

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Constitution Hall – Atrium Level
Con-Con Conference Room
525 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan

NOVEMBER 12, 2014
TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda (action item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the September 17, 2014, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (**action item**)
4. **Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule (action item)**
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item)**
- 9:15 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
7. **Director's Travel (action item)**
- December 1-2, NASDA and FDA Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- 9:25 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
In accordance with the Public Appearance Guidelines in the Commission Policy Manual, individuals wishing to address the Commission will be allowed up to three minutes for their presentation. Documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The public comment time provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment.
- 9:40 a.m. 9. **Agriculture Labor Workforce Coalition Final Report:** Mike DiBernardo, Economic Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information only)
- 10:00 a.m. 10. **Specialty Crop Block Grant Update:** Nancy Nyquist, Market Development Specialist, Office of Agriculture Development (information only)
- 10:10 a.m. 11. **Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices Process and Review of Proposed Changes:** Jim Johnson, Director, and Wayne Whitman, Right to Farm Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**

- 10:40 a.m. 12. **Water and its Economic Advantage for Michigan's Food and Agriculture System** (information only):
- **Perspective from a Water Appropriation State:** Director Clover Adams
 - **Use of the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool:** Bob Mayer, Owner, Great Lakes Glads
 - **User Perspective:** Tim Brian, President, Smeltzer Orchards
 - **Irrigation Overview:** Dan Ganger, President, Maisco
- Commission (over course of next two months) to review and formulate comments for discussion during January's meeting.
- 12:00 p.m. 13. **Commissioner Issues**
- 12:10 p.m. 14. **Public Comment**
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- 12:25 p.m. 15. **Adjourn (action item)**