MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting Held via Remote Technology

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT (Excused):

Charlie Meintz, Secretary, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Pridgeon advised today's meeting is being conducted via remote technology to protect the health of Commission members, the state, and the public due to the Coronavirus by limiting the number of people at public gatherings. He announced that all decisions today will be made by roll call vote and shared details on how the public comment period would be conducted.

Chairperson Pridgeon called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 9:03 a.m. on September 16, 2020. Commissioner Pridgeon called the roll with Commissioners Bergdahl, Boring, Montri, and Pridgeon, and Director McDowell present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2020. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2020, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BORING MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 15. 2020, MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is November 5, 2020, to be held remotely.

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 expressed this is a concerning time for agriculture moving forward, as the needs are many and the resources are few. There was no travel submitted for approval.

COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE NO TRAVEL WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES

Commissioner Montri thanked Diane Smith and the Michigan Apple Committee's response to recent hateful racist comments made by a Michigan apple grower. So many in the industry are working to make agriculture a welcoming and inclusive space, and it takes industry leaders standing up in such unfortunate instances to express that is not who we are as an industry.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director echoed Commissioner Montri's appreciation to Diane Smith and the Michigan Apple Committee, adding it was very refreshing to see them come forward to denounce those appalling statements.

He shared details around the recent Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) All Employee Meeting, MDARD's Safe Re-Start Plan, the Ag Housing Workgroup, and this year's National Association of State Departments of Agriculture meeting.

During the All Employee Meeting, they took the opportunity to give a COVID shout-out to the department staff who have continued to show utmost professionalism, particularly during these difficult situations – some of them taking the brunt of criticism and frustration.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's MDARD Annual Employee Award Ceremony will be held virtually on Thurs., November 5 from 2:00-4:30 p.m., with 69 employees scheduled to receive service awards, as well as five special recognition presentations. He invited Commissioners to join the ceremony and will share logistics once finalized.

Commissioner Montri asked if the Aq Housing Task Force Final Report could be added to November Commission meeting agenda. The Director advised it should be published in time for review during that meeting.

In response to inquiry by Commissioner Montri, the Director advised MDARD is currently involved in final fiscal year 2021 budget negations.

MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD CHARTER AND MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD SUMMIT: Rich Pirog, Director, Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Regional Food Systems

Mr. Pirog shared background and specifics of the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems, including focus, scope, funding sources, content areas of the Michigan Good Food Charter, Farm to School Program, food procurement, food policy, healthy food access, Michigan Good Food Fund, cover crops, soil health, and food hubs, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion in food systems.

The Good Food Charter contains 25 agenda priorities shared by numerous organizations across the state that include healthy/equitable food access for all, food as an economic driver, and market opportunities for farmers. Just one example is Michigan's 2019 Local

Food System's Workforce development in Michigan that included career pathway mapping and working with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth to increase workforce development training for migrant workers.

The 2020 Michigan Good Food Virtual Summit will be launched on October 12, with Director McDowell giving the welcome. The series then continues from October 14 through November 20 and registration information can be found on the summit website at https://www.canr.msu.edu/michiganfood/summit. He will forward additional information on speakers and topics to Ms. Ayers for sharing with the Commission.

Most recently, the Center has brought the 28 Local Food Councils in Michigan together weekly to address COVID related topics around federal opportunities and working with various local organizations.

In response to question by Commissioner Montri, the Director advised the recent Governor's Food Security Council meeting highlighted how important these food systems are during the pandemic to ensure a strong local food system across the state.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There was no public comment relative to agenda items.

MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE REAPPORTIONMENT REQUEST: Diane Smith, Executive Director, Michigan Apple Committee

Ms. Smith thanked the Commissioners and Director for their kind comments earlier, the unfortunate situation was a very challenging time for the industry.

She explained details around the Michigan Apple Committee's representation and request for reapportionment of its districts to assure the board is well represented by engaged growers working in today's modern orchards and accurately reflecting the most recent farm numbers, acreage, and production figures. Their board unanimously voted to propose a reapportionment to establish four districts, with District 1 having one board member, District 2 having three board members, District 3 having two board members, and District 4 having one board member. The Director has submitted his approval of the reapportionment request.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR REAPPORTIONMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MONTRI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST'S FARMS UNDER THREAT - THE STATE OF THE STATE: Brian Bourdages, Midwest Farmland and National Agricultural Land Consultant

Mr. Bourdages advised the Farms Under Threat Report is a pivotal study produced by American Farmland Trust to help advance farmland protection. The State of the State portion of that study is especially important to Michigan, which was initially shared through webinars earlier in the year.

He explained details of the analyses of U.S. and Michigan farmland with indications of where the best farmland is located and where development continues to threaten agriculture. Also reviewed were key facts of the scorecard depicting Michigan's policy

responses. All reports and additional information are available on the website at https://farmland.org/project/farms-under-threat/. Ms. Ayers will share the link directly with Commissioners.

The various study data sets inherent in GIS can be made available to the department at no cost, which is part of the program support. If there is anything else needed, please contact him directly or advise Ms. Ayers.

The Director advised it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Bourdages, as he is truly passionate and committed to agriculture. With all the specialty crops in Michigan, it is especially important we strive to protect the state's farmland.

Commissioner Montri asked regarding the Executive Summary where Michigan is shown to be close to high threat with low policy response, but in other documents, it appears medium. Mr. Bourdages advised Michigan is actually very close to the edge of danger where it is losing more farmland than is being addressed by policy responses.

In response to inquiry from Commissioner Montri, Mr. Bourdages advised the most significant concern is generational succession. Michigan needs to become creative toward solutions on various fronts important for its farmland and future generations.

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP) STANDARDS PROPOSED CHANGES: Jim Johnson, Division Director, and Joe Kelpinski, **MAEAP Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division**

Mr. Johnson advised the MAEAP Standards before the Commission today are the culmination of work which is happening throughout the entire year. The Commission has the statutory responsibility to annually approve the MAEAP Standards, changes for which were introduced during the last meeting, with consideration for approval during today's meeting. If approved, these standards would be implemented and used for risk mitigation and MAEAP verification for individual operations over the next year.

Mr. Kelpinski reviewed the summary pages of changes for those systems with proposed revisions, and initially discussed the Forestry, Wetlands, and Habitat System. In response to inquiry from Commissioner Montri, Mr. Kelpinski advised Right to Forest is a legislative mandate and contains best management practices. Commissioner Montri advised in Section 1.03 under Low Risk, LMP does not need to be in parentheses. Mr. Kelpinski advised that correction will be made.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE FORESTRY, WETLANDS, AND HABITAT SYSTEM AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kelpinski advised in the Livestock System, the most significant changes pertain to the 2020 Site Selection Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMP), with changes to maintain integrity of both programs. In response to inquiry from Commissioner Montri, Mr. Kelpinski advised the committees worked closely for over 18 months to consider the various issues involved to ensure consistency between programs and to be inclusive of currently verified farms.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGERDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE LIVESTOCK SYSTEM AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MONTRI. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kelpinski advised the only change to Cropping System was in the Greenhouse*A*Syst Section, which creates consistency with the other approved 2020 standards to add an educational question that addresses the portable toilet issue.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE GREENHOUSE SYSTEM AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Mr. Kelpinski reviewed changes proposed for the Farmstead System. They include consistency with Greenhouse*A*Syst, updating language regarding the Bodies of Dead Animals Act standards, and some minor revisions to remain consistent with other standards.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BORING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE FARMSTEAD SYSTEM AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kelpinski advised there are no substantial changes recommended for the remaining systems. In response to question from Commissioner Montri, Mr. Kelpinski confirmed that when the Cropping System is approved, it covers the various subsystems.

GENERALLY ACCEPTED PROCESSING PRACTICES (GAPP): Jim Johnson, Division **Director, Environmental Stewardship Division**

Mr. Johnson advised the Commission is statutorily required to annually approve the Generally Accepted Fruit, Vegetables, Dairy, Meat, and Grain Processing Practices for Noise and Odor (GAPP) as dictated by the Legislature in 1998. Practices were developed specifically around noise and odor related issues, and although the department continues to work with processors, the GAPP has never been used. Processors have been able to handle issues themselves, making whatever changes are needed to address any complaints. As indicated in the materials provided to the Commission, there are no changes recommended this year and they can be approved as they currently exist.

In response to questions from Commissioner Montri, Mr. Johnson advised the committee last engaged in a review five years ago, and Chair Dr. Peterson has expressed interest in continuing with the GAAP efforts.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, DAIRY, MEAT, AND GRAIN PROCESSING PRACTICES FOR NOISE AND ODOR AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Chairperson Pridgeon recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m. for a brief break. He reconvened the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

<u>DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STRATEGIC PLAN: Kenneth McFarlane, Chief</u> Deputy Director

Mr. McFarlane reported the department recently initiated its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan development effort, which is being facilitated by Ashley Batteen, MDARD's Recruitment and Professional Development Specialist. All MDARD staff were invited to participate and 28 staff members are actively involved in the process, which is being effectively coordinated virtually. Progress is reported to him as the department's Equity and Inclusion Officer, as well as Human Resources Director Hillary Fabus and DEI Workgroup Chair Lexava Smith. The framework is developing well, and the goal is to introduce the Strategic Plan to staff in January 2021. Once finalized, documents will be shared with the Commissioners.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND REQUEST: Peter Anastor, Division Director, Agriculture Development Division

Mr. Anastor advised he is presenting one new project for approval today, as well as two amendments to existing grant projects. He reported the Legislature approved \$1M for the Food and Agriculture Investment Fund for Fiscal Year 2020. Since begun in 2017, 57 projects have been approved and are expected to create nearly 1,000 jobs, with over \$800M of investment in food and agriculture and forest products in Michigan. He expressed appreciation to the Commission for their assistance in those achievements.

The new project presented today is Ethel's Bakery, LLC, which produces gluten-free dessert bars. He introduced Jill Bommarito, Founder and CEO. Ms. Bommarito shared details about the company and their project. Their expansion will have a direct impact on Michigan's agriculture with increased purchases of butter, honey, and eggs, and will create 18 new jobs through a total investment of \$2.3M.

Mr. Anastor advised MDARD staff recommends the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approve a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$90,000 for Ethel's Bakery, LLC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BORING MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT OF \$90,000 FOR ETHEL'S BAKERY, LLC, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Anastor advised two amendments are being presented today because of complications due to the pandemic. He shared details around the PFI Holdco, LLC (Peterson Farms) project, noting the company has completed their entire project investment and fully implemented the other elements of the project. MDARD staff recommend the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development disperse the credit to allow PFI Holdco, LLC (Peterson Farms) to complete their project without requiring installation of the apple peelers by the Italian manufacturer's technicians.

Commissioner Boring suggested some stipulation be added to ensure the peelers are eventually installed. Mr. Anastor advised the company has already purchased and received the equipment and is fully committed to their installation.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE AMMENDMENT OF PROJECT MILESTONES OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT FOR PFI HOLDCO, LLC, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Anastor advised the second amendment for consideration is for Snackwerks of Michigan, LLC. The project's main customer was making a product that would be provided to the airline industry and due to the significant drop in passengers, the contract ended. Snackwerks has now identified alternative projects for their investments and will create additional jobs and diversify their product line. MDARD staff recommend the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development amend the project to replace the cookie line project with alternative projects to enable Snackwerks to continue their growth in Michigan and create jobs at the Battle Creek facility.

The Commission suggested language be added to project grant agreements to ensure companies are proactively responding to any disease outbreak issue amongst their staff to ensure protection of the workforce. Mr. Anastor advised he would work with Brad Deacon of the department to develop appropriate language for incorporation into new or amended grant agreements.

Commissioner Pridgeon ask if Snackwerks' pivot on their project makes them better suited for long-term growth. Mr. Anastor advised this does reposition the company with more opportunities because they will have more diversified equipment available which positions them for more growth in the future. In response to question from Commissioner Bergdahl, Mr. Anastor advised Snackwerks has been in Battle Creek for six-seven years with a very experienced leadership team.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MONTRI MOVED TO APPROVE AMMENDMENT OF PROJECT MILESTONES OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE-BASED GRANT FOR SNACKWERKS OF MICHIGAN, LLC, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BORING. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Nathan Kark, Director of Policy Development and Legislative</u> Affairs

Mr. Kark reported as of September 1, the Legislature officially returned for business, with the budget being its primary focus. Since this is the end of a two-year legislative cycle, any bills not passed by end of this year will expire and would require reintroduction for future consideration. He referred to the MDARD Legislative Update provided to the Commissioners and reviewed the status around bills of interest to the department.

Commissioner Pridgeon asked if action on the Drain Code is anticipated. Mr. Kark advised that the Drain Code bills had moved quickly through the House, but that there was no word on pending Senate action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Huttenga, Economic Development and Farmland Protection Coordinator for Ottawa County advised she was encouraged to learn of the commitment by the Commission and the department around the importance of succession planning for farmers and other farmland protection. She mentioned efforts moving forward in Ottawa County and advised she would be glad to share further details, offering potential collaboration on efforts.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Attachments:

- A) Agenda
- B) Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes July 15, 2020
- C) Director's Update
- D) Overview MS Center for Regional Food Systems Presentation
 E) Michigan Apple Committee Proposal for Reapportionment
- F) Farms Under Threat: The State of the States Executive Summary
- G) The State of the States Agricultural Land Conservation Highlight Summary for Michigan
- H) The State of the States Agricultural Land Protection Scorecard Highlight Summary for Michigan
- I) Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Standards Proposed Revisions for 2021
- J) Generally Accepted Fruit, Vegetables, Dairy, Meat, and Grain Processing Practices for Noise and Odor
- K) Ethel's Bakery, LLC Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request
- L) PFI Holdco, LLC (Peterson Farms) Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Amendment
- M) Snackwerks of Michigan, LLC Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Amendment
- N) Legislative Status September 1, 2020

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE November 5, 2020 - Ag Commission Meeting

Return to Work

In early October, Governor Whitmer notified state employees that we will be working remotely until at least January 2, 2021. MDARD continues to work with employees whose families may be experiencing limitations with kids going back to school and daycare to identify an agreeable/flexible work plan.

Ag Housing Workgroup

On October 14, MDARD held an Ag Housing Task Force meeting where we reviewed the draft final report and action plans to secure ample housing for our food and agriculture workers; particularly the processing industry. Once finalized, this document will be shared with the Governor Office (by the end of 2020). I am incredibly pleased by the engagement of growers, community leaders, economic development teams, and other state agencies to ensure input is considered across a broad spectrum.

Michigan Supreme Court Decision

On Monday, October 12, the Michigan Supreme Court issued two orders that make clear that the COVID-19 executive orders issued under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945 "are of no continuing legal effect."

We have been informed by the Governor's legal team, that departments may no longer take any actions in reliance on those orders. Additionally, we are urged to work with the Department of Attorney General to assess what effect this decision has on our work moving forward and any legal issues that may arise.

Many public health and other rules will continue under alternative authorities. Each department will be looking at it own specific legislative and rule-making authorities to enforce the intention of these orders in our efforts to ensure public safety during this pandemic.

I can't stress enough the importance of wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently, and maintaining six feet of physical distancing.

Climate Change

Last month, Governor Whitmer issued an Executive Order on Climate Change; of which MDARD (ag) will play a big role. Michigan will aim to achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality no later than 2050, and maintain net negative greenhouse gas emissions thereafter.

To ensure steady progress toward this statewide goal, and to prevent irreparable harm to our ecosystem, residents, and businesses in the interim, the state will aim to achieve a 28% reduction below 1999 levels in greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

Midwest Ag Directors

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, I have been meeting bi-weekly (and now monthly) with my ag counterparts in the seven midwestern states (MI, WI, IN, IL, MN, OH, KY). These collaborative discussions have included timely topics such as:

- production capacity
- food supply chain issues
- depopulation
- labor shortage
- migrant worker outbreaks
- state/county fairs
- weather/harvest impact

We're now turning our focus to:

- hemp
- meat processing
- broadband
- farmland preservation

This group of Directors/Secretaries/Commissioners of Agriculture is committed to ensuring the nation's food and agriculture continues to thrive – even during these challenging times.

Tri-National Accord

The Tri-National Accord was held October 20-22. It was a hefty agenda covering mutual topics of interest to the U.S., Canada and Mexico – including COVID recovery efforts, trade, African Swine Fever, gene editing, bilateral and trilateral workplans, and signing of the joint communique.

MDARD Employee Awards Ceremony

Just a reminder - this year's Annual Awards Ceremony will be held virtually this afternoon (Nov. 5) at 2:00 p.m. We welcome Commission participation. 68 employees will be receiving services awards, along with 5 special award presentations:

- Team Excellence
- Every Day Hero
- Front Line Ambassador
- Rookie of the Year
- Leadership

Collaborations Between Government, Academia, and Industries

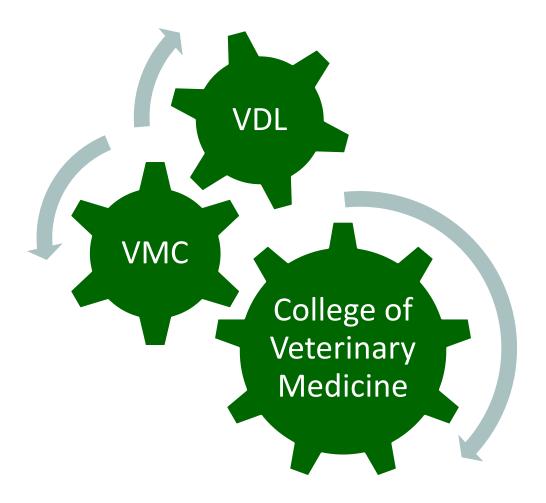


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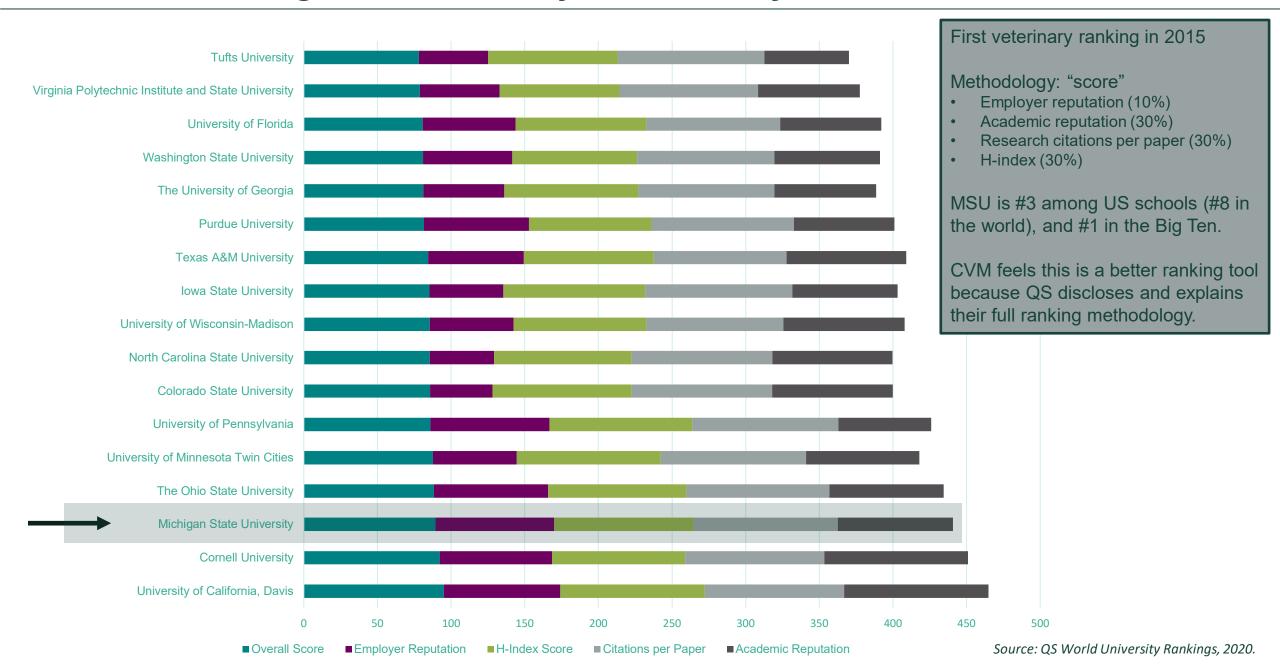






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MSU VDL History



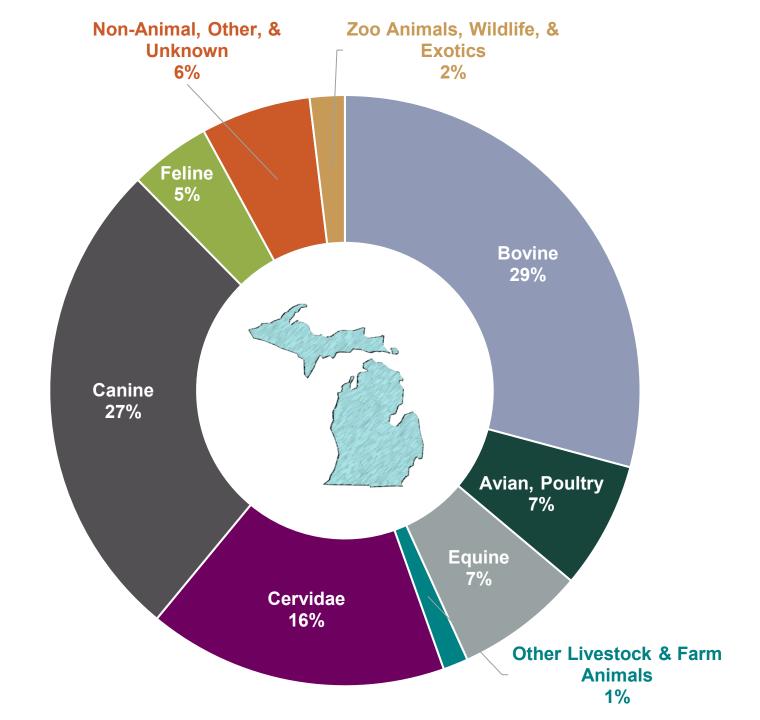


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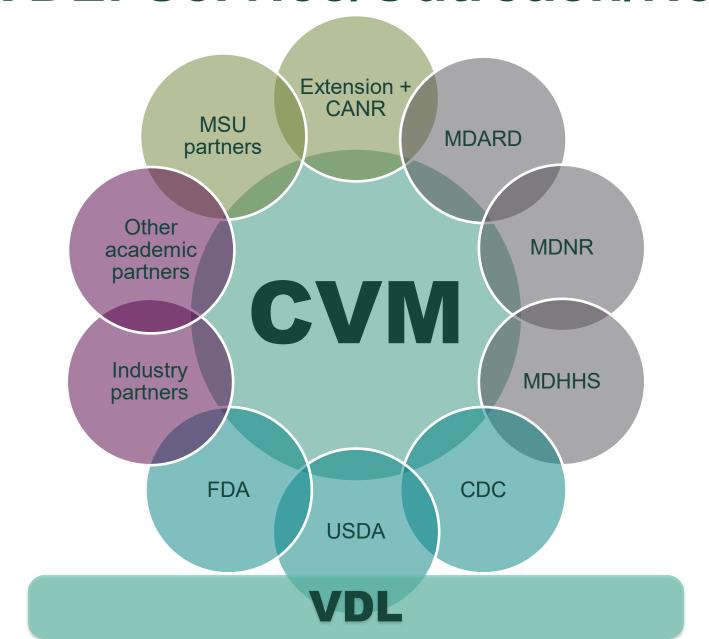


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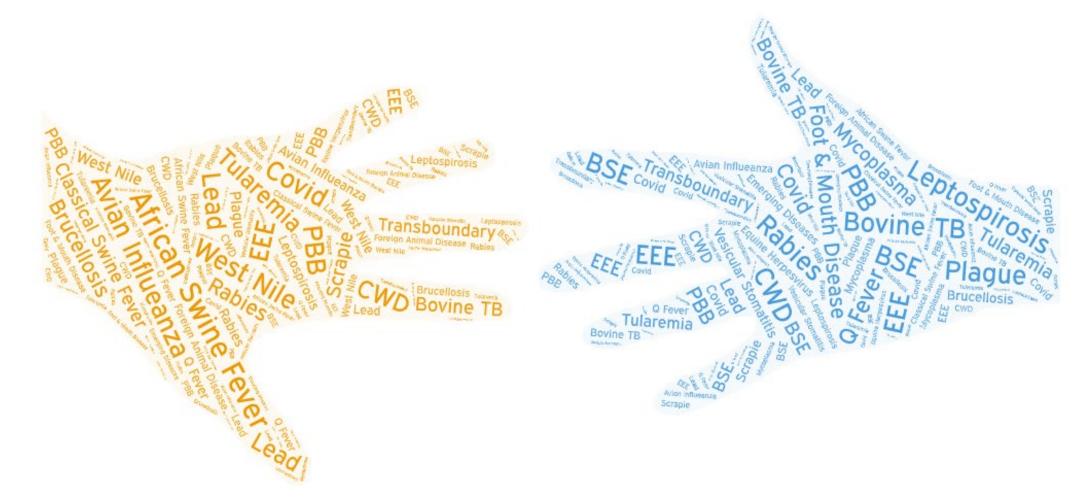


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CVM-VDL: Service/Outreach/Networks



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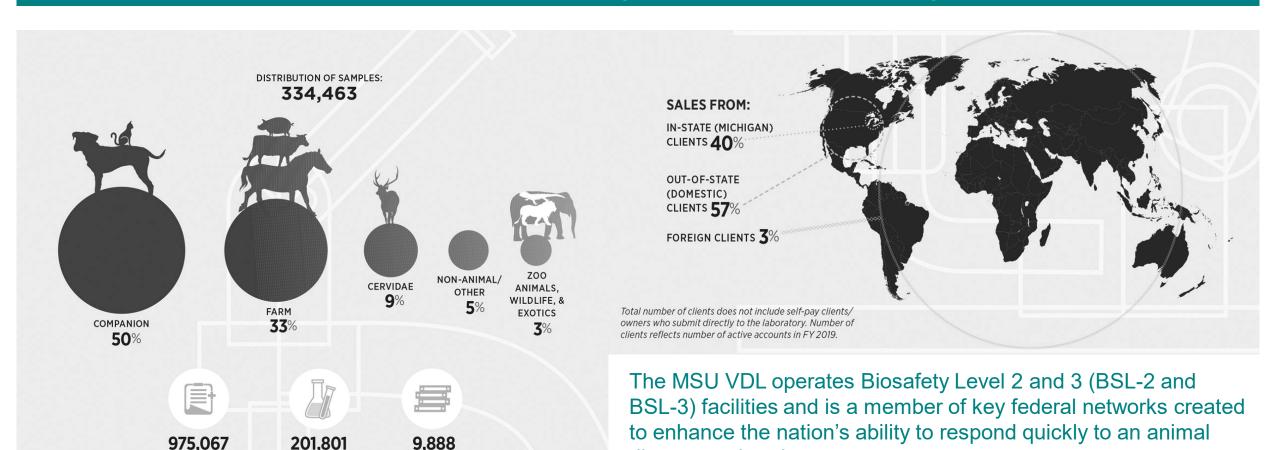
Questions





Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

The VDL performs nearly 1 million tests per year with active clients in all 50 states and more than 20 countries. In 2020, the VDL is assisting with human Covid-19 testing.





CLIENTS

CASES

disease outbreak:

- NAHLN: National Animal Health Laboratory Network (USDA)
- LRN: Laboratory Response Network (CDC)
- Vet-LIRN: Veterinary Laboratory Investigation Network (FDA)
- FERN: Food Emergency Response Network (USDA-FDA)
- NPIP: National Poultry Improvement Plan

TESTS



State – Tribal Relations & Consultation











Brad Deacon
Director, Office of Legal Affairs
Tribal Liaison

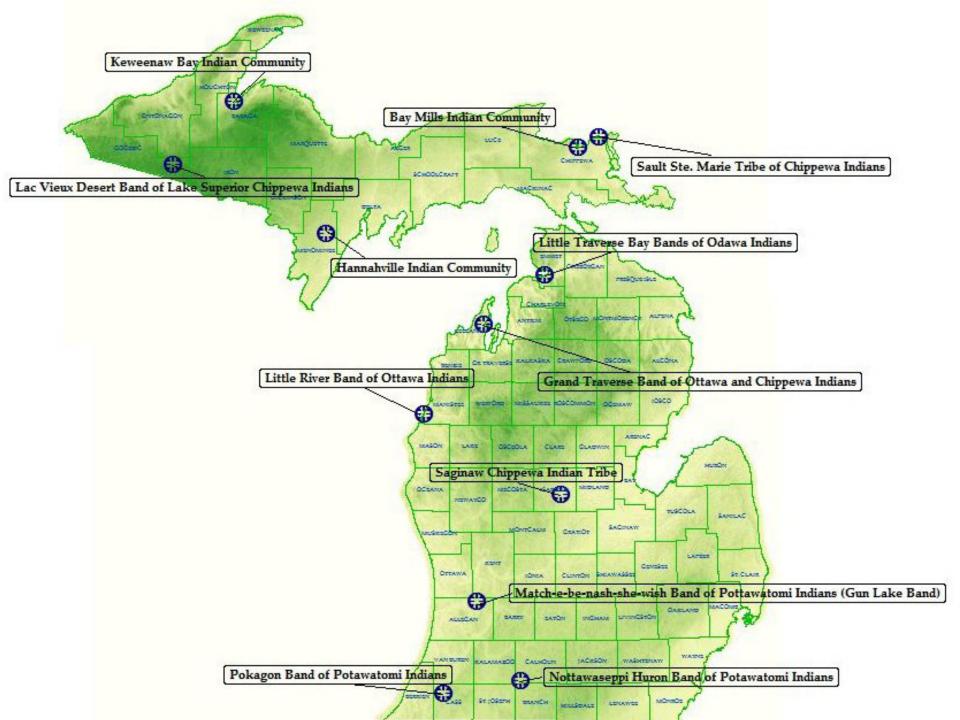
Tribal Sovereignty

Consultation

Tribal Relations







Key Concepts

- Treaties are the supreme law of the land
- Federal government has unique obligations toward Tribes based on trust responsibility, treaty provisions, and statutory mandates
- Sovereignty: Tribes are governments
- "Ceded Territory" refers to land transferred through treaty
- Reserved Rights



State – Tribal Relations

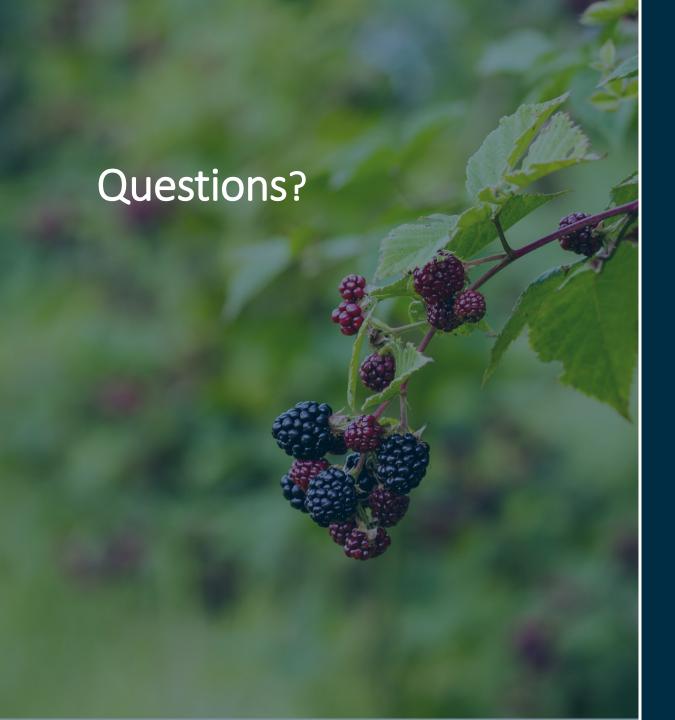
- 2002 Government to Government Accord
- Executive Directive 2019-17
- State-Tribal relations
 - Consultation
 - Respect
- Annual Summit
- MI Tribal Environmental Group



Shared Issues of Interest

- Fish processing / sale
- Invasive species
- Aquaculture & net pens
- Rural / economic development
- Pesticide application & pollinators
- Water quality









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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES MANUAL

TITLE: EFFECTIVE DATE: PROCEDURE #:

TRIBAL CONSULTATION October 1, 2020 36

PURPOSE: To provide a standard procedure for identifying issues of importance to tribes,

collaboration, information sharing, and formal consultation on departmental

decisions that are matters of shared concern.

APPLICATION: Department wide.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Michigan is home to twelve federally recognized Indian tribes. Each tribe is a sovereign government with an inherent right to self-governance and self-determination. Each has its own governing structure, culture, traditions, laws, regulations, and policies, which it uses to exercise jurisdiction over land and people. And each has a special trust relationship with the federal government. These principles are rooted in and affirmed by the Constitution, treaties, statutes, and court opinions of the United States, and they fundamentally define the unique legal relationship between these tribes and the State of Michigan. The State of Michigan shares a responsibility with Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes to provide for and protect the health, safety, and welfare of their common constituents.

The Department must adopt and implement a process for consulting on a government-to-government basis with Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes and must engage in this consultation process before taking an action or implementing a decision that may affect one or more of these tribes.

Activities that may be appropriate for consultation include, but are not limited to, actions or decisions regarding: rules or regulations; policies, guidance documents, or directives; permits; civil enforcement and compliance monitoring; emergency preparedness and response; non-regulatory activities; federal authorizations or delegations; grant opportunities; and efforts to carry out state obligations under a state compact or agreement. When in doubt, it is best to offer consultation.

RESPONSIBILITY:

ACTION:

DIRECTOR:

Designate a tribal liaison, per the 2002 Government to Government Accord and Executive Directive 2019-17.

TRIBAL LIAISON

- 1. Monitor and ensure the department's implementation of and compliance with this Executive Directive 2019-17 and the Accord.
- 2. Coordinate the department's interactions with the governments of Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes.
- 3. Coordinate and implement the department's tribal consultation process, including serving as a point-of-contact for department staff, tribal governments, and other parties interested in the process.
- 4. Communicate regularly with the governor's advisor on tribal-state affairs regarding the department's compliance with Executive Directive 2019-17 and the Accord, and regarding the department's interactions with Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes.

- Participate in the annual summit, the annual Tribal-State Forum, and monthly tribal-state conference calls as coordinated by the Governor's advisor on tribal-state affairs.
- 6. Produce an annual report regarding the department's implementation of Executive Directive 2019-17 and the Accord, including a description of the most significant interactions, including collaborations and conflicts, between the department and Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes over the past year. The tribal liaison must provide this report to the Governor's advisor on tribal-state affairs and to the director of the department no less than 21 days before the annual meeting or summit.
- 7. Educate departmental staff on tribal history, treaty rights and sovereignty, and the importance of collaboration and consultation, including assisting with identifying matters for possible consultation.
- 8. Facilitate annual training on tribal-state relations for all department employees who have direct interactions with tribes or who work on matters that have direct implications for tribes.
- 9. During consultation, work with each tribe to determine the method(s) of notification and the individuals who will be involved, as well as provide notifications of timelines.

DEPARTMENT

The department will use this process to effectuate consultation:

- Step One Identification. Identification of actions or decisions that may be appropriate for consultation based on the nature of the matter, the identity of the tribe(s) potentially affected, and the activity's potential implications for tribes. This is based upon prior experiences with tribal interest and involvement, and an evaluation of whether the action or decision may affect tribal interests such that consultation would be appropriate. Any tribe may also request consultation on a departmental activity, and the tribal liaison will facilitate an evaluation and response to that request.
- 2. Step Two Notification. The tribal liaison will promptly notify the tribe(s) potentially affected by the activity. Notification must include sufficient information to permit the potentially affected tribe(s) to make an informed decision regarding whether to proceed with consultation and must apprise the tribe(s) of how to provide input regarding the activity.
- 3. Step 3 Input. The department must then receive and consider input regarding the activity from any potentially affected tribe that may choose to offer it. This may occur through in-person or virtual meetings in addition to correspondence. Through this process, the department will inform the interested tribe(s) of any significant changes that occur during the process. Someone with decision-making authority must represent the department in all consultations.
- 4. Step 4 Follow-up. The department must then provide feedback to the tribe(s) involved in the consultation to explain how their input was considered in the final decision or action.

DIVISION DIRECTORS

Identify actions or decisions that may be appropriate for consultation based on the nature of the matter, the identity of the tribe(s) potentially affected, and the activity's potential implications for tribes. Relay that information to the tribal liaison.

Consider designation of a divisional tribal liaison to act as a resource and subject matter specialist on topics of ongoing or routine interest to tribes.

ALL STAFF

Staff will report interactions with tribes and consider whether their work has potential impact to tribes, either due to its nature or geographic location. Staff who have direct interactions with tribes or who work on matters that have direct implications for tribes will participate in annual training.

REVISION HISTORY: Revision #1:

Date: October 1, 2020

SUNSET DATE: RESPONSIBLE DIVISION/PERSON October 1, 2023 Executive Office/Tribal Liaison

Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development November 5, 2020

Request for Approval to Increase Nursery and Related Inspection Fees

Purpose

The Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (PPPMD) requests the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to approve proposed increases in its nursery and related inspection fees.

Authority

The Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, P.A. 189 of 1931, authorizes PPPMD to:

- Charge an inspection fee based on the cost of doing an inspection
- Annual adjust inspection fees based on the percentage change in the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint (now Detroit-Warren-Dearborn) Consumer Price Index (CPI) (determined by the State Treasurer)
 - o Adjustment not to exceed 5% in a one-year period
 - Commission must approve adjustment

Fiscal Year Review of the Cost of an Inspection

PPPMD evaluates the cost of conducting plant and plant product inspections at the end of each fiscal year. For the 2020 fiscal year, this evaluation found that:

- Inspection and license fees totaled \$960,000, which did not cover the approximately \$2.86 million cost of these programs
- Approximately \$1.9 million in general fund was required to support these programs

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The State Treasurer notified MDARD on September 18, 2020 that the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn CPI rose 1.5% in FY 2020.

Inspection Fee Schedules

<u>Current</u>: \$62/hour <u>Proposed</u>: \$63/hour [\$1/hour increase]

\$56/acre (first acre) \$57/acre [\$1/acre increase] \$34/acre (subsequent acres) \$34/acre [no change]

Revenue increase: estimated at \$5,000

Persons Affected by Inspection Fee Increases

- Nursery stock growers and dealers
- Exporters of plants and plant products
- Christmas tree growers shipping cut trees out of state
- Importers of foreign-source nursery stock
- Persons requesting inspections under special circumstances

Effective Period

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Notification of Proposed Inspection Fee Increases and Effective Period

In October, PPPMD notified, in writing, the proposed changes in fees to the following organizations:

- Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association
- Michigan Green Industry Association
- Michigan Christmas Tree Association
- Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council
- Michigan Agribusiness Association

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FY 2021 Enacted Budget

- \$121.3 Million Gross
- \$63.6 Million GF

Major Initiatives - \$10,325,200

- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) \$5.0 million GF/GP (\$4.4 one-time and \$600,000 on-going)
- Private Cervid Operations/Chronic Wasting Disease Staff Enhancement \$76,900
 GF/GP
- Maintenance and Support for Licensing and Inspection Systems \$225,000 (210,000 GF/GP and \$15,000 Restricted)
- Food Safety and Quality Assurance \$905,000 (\$205,000 GF/GP and \$700,000 Restricted Marihuana Funding)
- Milk Safety and Quality Assurance \$114,300 GF/GP
- County Fair Capital Outlay Grants \$500,000 GF/GP
- MSU Michigan Alliance for Animal Agriculture \$3,000,000 GF/GP
- Feed and Fertilizer Audit Staff \$504,000 Restricted Funding

General Fund Reductions - \$2,107,300

- Pesticide and Plant Pest Management \$200,000
- Animal Industry Division Indemnification Livestock Depredation \$10,000
- Farmland Preservation Program \$20,600
- Qualified Forest Program \$150,000 (\$100,000 fund shift with restricted funds)
- Laboratory Services \$90,000
- Food and Agriculture Investment Program \$1,529,400
- Craft Beverage Council \$3,700
- Fair Food Network \$100,000

FY 2022

- FY 2022 Budget development underway
- Revenue estimating conference in January

MDARD Legislative Update: 10/14/20

Туре	Bill#	Subject	Date of Last Action	Last Action	Primary Sponsor	Position (if applicable)
Senate Bill	<u>174</u>	Animals; other; animal industry act; modify. Amends title & secs. 1, 3, 7, 9, 11b, 12, 14, 19, 20, 22, 31, 39, 40, 43 & 44 of 1988 PA 466 (MCL 287.701 et seq.); adds secs. 3a, 3b, 12a, 12b, 14a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 40a, 40b & 43a & repeals secs. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 13a, 15, 16, 17a, 23, 24, 24a, 26a, 27, 28, 29, 29a, 30, 30a, 30b, 30c, 30d, 32, 33, 35, 41 & 46 of 1988 PA 466 (MCL 287.704 et seq.).	12/3/19	PA 132 '19	Kevin Daley	Support
Senate Bill	<u>179</u>	Animals; other; definition of livestock in agricultural commodities marketing act; modify citations. Amends sec. 2 of 1965 PA 232 (MCL 290.652). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0174'19	12/3/19	PA 133 '19	Roger Victory	Support
Senate Bill	<u>180</u>	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for violations of animal industry act; modify citations. Amends sec. 12m, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.12m). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0174'19	12/3/19	PA 134 '19	Dan Lauwers	Support
Senate Bill	<u>181</u>	Animals; other; definition of livestock and reference to animal industry act in Michigan penal code; modify citations. Amends secs. 50 & 50b of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50 & 750.50b). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0174'19	12/3/19	PA 135 '19	Dan Lauwers	Support
Senate Bill	<u>182</u>	Animals; other; definition of livestock and reference to animal industry act in wildlife depredations act; modify citations. Amends secs. 2 & 3 of 2012 PA 487 (MCL 285.362 & 285.363). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0174'19	12/3/19	PA 136 '19	Ed McBroom	Support
Senate Bill	<u>183</u>	Animals; other; definition of livestock in wolf-dog cross act; modify citations. Amends sec. 2 of 2000 PA 246 (MCL 287.1002). TIE BAR WITH: SB 0174'19	12/3/19	PA 137 '19	Ed McBroom	Support
Senate Bill	<u>361</u>	Animals; other; definition of livestock in the Michigan fireworks safety act; modify citation. Amends sec. 12 of 2011 PA 256 (MCL 28.462).	11/21/19	PA 138 '19	Jim Ananich	Support
Senate Bill	<u>450</u>	Agriculture; animals; amount charged for livestock dealer license fee; extend sunset. Amends sec. 3 of 1937 PA 284 (MCL 287.123).	10/2/19	PA 86 '19	Curtis Hertel	Support
House Bill	4035	Animals; dogs; local government regulating a dog based on breed or perceived breed; prohibit. Creates new act.	10/13/20	Transmitted to the Senate	Jim Ellison	Support
House Bill	4496	Animals; research facilities; certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization; require. Creates new act.	11/5/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Kevin Hertel	
Senate Bill	<u>175</u>	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in act governing ferrets; modify citations. Amends sec. 1 of 1994 PA 358 (MCL 287.891).	3/7/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Kevin Daley	Support
Senate Bill	<u>176</u>	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in act governing the licensing of livestock dealers; modify citations. Amends secs. 4 & 7 of 1937 PA 284 (MCL 287.124 & 287.127).	3/7/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Kevin Daley	Support
Senate Bill	<u>177</u>	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in Michigan aquaculture act; modify citations. Amends secs. 6 & 8 of 1996 PA 199 (MCL 286.876 & 286.878).	3/7/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Jim Ananich	Support

Senate Bill	<u>178</u>	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in general property tax act; modify citations. Amends secs. 7dd & 34c of 1893 PA 206 (MCL 211.7dd & 211.34c).	3/7/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Roger Victory	Support
House Bill	<u>5203</u>	Agriculture; other; office of the small farms coordinator; create. Creates new act.	11/6/2019	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Angela Witwer	
House Bill	4593	Animals; care and treatment; devocalization procedure on an animal; prohibit, except for a therapeutic purpose. Amends 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.1101 - 333.25211) by adding sec. 18830.	5/15/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Tim Sneller	
House Bill	<u>4594</u>	Crimes; animals; ownership, possession, breeding, sale, and importing of nonhuman primates; prohibit with certain exceptions and provide penalty. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 70b.	5/15/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Jim Ellison	
House Bill	<u>4595</u>	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. Amends sec. 2 of 1974 PA 57 (MCL 433.352).	5/15/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Frank Liberati	
House Bill	<u>4596</u>	Animals; cats; establishment and promotion of community cat programs; provide for. Creates new act.	5/15/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Laurie Pohutsky	
House Bill	<u>4641</u>	Crimes; animals; penalties for performing or allowing a devocalization procedure to be performed if no therapeutic purpose; provide for. Amends sec. 50 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50).	5/21/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Sherry Gay-Dagnogo	
House Bill	<u>4947</u>	Food; other; labeling as meat a laboratory-grown meat substitute; prohibit. Amends sec. 7129 of 2000 PA 92 (MCL 289.7129).	9/11/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Beau LaFave	
House Bill	4833	Agriculture; animals; import or transfer live Cervidae from a region that has tested positive for chronic wasting disease; prohibit. Amends sec. 30a of 1988 PA 466 (MCL 287.730a).	8/29/19	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Thomas Albert	
House Bill	<u>5085</u>	Health occupations; veterinarians; consulting with animal owner on the use of marihuana and CBD oil; allow under certain circumstances. Amends 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.1101 - 333.25211) by adding sec. 18817.	9/15/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Douglas Markkanen	
House Bill	<u>5090</u>	Animals; care and treatment; experimentation on dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress, and certain related activities, by an affiliate of a public body; prohibit. Creates new act.	10/8/2019	Referred to the Committee of Agriculture	Sara Cambensy	
Senate Bill	<u>185</u>	Drains; maintenance and improvement; frequency of maintenance; limit based on period since most recent maintenance assessment. Amends secs. 196 & 201 of 1956 PA 40 (MCL 280.196 & 280.201).	3/7/19	Referred to the Committee of Local Government	Jim Stamas	
House Bill	<u>5060</u>	Drains; maintenance and improvement; expenditures and assessments without petition; increase maximum amounts. Amends sec. 196 of 1956 PA 40 (MCL 280.196).	6/3/2020	Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means	Alex Garza	Support
House Bill	<u>5126</u>	Drains; other; petition to add or remove lands and notice of receipt of bids and review of apportionments; revise requirements. Amends secs. 135 & 154 of 1956 PA 40 (MCL 280.135 & 280.154).	6/3/2020	Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means	Steven Johnson	Support
House Bill	<u>5508</u>	Animals; cats; certain medical procedures for declawing a cat;	2/20/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Nate Shannon	
House Bill	<u>5577</u>	Animals; care and treatment; adequate shelter for dogs; clarify. Amends sec. 50 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50).	3/4/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Darrin Camolleri	

Senate Bill	<u>823</u>	Cemeteries and funerals; other; pet cemetery regulation act; create. Creates new act.	3/5/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Paul Wojno	
Senate Bill	<u>850</u>	Agriculture; industrial hemp; regulations for growing industrial hemp; create. Creates new act.	6/30/2020	PA 137 '20	Dan Lauwers	Support
Senate Bill	<u>851</u>	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; allowing a falsified preharvest sample to be tested; provide for. Amends sec. 12m, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.12m).	3/17/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Dan Lauwers	Support
Senate Bill	<u>852</u>	Agriculture; industrial hemp; regulations for growing industrial hemp; create. Creates new act.	6/18/2020	Presented to the Governor	Dan Lauwers	Support
Senate Bill	<u>853</u>	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; allowing a falsified preharvest sample to be tested; provide for. Amends sec. 12m, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.12m).	3/17/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Dan Lauwers	Support
Senate Bill	<u>869</u>	Occupations; individual licensing and registration; pesticide applicator licensing; extend during a declared emergency. Amends secs. 8312 & 8317 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.8312 & 324.8317).	5/6/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Wayne Schmidt	
Senate Bill	<u>870</u>	Agriculture; weights and measures; vapor pressure restrictions on gasoline sales; suspend during a declared emergency. Amends secs. 3 & 9k of 1984 PA 44 (MCL 290.643 & 290.649k).	5/6/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Wayne Schmidt	
House Bill	<u>5903</u>	Food; other; regulations regarding peppers, cloves, and nutmeg; repeal. Repeals 1919 PA 418 (MCL 289.521 - 289.526).	6/24/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Matt Maddock	
Senate Bill	<u>419</u>	Animals; other; registration and regulation of animal rescues; provide for. Amends title & secs. 1, 2, 5a, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9a & 9b of 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331 et seq.) & adds sec. 8d.	6/25/20	Referred to the Committee of the Whole	Peter Lucido	Opposed
House Bill	<u>5239</u>	Agriculture; animals; Michigan equine commission; create. Creates new act.	1/16/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture (Testimony taken)	Hank Vaupel	Neutral
Senate Bill	<u>728</u>	Appropriations; zero budget; department of agriculture and rural development; provide for fiscal year 2020-2021. Creates appropriation act.	1/22/2020	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations	Roger Victory	
House Bill	<u>5381</u>	Appropriations; zero budget; department of agriculture and rural development; provide for fiscal year 2020-2021. Creates appropriation act.	1/23/2020	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations	Greg VanWoerkom	
House Bill	<u>4806</u>	Public utilities; public service commission; licensing of electric vehicle charging station operators; provide for. Amends title & secs. 10g, 10h & 10q of 1939 PA 3 (MCL 460.10g et seq.).	2/19/20	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means	Andrea Schroeder	Opposed
House Bill	4807	Agriculture; weights and measures; pricing for charging of electric vehicles; standardize price displays. Amends 1964 PA 283 (MCL 290.601 - 290.635) by adding sec. 28g.	7/10/19	Referred to the Committee on Energy	Padma Kuppa	Opposed
House Bill	<u>5574</u>	State; symbol; cherry; designate as official state fruit. Creates new	2/27/2020	Referred to the Committee on Government Operations	Rebekah Warren	
House Bill	<u>5730</u>	Occupations; individual licensing and registration; pesticide applicator licensing; extend during a declared emergency. Amends secs. 8312 & 8317 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.8312 & 324.8317).	4/24/2020	Referred to the Committee on Government Operations	Brant Iden	

	1	[Crimes; animals; restitution for care and treatment of certain				
House Bill	<u>5808</u>	forfeited animals; impose penalty on ownership of animal to person convicted of certain crimes against animal. Amends sec. 50b of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50b).	5/20/2020	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary	Douglas Wozniak	
House Bill	<u>5809</u>	Animals; care and treatment; restitution for care and treatment of certain forfeited animals; impose penalties upon owner. Amends sec. 50 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50).	5/20/2020	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary	Douglas Wozniak	
House Bill	<u>5504</u>	Drains; financing; assessment periods for projects and maintenance on drains; extend. Amends secs. 196 & 434 of 1956 PA 40 (MCL 280.196 & 280.434). Animals; birds; regulations regarding the sport of racing and	2/19/2020	Referred to the Committee on Local Government	James Lower	Support
House Bill	<u>5905</u>	Animals; birds; regulations regarding the sport of racing and carrier pigeons; repeal. Repeals 1974 PA 57 (MCL 433.351 - 433.355).	6/24/2020	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Matt Maddock	
House Bill	<u>4860</u>	Animals; exotic; applicability of certain provisions of the large carnivore act based on residency; modify. Amends sec. 22 of 2000 PA 274 (MCL 287.1122).	1/15/20	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means	Thomas Albert	
Senate Bill	<u>971</u>	Animals; care and treatment; conducting of research or training activities on dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress, and certain related activities, by an affiliate of a public body; prohibit. Creates new act.	6/17/2020	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary	Michael McDonald	
House Bill	<u>5445</u>	Public utilities; public service commission; registration procedure for electric vehicle charging stations; provide for. Creates new act.	2/19/2020	Referred to Ways and Means	Andrea Schroeder	Opposed
House Bill	<u>4585</u>	Agriculture; other; fair and festival carnival safety partners program; provide for. Creates new act.	6/18/19	Reported from Regulatory Reform to the Committee of Ways and Means	Thomas Albert	Opposed
Senate Bill	982	Occupations; individual licensing and registration; registration and training of seasonal registered pesticide applicator; provide for. Amends secs. 8306 & 8314 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.8306 & 324.8314).	6/24/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Kim LaSata	
House Bill	<u>5126</u>	prains; other; petition to add or remove lands and notice of receipt of bids and review of apportionments; revise requirements. Amends secs. 135 & 154 of 1956 PA 40 (MCL 280.135 & 280.154).	7/23/2020	Referred to the Committee on Local Government	Steven Johnson	Support
House Bill	<u>5890</u>	Food; meats; guidelines for meat cutting facilities; modify. Amends sec. 28a of 1964 PA 283 (MCL 290.628a)	6/24/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Scott VanSingel	
House Bill	<u>6009</u>	Animals: dogs; certain unnecessary medical procedures for dogs; prohibit. Creates new act.	8/9/2020	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture	Mari Manoogian	
House Bill	<u>6044</u>	Labor: hours and wages; hazard pay for certain agriculture, farm, and seasonal workers during a declared emergency; provide for	8/12/2020	Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism	Brian Elder	
House Bill	<u>6054</u>	Taxation: farmland and open space; certain references in the farmland and open space preservation statute; make gender neutral. Amends sec. 36109 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.36109).	8/12/2020	Referred to the Committee on Government Operations	Rebekah Warren	
House Bill	<u>6068</u>	Agriculture: associations and commissions; certain references in the agricultural commodities marketing act; make gender neutral.	8/12/2020	Referred to the Committee on Government Operations	Sheryl Kennedy	

Senate Bill	<u>1067</u>	Liquor: other; fund shift for the Michigan craft beverage council fund; provide for. Amends sec. 303a of 1998 PA 58 (MCL 436.1303a).	10/6/2020	Presented to the Governor	Kevin Hertel	
House Bill	<u>6155</u>	Labor: health and safety; additional personal protective equipment for agricultural and food processing employees; require employers to provide during certain states of emergency. Amends 1974 PA 154 (MCL 408.1001 - 408.1094) by adding sec. 60.	9/2/2020	Referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform	Alex Garza	
House Bill		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).	9/2/2020	Referred to the Committee on Transportation	Steven Johnson	
Senate Bill		Food: other; use of PFAS in food packaging; prohibit. Amends 2000 PA (MCL 289.1101 - 289.8111) by adding sec. 5106.	9/1/2020	Referred to the Committee on environmental quality	Jeff Irwin	
Senate Bill	<u>1133</u>	Energy: gas and oil; propane commission; provide for. Creates new act.	9/22/2020	Reffered to the Committee on Energy and Technology	Ed McBroom	
Senate Bill	6298	Traffic control: driver license; waiver of knowledge test for an individual with military commercial motor vehicle experience; provide for.	10/14/2020	Referred to the Committee on Transportation	Greg Markkanen	