) If a steer or spayed heifer, complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.
- Cattle less than 60 days of age to be moved to any premises other than a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant must originate from a herd that has been determined to have a Verified Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan, and originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Any herd in the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity area that does **NOT** provide USDA APHIS WS approval and access to remove deer under a Landowner Agreement Form (WS Form 12A) shall only move cattle of any age directly to a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant. Such cattle shall **NOT** be moved through a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market or to any other premises.

- Any herd in the Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Area that does **NOT** have a Verified Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan shall only move cattle of any age directly to a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant. Such cattle shall **NOT** be moved through a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market or to any other premises.

Cattle may be moved to an FSIS inspected or custom slaughter plant without requiring TB testing if they comply with all other requirements. Additionally, cattle may be moved from a herd that has been determined to have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan or Verified Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Plan through one Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market to an FSIS or custom slaughter plant without requiring TB testing if they comply with all other requirements.

#### **MAZ Movement Certificate Requirements**

An official movement certificate is required to be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from any premises in the Modified Accredited Zone. Cattle moved to the USDA approved livestock market in Gaylord may move on sale day without a movement certificate if they comply with all other requirements and are delivered within designated arrival times, as designated by the Director.

All cattle shipped to a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market on an official movement certificate must receive a new official movement certificate that identifies the final destination of movement.

Cattle being transported to another zone must be accompanied by a movement certificate(s) and the movement certificate(s) shall be produced upon the request of a law enforcement officer or the Director.

The transporter of any cattle being moved within the zone must be able to immediately provide the correct permit number listed on the official movement certificate applicable to the movement upon request.

**Presque Isle County of the Bovine Tuberculosis Accredited Free Zone (AFZ)** – This zone includes the entirety of Presque Isle County.

#### **Presque Isle County Cattle Identification Requirements**

All cattle must be identified with official RFID electronic identification ear tags prior to movement from a premises within Michigan. All cattle which undergo bovine tuberculosis testing in Presque Isle County must be identified with both an official RFID electronic identification ear tag and approved secondary identification ear tag.

All newly tagged cattle, or those requiring retagging with RFID, must be identified with RFID tags beginning with the prefix 840. Cattle tagged prior to March 11, 2015 with RFID tags that have a prefix other than 840 will be considered to have official identification for the life of the animal, and those tags must not be removed.

Official identification tags are premises-specific and may not be transferred to any other premises or used on cattle which are not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued.

Beginning April 1, 2020, all cattle in Presque Isle County must comply with the following:

Initial identification of cattle, including cattle identified for TB testing, issuance of movement certificates, and movement from any premises, must utilize an official RFID electronic identification ear tag and an approved secondary identification tag. Cattle less than 15 days of age and cattle moved from an approved freezer beef herd directly to a slaughter plant do require an official RFID tag but are exempt from needing an approved secondary identification tag.

All newly tagged cattle, or those requiring retagging with RFID, must be identified with RFID tags beginning with the prefix 840. Cattle tagged prior to March 11, 2015 with RFID tags that have a prefix other than 840 will be considered to have official identification for the life of the animal, and those tags should not be removed.

Official identification tags are premises-specific and may not be transferred to any other premises or used on cattle which are not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued.

### **Presque Isle County Cattle Surveillance Testing Requirements**

Surveillance testing is required as described below in Presque Isle County:

All herds in Presque Isle County which have not completed a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test since January 1, 2019 shall complete a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test prior to December 31, 2020. This test must include all cattle and bison 12 months of age and older, all non-natural additions of any age, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older that are in contact with the herd.

Any cattle herds which meet the requirements to be designated as freezer beef herds are exempt from the surveillance testing requirement.

Beginning January 1, 2021, all herds in Presque Isle County shall complete an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test of all cattle and bison 12 months of age and older, all non-natural additions of any age, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older that are in contact with the herd. Retesting of herds must be done within 9-15 months of the anniversary date of the initial whole herd test.

Any cattle herds which meet the requirements to be designated as freezer beef herds are exempt from the surveillance testing requirement.

### **Presque Isle County Movement Testing Requirements**

Movement testing is required as described below in Presque Isle County.

Until January 1, 2021, for cattle originating from herds that have been determined to have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan, no TB testing is required for movement of cattle within Michigan.

Cattle of any age that originate from a herd in Presque Isle County that does **NOT** have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan shall only be moved directly to a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant. Such cattle shall **NOT** be moved through a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market or to any other premises.

Beginning January 1, 2021, all cattle moved from a premises in Presque Isle County must comply with the following:

- Cattle 60 days of age and older to be moved to any premises other than a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant must originate from a herd that has a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan, and must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  - a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  - b) Originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement, or,
  - c) If a steer or spayed heifer, complete a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.
- Cattle less than 60 days of age to be moved to any premises other than a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant must originate from a herd that has been

determined to have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan, and originate from a herd that has completed a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement.

- Cattle of any age that originate from a herd that has **NOT** been determined to have a Verified Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plan shall only be moved directly to a USDA FSIS approved or custom slaughter plant. Such cattle shall **NOT** be moved through a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market or to any other premises.

### **Presque Isle County Movement Certificate Requirements**

Movement certificates are required as described below in Presque Isle County:

Beginning July 1, 2020, all cattle moved from a premises in Presque Isle County must comply with the following:

An official movement certificate is required to be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from any premises in Presque Isle County. Cattle moved to the USDA approved livestock market in Gaylord may move on sale day without a movement certificate if they comply with all other requirements and are delivered within designated arrival times, as designated by the Director.

All cattle shipped to a Michigan Licensed Livestock Auction Market on an official movement certificate must receive a new official movement certificate that identifies the final destination of movement.

Cattle being transported must be accompanied by a movement certificate(s) and the movement certificate(s) shall be produced upon the request of a law enforcement officer or the Director.

### **Counties Directly Adjacent to the Bovine Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) –**

This zone includes the entirety of Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties.

### **Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties Cattle Identification Requirements**

All cattle must be identified with official RFID electronic identification ear tags prior to movement from a premises within Michigan.

All newly tagged cattle, or those requiring retagging with RFID, must be identified with RFID tags beginning with the prefix 840. Cattle tagged prior to March 11, 2015 with RFID tags that have a prefix other than 840 will be considered to have official identification for the life of the animal, and those tags must not be removed.

Official identification tags are premises-specific and may not be transferred to any other premises or used on cattle which are not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued

### **Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties**

**Surveillance Testing Requirements:** Surveillance testing is required as described below in the following counties: Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

All cattle herds must obtain a premises identification number and be placed into a database from which herds will be selected for whole herd bovine tuberculosis testing. Selection will occur on an annual cycle. Selected herds or herds selected as replacement for herds

determined to be ineligible for testing, shall complete a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within a time period determined by the Director.

One hundred and fifty (150) herds annually will be selected by the director for whole herd surveillance testing. The herds will be selected from the combined counties of Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon. The whole herd test must include all cattle and bison 12 months of age and older and all non-natural additions of any age, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd.

**Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties Movement Testing Requirements**

No TB testing is required for movement of cattle from any premises in Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties.

**Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties Movement Certificate Requirements**

No Movement Certificates are required for movement of cattle from any premises in Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties.

**Remainder of the AFZ – This area includes the remainder of Michigan not including the MAZ and Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties.**

**Cattle Identification Requirements**

All cattle must be identified with official RFID electronic identification ear tags prior to movement from a premises within Michigan.

All newly tagged cattle, or those requiring retagging with RFID, must be identified with RFID tags beginning with the prefix 840. Cattle tagged prior to March 11, 2015 with RFID tags that have a prefix other than 840 will be considered to have official identification for the life of the animal, and those tags must not be removed.

Official identification tags are premises-specific and may not be transferred to any other premises or used on cattle which are not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued

**All Zones and Areas Within Michigan**

**Livestock Inspection.** Cattle, bison, or privately owned cervids that are being transported shall be accompanied by documentation of the origin of shipment, copies of the animal's registration or permit, documentation indicating the shipping destination and any other information necessary to demonstrate compliance with livestock movement requirements. Such documentation shall be produced upon the request by a law enforcement officer or the Director.

This order supersedes and replaces all prior bovine tuberculosis zoning orders as of the effective date. Unless otherwise specified above, this order is effective **April 1, 2020.**

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Director  
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GARY MCDOWELL  
DIRECTOR

**Michigan Onion Promotion and Development Program**

**January 13, 2020**

**Request for Reapportionment**

The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development consents to the Michigan Onion Commission Board's request for district reapportionment from seven committee members serving at-large to five committee members serving at-large.

Section 7(4) of the Agricultural Commodity Marketing Act, PA 232 of 1965, states that "A committee, with the advice and consent of the director and the commission of agriculture, may reapportion either the number of committee members or member districts, or both."

Date: 1/13/20

Gary McDowell, Director  
Michigan Department of Agriculture  
and Rural Development

**Michigan Onion Committee  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2019, 12:45pm  
Great Lakes Expo  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Devos Place Grand Gallery Overlook C D  
Lunch provided for board members at 12:00pm**

Attendees: Bruce Klamer, Michael Bosch, Kristin Oomen, Mark Nail, Mitch Schreur, Greg Bird (Exec Dir), Heather Throne (MDARD), Darryl Warncke (MSU), Ben Werling (MSU Ext), Kristin Esch (MDARD)

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bruce Klamer - 12:45pm
2. Minutes: June 13, 2019 (see doc)

*Motion: Mark Nail*

*Supported by: Mike Bosch*

*Motion approved*

3. Financial Report – Mike Bosch (see doc)

*Motion: Kristin Oomen*

*Supported by: Mark Nail*

*Motion approved*

4. MDARD Report – Heather Throne
  - a. Conflict of Interest Document (see doc)
    - i. Received signed Conflict of Interest Document from all 5 board members.
  - b. MOC Number of appointed members on board
    - i. Motion needed to officially change this from 7 to 5, Heather will take to Ag Commission.
    - ii. Mark Nail moves to request that the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director and Commission agree to changing the Michigan Onion Committee, created by the Onion Promotion and Development Program established under Public Act 232 of 1965, from seven committee members serving at-large to five committee members serving at-large.

*Motion: Mark Nail*

*Supported by: Bruce Klamer*

*Motion approved*

5. Executive Director's Report - Greg Bird (see docs)
  - a. Reviewed Grant Report
  - b. Reviewed Program / Research Priorities for 2020
  - c. Updated processes per MDARD review - These processes were sent to board prior to meeting. The board will review and any discussion will be completed at the February MOC meeting, hopefully getting board approval at that point.
  - d. Financial Review currently underway with Cooley Hehl Sabo & Calkins for \$1850. This is the 2nd of 3 reviews needed during this 5 year referendum.
6. MSU Extension Report – Ben Werling
  - a. Marketing ideas for 2020. - Ben brought up the idea of coming up with onion marketing. Maybe the Expression by Bejo could be marketed as a Michigan Sweet onion. Bruce brought up the idea that NOA has lots of marketing for the nature's ninja logo. Perhaps MOC could use this. More to be discussed at the February meeting.
7. Onion Seed Variety Trials 2019 – Darryl Warncke (see doc)
  - a. Future goals of trials and options - It was determined by the onion committee that the onion variety seed trial would be planted at only 1 location for the 2020 growing season. Darryl would continue this seed trial work in 2020. It will most likely occur at V&W Farms since this is where the twilight dinner is hosted. Perhaps in 2021 the trials could be moved to the same location that seed companies have their trials (I believe this was the idea).
8. 2020 Calendar
  - a. February 27, 2020, at MSU Agronomy Farm
  - b. June 18, 2020, at Celery Co-op
9. Other Business



- a. Bruce Klamer gave a crop report. 5,000-10,000 acres of onions in Idaho and Washington froze. Some of these frozen onions went to storage and will eventually get shipped to midwest markets.
- b. The MOC believed that the budget did not include money for the 2019 onion variety trials. Mitch made an amendment to add to the FY19 budget to \$1500 to pay Daryl Warncke for the 2019 onion variety seed trials.

*Motion: Mitch Schruer*

*Supported by: Mike Bosch*

*Motion approved*

10. Adjourn - 1:31pm

*Motion: Mike Bosch*

*Supported by: Mark Nail*

*Motion approved*



January 22, 2019

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Michigan Commission of Ag and Rural Development  
P.O. Box 30017  
Lansing, MI 48909

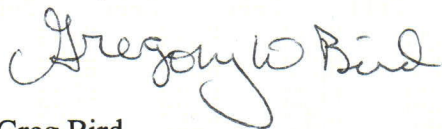
Dear Commissioners:

The Michigan Onion Committee Board of Directors voted at their last board meeting to change the number of board of directors for the Michigan Onion Committee. The meeting minutes are attached. Previously, the Michigan Onion Committee had 7 board of directors. The vote which was passed unanimously changed that number to be 5 board of directors.

Over the years the number of onion growers in Michigan has declined. This decline has made it difficult to find enough board of directors to keep that number at 7. Therefore, the Michigan Onion Committee has settled on 5 as a more reasonable number.

The Michigan Onion Committee is seeking to have the Commission approve this change in the number of board of directors for the program.

Sincerely,



Greg Bird  
Executive Director  
Michigan Onion Committee

**290.657 Committee; establishment; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; reapportionment of districts; expenses and per diem; duties and responsibilities; conducting business at public meeting; notice of meeting; availability of writings to public; exemption of certain information from freedom of information act.**

Sec. 7. (1) A marketing program shall provide for the establishment of a committee to consist of an odd number of members which shall be not less than 5 and not more than 13.

(2) The members of the committee shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate from nominations received from the producers and handlers or processors of the agricultural commodity or agricultural commodity input for which the marketing program is established. Nominating procedures, qualifications, representation, term of office, and size of the committee shall be prescribed in the marketing program for which the committee is appointed. Each committee shall be composed of producers and handlers or processors who are directly affected by the marketing program in the proportion of representation as prescribed by the program. The term of office of a committee member is 3 years or until such time as his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

(3) The director or his or her representative shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. Additional nonvoting ex officio members may serve if approved for in a specific marketing program.

(4) A committee, with the advice and consent of the director and the commission of agriculture, may reapportion either the number of committee members or member districts, or both. Reapportionment of the districts shall be on the basis of production or industry representation. The reapportionment may be commenced 30 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection. Reapportionment of either members or districts shall not occur more often than twice in any 5-year period and shall not occur within 6 months before a referendum.

(5) After the reapportionment described in subsection (4), if the residence of a member of the committee falls outside of the district for which he or she serves on the committee and falls within the district for which another member serves on the committee, then both members shall continue to serve on the committee for a term equal to the remaining term of the member who served for the longest period of time. After the reapportionment described in subsection (4), if a district is created in which no member serving on the committee resides, then a member shall be selected in the manner as prescribed in each program. After a reapportionment or redistricting, a committee may temporarily have more members than prescribed in the marketing program until the expiration of the term of the longest serving member from that district.

(6) A member of a committee is entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses and a per diem payment to be set by the committee not to exceed the commission of agriculture rate while attending meetings of the committee or while engaged in the performance of official responsibilities delegated by the committee.

(7) The duties and responsibilities of a committee shall be prescribed in the order establishing the marketing program and to the extent applicable shall include the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) Developing procedures relating to the marketing program.
- (b) Recommending amendments to the marketing program as are considered advisable.
- (c) Preparing the estimated budget required for the proper operation of the marketing program.
- (d) Developing methods for collecting and auditing the assessments.
- (e) Collecting and assembling information and data necessary for proper administration of the marketing program.
- (f) Performing other duties necessary for the operation of the marketing program as agreed upon with the director.

(8) The business which a committee may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the committee held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(9) Subject to section 10(b) and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a committee in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. Except for information regarding penalties levied under this act, information relating to specific assessments to a specific person under a marketing program as well as names and addresses of producers shall be exempt from disclosure to any other person or committee. This subsection does not prevent the director or the department from obtaining information necessary to confirm compliance with this act and does not prevent the director or the department from disclosing statistical information so long as that disclosure does not reveal specific assessments or production levels of any producer, handler, or processor.

**History:** 1965, Act 232, Eff. Mar. 31, 1966;—Am. 1978, Act 146, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 196, Imd. Eff. July 8, 1980;—Am. 1992, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1992;—Am. 1996, Act 216, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1996;—Am. 2002, Act 601, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2002.

# MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Byron Center Township Board Conference Room  
8085 Byron Center Avenue SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315

## MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2019

### **PRESENT:**

Trever Meachum, Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Brian Pridgeon, Vice Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Dru Montri, Secretary, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Patricia Bergdahl, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Charlie Meintz, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Gary McDowell, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Meachum called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 9:04 a.m. on November 6, 2019. Commissioner Montri called the roll with Commissioners Bergdahl, Meachum, Meintz, Montri, and Pridgeon, and Director McDowell present.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2019. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEINTZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO MAKE AN ADDITION TO THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, MEETING MINUTES IN THE MOTION ON PAGE FIVE RELATIVE TO THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY STATING THAT, DUE TO HER AFFILIATION WITH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, SHE ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, MEETING MINUTES WITH THE APPROVED ADDITION TO THE MOTION ON PAGE FIVE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEINTZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PROPOSED 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Commission discussed the proposed 2020 meeting schedule. It was confirmed proposed dates can be changed by the Commission, as well as special meeting dates added, as needed throughout the year.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEINTZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

The next scheduled meeting is January 22, 2020, to be held in the Lansing area.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND TRAVEL**

Commissioners shared information relative to agriculture in their respective areas, as well as details around recent industry meetings they attended. They noted 2019 will be a year to forget and all producers are looking forward to 2020.

Commissioners Bergdahl, Meachum, Meintz, Montri, and Pridgeon traveled to attend today's meeting. There was no other travel submitted for approval.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' TRAVEL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **COMMISSIONER ISSUES**

Commissioner Meachum reviewed retirement resolutions before the Commission recognizing Michigan Cherry Committee Executive Director Philip J. Korson II and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) employee Thomas Benner.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON MOVED THE RESOLUTIONS FOR PHILIP J. KORSON II AND THOMAS BENNER BE ADOPTED WITH BEST WISHES FOR THEIR LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. COMMISSIONER MONTRI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director McDowell thanked Commissioner Trever Meachum for his many years of service as a Commissioner and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding leadership.

The Director introduced Mike Philip, who was recently promoted as the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (PPPMD) Director. Mr. Philip shared he is excited to be overseeing a division with a tremendous scope of regulatory and service programs.

The Director recognized and thanked Gina Alessandri for her prior outstanding leadership as PPPMD's Director. On July 1 of this year, she assumed the role as the department's Industrial Hemp Program Director, and she is doing a fantastic job.

He shared details of internal meetings in which he recently participated, including the MDARD All Supervisors Meeting, Cabinet member trip to the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, hemp farm tour, and Ag Housing Workgroup meeting. The department was pleased to have had Governor Whitmer and Commissioner Montri join the November 5 MDARD Employee Awards Ceremony.

Gerber's Ag Processing Renaissance Zone was revoked by the Michigan Strategic Fund Board and the State Administrative Board on October 22 due to lack of required job creation and new investment.

As is the case in several other states this year, Michigan has experienced a high number of cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). While the number is beginning to decline, MDARD has reported 32 EEE cases in owned animals during 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

There was no public comment relative to agenda items.

**FEDERAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY UPDATE: Jessica Brousseau, Deputy Director, Federal Affairs Office of Governor Whitmer**

Ms. Brousseau provided an update relative to federal agriculture issues, concerns, and trends. She shared details around concerning trends, which include the surge in the number of U.S. farm bankruptcies; trade concerns with USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement), China, and Japan, and workforce and immigration. She reviewed disaster assistance programs available at the federal level and various programs included in the current Farm Bill implementation. On the radar at the federal level are USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) proposed rules to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), biofuel waivers, Farm Workforce Modernization Act, and relocation of ERS/NIFA (Economic Research Service/National Institute of Food and Agriculture).

In response to questions from Commissioner Montri, Ms. Brousseau confirmed she has been working closely with the department on the Bovine Tuberculosis issue and discussions with USDA are continuing toward a feasible solution. Relative to the Veterinary of Medicine Loan Repayment Program, her office can assist as the conversation moves forward.

**GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (GAAMPs): Mark Swartz, Deputy Division Director, and Ben Tirrell, Right to Farm Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division**

Mr. Tirrell noted the Right to Farm (RTF) Act describes the GAAMPs as those practices defined by the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development and dictates the GAAMPs be reviewed annually by the Commission. This year, an initial meeting was held with the Task Force chairs, which included specific guidance on the GAAMPs review process. Each Task Force has been working hard to determine if experience in the field or changes within the scientific research community warrant revisions.

There are formatting and clarification changes recommended for each 2020 GAAMP. Proposed additional revisions are also recommended for the Care of Farm Animals, Farm Market, and Manure Management and Utilization GAAMPs. All revisions were posted on September 30 and a Public Meeting was held on October 22, 2019.

Today, the proposed 2020 GAAMPs are presented for the Commission's review between now and the January meeting, with anticipated decision regarding the 2020 GAAMPs at that time.

Commissioner Montri encouraged the department to identify opportunities to help people submit more productive public comment, including examples demonstrating areas under the Commission's purview and advising where other issues should be submitted. Also, in order to demonstrate where changes are science-based, those should be sited within each respective GAAMP; and after approved, each GAAMP should be reviewed by an editor prior to publication.

It was confirmed that any proposed changes from the Farm Market GAAMP Task Force Committee will not be incorporated by January and will be considered when available.

Relative to the Care of Farm Animals GAAMP on page 7, Commissioner Pridgeon asked how the timeframe of treatment is determined. Mr. Tirrell will ask the Task Force and report back to the Commission.

**COMMISSION POLICY NO. 7 – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION: Mark Swartz, Deputy Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division**

Mr. Swartz advised the Environmental Stewardship Division (ESD) is offering changes to Commission Policy No. 7 – Environmental Stewardship and Farmland Preservation to incorporate language and references as they relate to the evolution of ESD's programs, as well as align with new efforts of the administration.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMISSION POLICY NO. 7 – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Chairperson Meachum recessed the meeting at 10:16 a.m. for a brief break. He reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

**NURSERY INSPECTION FEES: Mike Philip, Division Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division**

Mr. Philip advised PPPMD requests the Commission approve a proposed increase in its nursery and related inspection fees by an amount related to inflation, as authorized through P.A. 189 of 1931. Program costs are approximately \$3 million, with licensing and inspection fee revenue totalling about \$1 million. He reviewed specifics of the requested increase, which totals \$4,600 in additional revenue.

Commissioner Meintz suggested the department request additional license fee increases to help offset the revenue shortfall. Mr. Philip advised licensing fees will be reviewed in the future, as well as potential program efficiencies.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MEINTZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE NURSERY INSPECTION FEES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND MARIJUANA UPDATE: Gina Alessandri, Industrial Hemp Program Director**

Ms. Alessandri provided an overview of the department's Industrial Hemp Program. She reviewed the differences between industrial hemp and marijuana, including definition, cultivation, products, and uses of each. Industrial hemp is an agricultural product that may be legally grown, processed, possessed, and sold.

She reviewed the history of industrial hemp in the U.S., which culminated with the Michigan Industrial Hemp Ag Pilot Program that allows hemp growing, processing, and handling within the state. The program requires proper licensure, background checks, a research agreement, and preharvest testing to ensure compliance. Various lessons learned from the program included that growing and processing are very labor intensive, requires farmers to be very attentive, and cross-pollination is a concern. Additional processors, outreach, and education are needed, as well as addressing intersecting issues with marijuana laws.

USDA recently published their final interim rules, which the department is currently analyzing to understand the impact on Michigan's laws. This program will always be regulated by government, if not accomplished at the state level, then federally. Michigan needs to ensure it has the resources necessary to operate the new program.

Discussion ensued regarding the current program, regulation, federal implications, and the program going forward. It is an emerging program on which the department is closely focused as it evolves to ensure Michigan remains a leader.

### **PRODUCE SAFETY RULE INSPECTIONS UPDATE: Amber Matulis, Food Safety Modernization Unit Manager, and Kristin Esch, Produce Safety Specialist, Food and Dairy Division**

Ms. Matulis and Ms. Esch provided an overview of the Produce Safety Rule, adoption into state law, and implementation efforts.

The Produce Safety Rule is one of seven Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules and is the first to specifically address growing and harvesting practices on farm, which include agricultural water, biological soil amendments, equipment, tools, buildings, animals in the growing area, health and hygiene, and training. To give Michigan the authority to conduct inspections, the CFRs (Code of Federal Regulations) were adopted into state law.

The Food and Drug Administration's role in implementation through various federal entities was reviewed. The program is currently federally funded and administered by MDARD. History of the rule and specific details of its implementation were discussed, including which areas are being delayed as research continues.

Specifics of compliance dates were reviewed, as well as a history of the department's Produce Safety Program. Success has been strengthened by critical industry support. Also discussed in detail were farm inventory development, education, outreach, and technical assistance. Michigan has been a leader in multi-state mock inspection



trainings, strives to maintain consistency on a national level, and is committed to being a national leader in produce safety.

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND REQUEST: Jodi Gruner, Economic and Community Development Specialist, Agriculture Development Division**

Ms. Gruner advised the project being presented today is a \$3.9 million investment in Battle Creek that will create 38 new jobs. She introduced Eric Stief, Director of Strategic Partnerships for Snackwerks. He provided an overview of the company and specifics of their current project with a major international cookie producer. The project will not only drive business for Michigan companies directly, but also could bring additional production products from global companies to Michigan.

Discussion ensued relative to MDARD grant funding available to support the project. Ms. Tyszkiewicz advised funding for this project is made available from FY 2019 Carry Forward funds that are currently pending approval by the Legislature.

Ms. Gruner advised MDARD staff recommends the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$150,000 for Snackwerks of Michigan, LLC., based on Legislative approval of FY 2019 Carry Forward funding.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT OF \$150,000 FOR SNACKWERKS OF MICHIGAN, LLC, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEINTZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUDGET UPDATE: Maria Tyszkiewicz, Chief Budget/Financial Officer**

Ms. Tyszkiewicz reviewed details and answered questions relative to the FY 2020 budget as enacted by the Legislature. It includes a \$107.9 million gross appropriation, which is a five percent decrease from FY 2019, and represents a \$11.6 million General Fund decrease from the prior year. Specifics of the Governor's changes to the Legislative Conference Report through Administrative transfers were reviewed, which restored funding to the department's regulatory programs.

The FY 2020 budget is one on which the department will be working throughout the year with the Governor's Office, State Budget Office, and the Legislature. It is hoped that funding can be restored for information technology efforts and the Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Program.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Nathan Kark, Director of Policy Development and Legislative Affairs**

Mr. Kark referred to the MDARD Legislative Update provided to the Commissioners and reviewed the status around bills of interest to the department. The House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee has been meeting to discuss several initiatives within MDARD. The department continues to work with legislators to stress the importance of agriculture in our state.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Blain Beckett, iHemp Michigan**, shared activities of his organization and thanked MDARD for the job they have done to assist industrial hemp growing in Michigan. He offered several suggestions, advising their organization looks forward to working with state leaders to develop a strong program. He announced iHemp Michigan is hosting a Midwest Industrial Hemp Expo at the Lansing Center on January 10-11, 2020.

**John Freeman, Industrial Hemp Industry President**, highlighted advantages of various future uses of industrial hemp, including as a renewable fuel. He encouraged steps to provide research into those key capabilities as the industry grows in Michigan.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Commissioner Meachum thanked everyone who has made his journey as a Commissioner such a pleasant one. On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Montri expressed how thankful they and the department are for his outstanding leadership.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

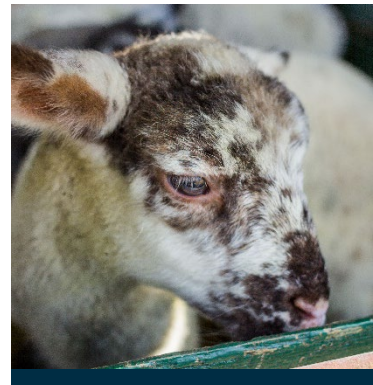
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

### Attachments:

- A) *Agenda*
- B) *Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019*
- C) *Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule*
- D) *Philip Korson II Retirement Resolution*
- E) *Thomas Benner Retirement Resolution*
- F) *Director November 2019 – Issues of Interest Report*
- G) *Federal Agriculture Update Presentation*
- H) *Commission Policy No. 7 – Environmental Stewardship and Farmland Preservation*
- I) *Request for Approval to Increase Nursery and Related Inspection Fees*
- J) *Industrial Hemp in Michigan – Program Overview*
- K) *Michigan’s Produce Safety Rule – Implementation Effort Update*
- L) *Snackwerks of Michigan Briefing Memo and Terms Sheet*
- M) *Snackwerks of Michigan Presentation*
- N) *FY 2020 MDARD Enacted Budget Overview*
- O) *Legislative Status – November 2019*
- P) *iHempMichigan Comments*
- Q) *Midwest iHemp Expo Announcement*



# Pesticide Section Overview



**Brian Verhougstraete**  
Pesticide Section Manager

- What We Do and Why it Matters.
- Program Overview
- Issues and Looking Ahead
- Questions



# What and Why

## What

- Protect human health and the environment by making sure pesticides are used in a safe and legal manner.

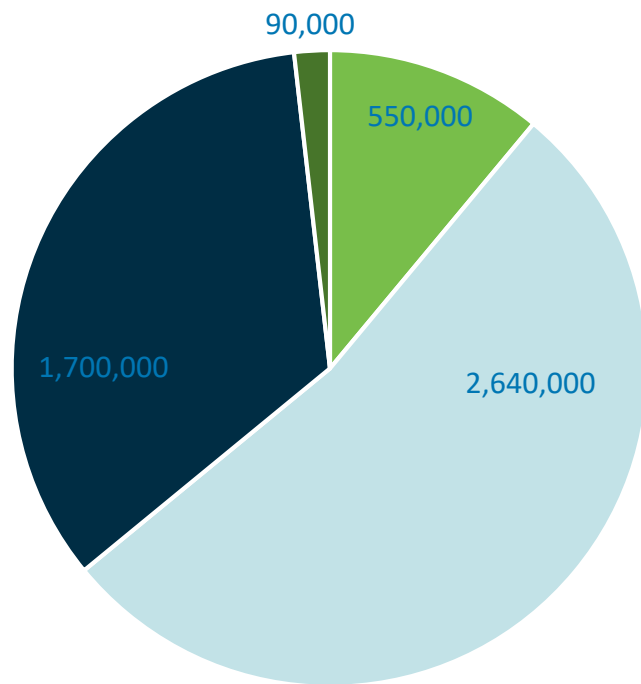
## Why

- Everyone uses pesticides.
- Everyone needs pesticides.
- Everyone is impacted by pesticides.



# Budget and Staffing

## Section Budget



■ EPA ■ Fees ■ General Fund ■ GREEN

## Staffing

- 21 Field Staff
- 2 Field Supervisors
- 4 Program Specialists
- 1 Admin Support
- 5 Exam Monitors\*
- 1 Section Manager

# Registration, Certification, and Licensing

- Register Pesticides
  - 16,000 products/year
  - Special Local Needs (SLN/24c registrations)
  - Emergency Exemptions (Section 18's)
- Certify Applicators
  - 24,000 (16,000 commercial , 7,000 private)
  - 17,000 exams/year
  - 1,800 seminar approvals
- License Businesses
  - 2,300 pesticide applicator business licenses
  - 260 restricted use pesticide dealer licenses

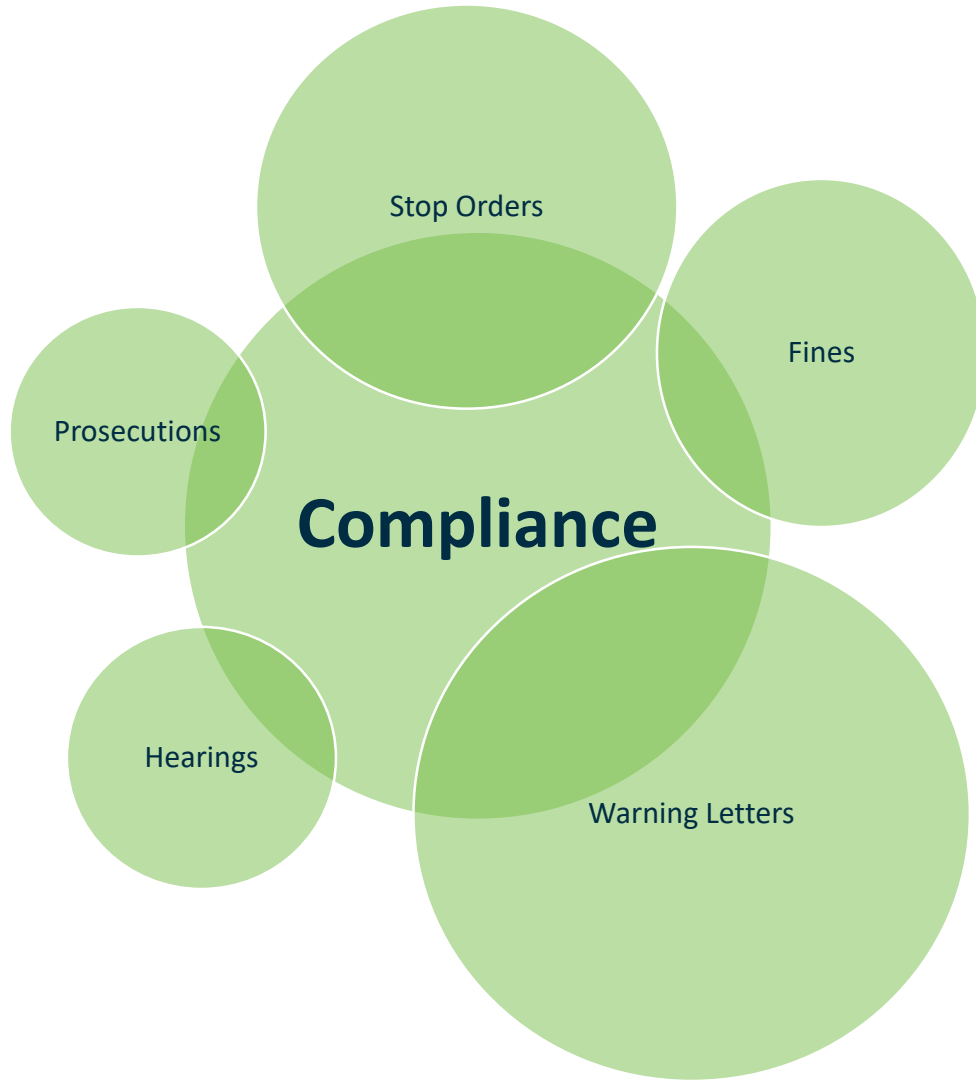


# Inspections

- Misuse investigations
- Federal (PEI and MPI)
- Marketplace
- WPS
- Bulk storage
- Planned Use
- Road Checks
- IPM – schools, daycares and healthcare
- Aircraft
- Product integrity sampling
- USDA follow-up
- RUP audits



# Enforcement

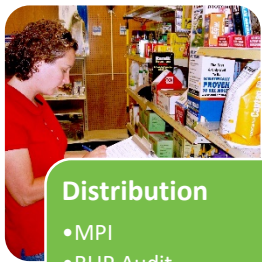


# Assurance



## Manufacturing

- PEI
- Product Sampling



## Distribution

- MPI
- RUP Audit



## Storage

- Bulk Storage
- MPI



## Use

- UI's
- WPS
- Aircraft
- Road Checks
- IPM

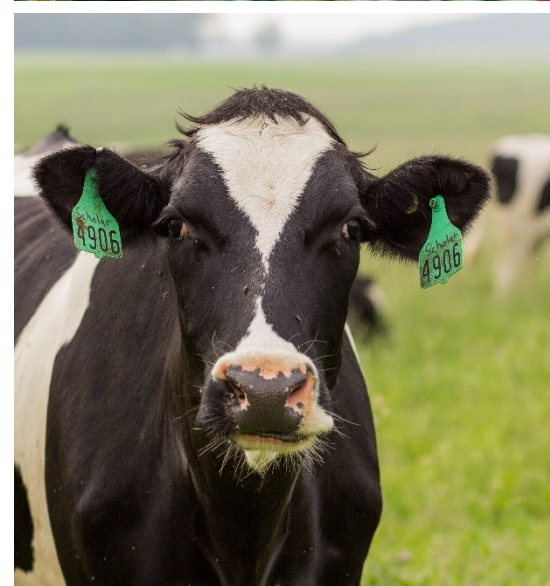


## Monitoring

- RUP Audit
- USDA/Residue Samples

# Issues and Looking Ahead

- Public perception
- Pollinator health
- Cannabis (marijuana/hemp)
- Climate change
- Technology



# Pesticide Misuse Can Be Tragic

**Father uses potent chemical to kill rodents, accidentally poisons entire family; 4 dead**

U.S. NEWS

**Delaware family poisoned by pesticide on Virgin Islands vacation will likely never recover: officials**

**Feds Offer Reward For Information After Pets, Wildlife Poisoned in Northern Wisconsin**

**Investigators Say Raccoons, Coyotes, Weasel, Dogs, Timber Wolf Were Killed**

By Patty Murray

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Questions?



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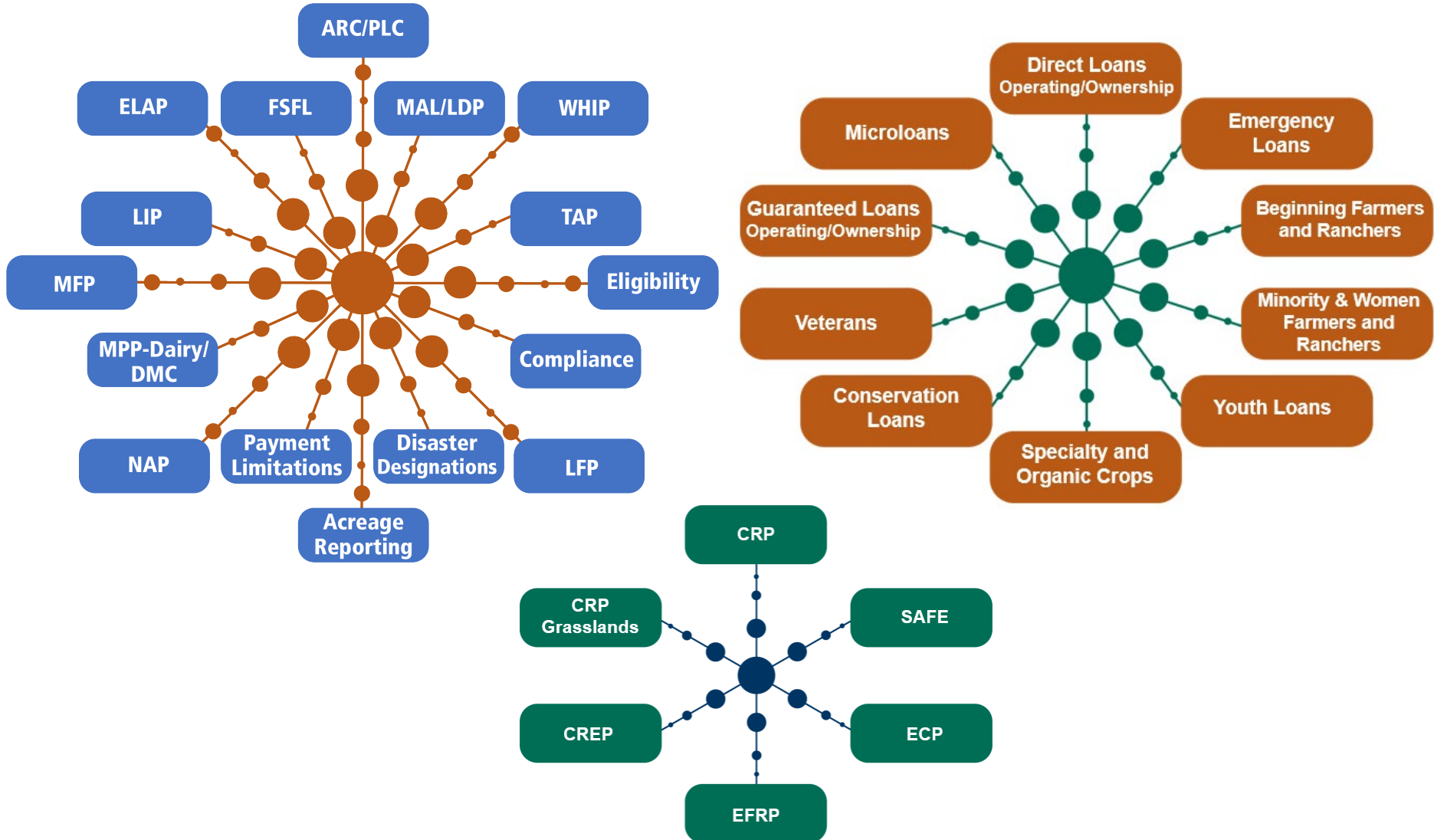


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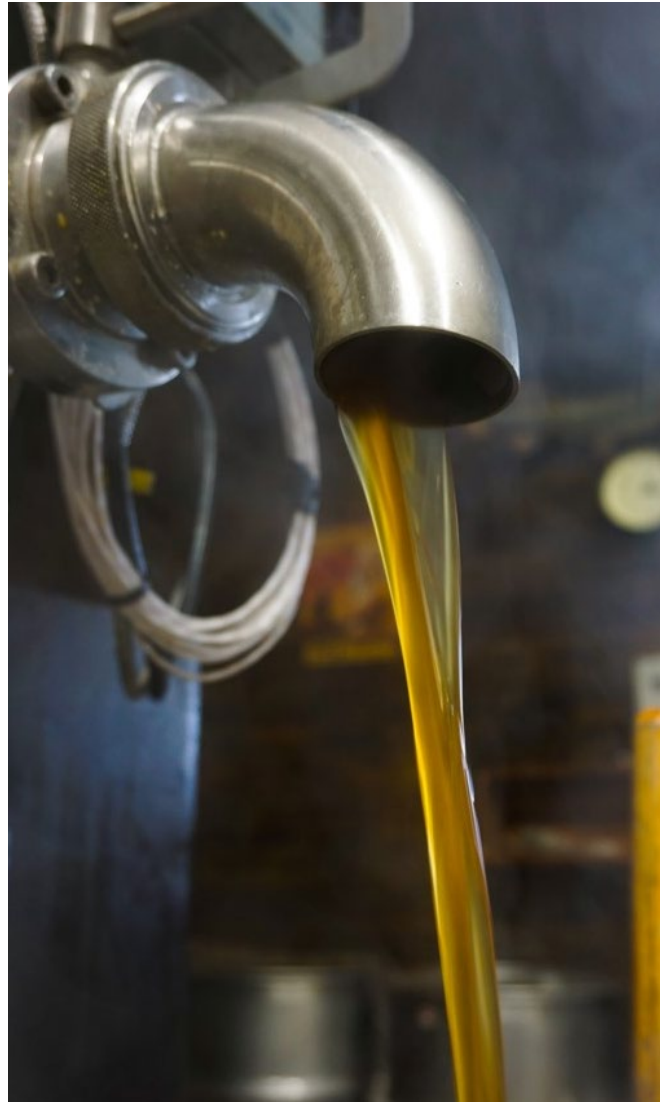
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# Disaster Assistance





# Emergency Loans



# Market Facilitation Program



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