

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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March 15, 2023
2nd REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| 9:30 a.m. | 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce New Commissioners |
| | 2. | Approval of Agenda (action item) |
| | 3. | Approval of Minutes from the November 7, 2022, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item) |
| | 4. | Next Scheduled Meeting (information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 17, 2023 |
| 9:40 a.m. | 5. | Commissioner Comments and Travel (action item) |
| 9:50 a.m. | 6. | Commissioner Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of New Officers (action item)• Retirement Resolution – Director Gary McDowell (action item)• Retirement Resolution – Lou Ognajanovski (action item)• Retirement Resolution – Nancy Harris (action item)• Retirement Resolution – Keith Eldred (action item) |
| 10:10 a.m. | 7. | Acting Director's Report |
| 10:20 a.m. | 8. | ERAIL (Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock): Beth Ferry, MSU Extension, Mary Kelpinski, Michigan Pork Producers Association, and Brad Deacon, Emergency Management Coordinator (information only) |
| 10:50 a.m. | 9. | Budget Update: Sylvia Renteria, Director of Finance and Budget (information only) |
| 11:00 a.m. | 10. | Legislative Update: Ashley Steffen, Legislative Liaison (information only) |
| 11:10 a.m. | 11. | Public Comment <p>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</p> |

provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment.

11:15 a.m. 12. **Adjourn (action item)**

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MEETING MINUTES November 2, 2022

PRESENT:

Charlie Meintz, Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Andy Chae, Vice Chair, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Patricia Bergdahl, Secretary, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Juliette King-McAvoy, Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development
Gary McDowell, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Meintz called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development to order at 9:05 a.m. on November 2, 2022. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Bergdahl, Chae, King-McAvoy, and Meintz, and Director McDowell announcing themselves as present. Commissioner Wyant was absent.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO EXCUSE
COMMISSIONER WYANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY.
MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Meintz announced he would be adding Sarah Lucas, Director of the Office of Rural Development to the agenda for an overview of the office. He also added that Joe Cramer, Michigan Bean Commission Executive Director, was unable to join us, and Scott Bales would be presenting.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING
AGENDA, AS AMENDED FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2022. SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY. MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER
14, 2022, MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING-
MCAVOY. MOTION CARRIED.**

PROPOSED 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Commissioners discussed the proposed dates for their 2023 meetings.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND TRAVEL

Commissioners shared information relative to their farm operations, as well as agriculture in their respective areas.

Commissioner Chae is wrapping up harvest at his farm. They hosted four different tours this week, including Michigan Land Bank Authority and Wayne State University.

Chairman Meintz expressed concerns with winter wheat having issues with germination. They finished up harvest, however dry.

Commissioner Bergdahl harvested a good final hay crop for the year. They did have some snow but continues to be dry in her area.

Commissioner King-McAvoy noted apples are off the tree and was a record-breaking crop. There were supply issues with storage boxes, and logistics for trucking.

Commissioners Bergdahl, Chae, King-McAvoy, and Meintz traveled to attend today's meeting. There was no other travel submitted for approval.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' TRAVEL. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAE. MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNIZE RETIRING COMMISSIONERS

Director McDowell honored Commissioners Meintz and Bergdahl for their service to the commission. Both expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the board and expressed the knowledge they gained during their term was exceptional.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director McDowell congratulated Commissioner King-McAvoy being named as one of the 40 under 40 fruit and vegetable industry professionals.

The Director shared the annual Employee Award Ceremony took place the day before. Fifty-eight staff were recognized for their years of service. The following special award recipients included:

Every Day Hero – William Wells, Food and Dairy Division
Leadership – Ken Settimo, Food and Dairy Division
Front Line Ambassador – Stephanie Baughan, Laboratory Division
Rookie of the Year – Nicole Ballreich, Animal Industry Division
Team Excellence – 2022 MI HPAI Response Team

The Director traveled to the NASDA Annual Conference in the state of New York. He has participated in tours throughout the state since the September meeting, including the Milk River Intercounty Drain Tour, Kids Food Basket Site, Soybean Asphalt Rejuvenator Program Tour, and a tour of Customs and Boarder Protection Ports.

The Director highlighted a few key industry meetings, including MABA Outlook Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

No public comment on agenda items was requested.

OFFICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Sarah Lucas, Director of the Office of Rural Development

Ms. Lucas shared her outreach across the state on behalf of the department, and the excitement she is receiving. She discussed the grant opportunities the department will offer to rural communities in our state. Ms. Lucas shared the hiring process is moving forward for three new positions in the Office of Rural Development with hopes to have it finished by the end of the month.

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 \$3.3 million, with licensing and inspection fee revenue only totaling about \$943,000. He reviewed specifics of the requested increase. Organizations affected by the increase have received advance notification of the pending increase.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE NURSERY AND RELATED INSPECTION FEES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAE. MOTION CARRIED.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY: Mike Philip, Division Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division

Mr. Philip gave a presentation on the status of Spotted Lanternfly in the state of Michigan. The invasive species was in Pontiac, Michigan in earlier 2022. The treatment of insecticide has been successful. There are some concerns of local distribution centers where the insect could be transported to new locations. There is also some concern of the insect being in Northern Indiana, which is in close proximity to Michigan's southwest grape industry.

Commissioner Chae asked if communication was ongoing with MDARDs counterparts in Indiana to protect the grapes in Southwest Michigan. Mr. Philip assured the commission the communication was frequent.

GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (GAAMPs): Jim Johnson, Division Director, and Mike Wozniak, Right to Farm (RTF) Program Manager, both Environmental Stewardship Division and the GAAMP Advisory Committee Chairs

Mr. Johnson noted the RTF Act gives the Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development responsibility for the GAAMPs which RTF staff use to determine compliance with the conditions necessary under the RTF Act. The Act dictates the GAAMPs be reviewed annually by the Commission and revised as considered necessary. The proposed 2023 GAAMPs were introduced in September and today, Commissioners can ask questions of the GAAMP Advisory Committee Chairs and ultimately decide the adoption of each of the eight GAAMPs as presented. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to the GAAMP Advisory Committees for the extensive amount of work they accomplished reviewing the documents to ensure these standards reflect the very best in managing appropriate farming practices that address nuisance conditions.

Dr. Madonna Benjamin, Care of Farm Animals GAAMP Committee Chair, provided an overview of the recommended changes for each specific species chapter of the 2023 Care of Farm Animals GAAMP. Recommended revisions include changes to over-the-counter pharmaceuticals pending FDA changes, euthanasia and depopulation updates, changes to fencing requirement for equine and updates to water sources for Apiary Management.

Commissioners had multiple questions on why revisions were made. Dr. Benjamin and Mr. Wozniak discussed prior discussion of the Care of Farm Animals GAAMP Committee resulting in these decisions. The commissioners asked the GAAMPs Advisory Committee Chairs to review the effects of climate change.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2023 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CARE OF FARM ANIMALS WITH CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Steve Safferman, Manure Management and Utilization GAAMP Chair, provided an overview of the proposed changes in the 2023 Manure GAAMP, which include several changes to provide consistency of storage and capacity limits and recommending the use of the Michigan Manure Hauler Certification Program. Tracking and consideration of future scientific data will continue as they review the 2023 GAAMP. The committee will continue to look at Manure Winter Plans, in the event storage capacities are met in winter months.

Commissioner King-McAvoy asked Dr. Safferman what future plans the committee has for large precipitation runoff. Dr. Safferman explained that more discussion will be held for the 2024 GAAMPs when a 25-year flood is concerned, and how storage and runoff can be managed.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDHAL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2023 GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MANURE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION WITH

**CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER CHAE
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Wozniak stated that the remaining GAAMPs have no major proposed changes. He invited the remaining GAAMPs Committee Chairs to discuss their areas of interest. Commissioner King-McAvoy expressed that all GAAMP Committee Chairs focus on transparency and diversity in their committees for 2024.

Mr. Ryan Coffey Hoag, Farm Markets GAAMP Committee Chair, discussed prior changes to the Farm Market GAAMP. For 2023, the Farm Market GAAMP has no major revisions. The committee does hope to review Agritourism in the 2024 revisions. Chairman Meintz discussed how local farmers can use Agritourism to diversify their operation and how the Farm Market GAAMP would be used to protect the farmer.

Mr. Younsuk Dong, Irrigation Water Use GAAMP Committee Chair, reviewed the recommended revisions to the 2023 Irrigation and Water Use GAAMP. Mr. Dong discussed trends before the GAAMPs Committee, especially odors related to irrigation and center pivots.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2023
GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES FOR IRRIGATION WATER USE WITH CHANGES AS
PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Wozniak presented the remaining four GAAMPs to the commission, and requested the commission adopt the remaining five GAAMPs.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2023
GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES FOR PEST UTILIZATION-PEST CONTROL, CRANBERRY
PRODUCTION, FARM MARKETS, SITE SELECTION AND NUTRIENT
UTILIZATIONS AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER
BERGDAHL SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Chairperson Meintz recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m. for a brief break. He reconvened the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

**MSU AGBIORESEARCH AND THE SAGINAW VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER: Dr. Jim
Kells, MSU AgBioResearch Assistant Director and Paul Horney, Farm Manager, Saginaw
Valley Research Center**

Dr. Kells and Mr. Horney welcomed the Commission to the Saginaw Valley Research Center. Mr. Horney explained that the facility is 13 years old and had been located in the Saginaw area since the 1800s.

Dr. Kells explained how the MSU AgBioResearch receives their funding and how the research is important to the industry in the state of Michigan. Dr. Kells explained that the Saginaw Valley Research Center is 450 acres of privately donated land.

Chairman Meintz discussed what successes and failures the research stations have encountered in their time of operation. Mr. Horney explained that they expect to fail 99% of the time.

MICHIGAN BEAN COMMISSION: Scott Bales, Michigan Bean Commission

Mr. Bales gave a presentation on the Michigan Bean Commission on the importance of dry beans in the Saginaw Valley and the state of Michigan. Mr. Bales explained the obstacles the industry face in processing, weed and disease control, and genetics. Mr. Bales thanked MDARD for their relationship in grants and guidance. He also explained how the Bean Commission works with MSU to receive grants and funding for success in research.

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

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised five Food and Agriculture Investment Program project requests are being presented for Commission consideration today. The first project is Carnico Foods., which is owned and operated by Scott and Ali Ferry of Ferry Farms in Litchfield, Michigan. Their inspected facility will have processing, packaging, private labeling, co-packing, and product drying/climate room for specialty meat and cured meats. Carnico Foods will create 8 new jobs.

Scott and Ali Ferry provided additional background on the company. Mrs. Ferry explained how the Farm to Table movement has helped their roadside stand move quickly to a specialty meat product being sold in large facilities. Their plant will cut down the distance from 300 miles to 40 miles for other farmers to utilize their plant.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$65,000 for Carnico Farms.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF \$65,000 FOR CARNICO FARMS. COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The next project is D'Still, LLC., which is owned and operated by Tonya Lockwood. D'Still, LLC dba Motor City Gas (MCG) is a whiskey distillery that uses 100% grain grown in Michigan, 25% of that grain is grown at their family farm in Ann Arbor, Michigan. D'Still, LLC will create 2 new jobs.

Rich and Tonya Lockwood provided additional background on their company. This grant will help them increase their production with a purchase of a new 500-gallon whiskey still, forklift, grain handling equipment and processing tanks.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$65,000 for D'Still, LLC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF

\$65,000 FOR D'STILL, LLC. COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The third project is Detroit Food Commons Qualified Active Low-Income Community Business (DFC QALICB), which is an Active Low-Income Community Business that will construct a new two-story, mixed-use building for processors, farmers, caterers, and mobile food trucks to grow at their own pace. Detroit Food Commons will create a total of 47 new jobs.

Board Member, Malik Yakini, explained that this grant will be used to create a commercial kitchen and grocery store. The Detroit People's Food Co-op, a grocery store cooperatively owned by community members, will occupy the entire 14,549 square feet first floor. The second floor will house 3,783 square feet of fully licensed incubator kitchen spaces. The DFC QALICB will provide very low cost, part-time commercial kitchen space for rent in SE MI where the available commercial kitchen spaces are at capacity. The building will also have a community event and banquet space, and office space for the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network. The development will sit on a 1.42-acre site with onsite parking and space for outdoor vendors. As a result of the access to commercial kitchen space that allows users to sell food products to the public.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$100,000 for Detroit Food Commons Qualified Active Low-Income Community Business.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHAE MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF \$100,000 FOR DETROIT FOOD COMMONS QUALIFIED ACTIVE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY BUSINESS. COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The fourth project is MG88 Holland Cold Storage, through its wholly owned subsidiary Cold-Link Logistics Holland (CLLH), opened in April 2022 after a 10-month construction period. CLLH provides comprehensive logistics solutions to area growers and manufacturers of frozen meats, fruits, and a variety of grocery products. MG88 Holland Cold Storage will create 10 new jobs.

Rick Mellema, CLLH CEO, explained that this grant will be used to expand approximately 73,000 sq ft to the current warehouse. This expansion will allow major meat packers like Clemens Foods, fruit growers like Cranes Orchard, and dairy processors like Palazzolo's Artisan Dairy to access much needed freezer storage space that is in very limited supply in West Michigan.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$100,000 for MG88 Holland Cold Storage.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF \$100,000 FOR MG88 HOLLAND COLD STORAGE. COMMISSIONER CHAE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The final project is Perdue Foods, LLC, one of the company's fastest growing divisions is the pet operation, which would utilize the Shelby, MI facility. Started in 2011, the company has approximately 15% of the U.S. jerky treat market share. Perdue Foods, LLC will create 99 new jobs.

Ryan Perdue explained that this grant will be used to expand its national reach while allowing it to grow in-source manufacturing capacity. Current similar facilities operated by Perdue Foods, LLC purchase approximately 150,000 pounds of apples, cherries, and other fruits each year which the company would expect to source locally for the Oceana facility.

Ms. Zmitko-Somers advised MDARD is recommending a Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant of \$100,000 for Perdue Foods, LLC.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY MOVED TO APPROVE A FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE BASED GRANT OF \$100,000 FOR PERDUE FOODS, LLC. COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ashley Steffen, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Steffen referred to the MDARD Legislative Update provided to the Commissioners and reviewed current status and activity around bills of interest to the department. Ms. Steffen discussed legislation that is expected to advance in the last few weeks of the 2022 legislative term.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment on non-agenda items was requested.

ADJOURN

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BERGDAHL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER KING-MCAVOY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Attachments:

- A) *Agenda*
- B) *Agriculture and Rural Development Commission Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022*
- C) *Draft Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule*
- D) *Request for Approval to Increase Nursery and Related Inspection Fees*
- E) *State Treasurer Memo Re: Inspection Fee Inflation Adjustments*
- F) *Spotted Lanternfly Presentation*
- G) *2023 Draft Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPs)*
- H) *Summary of Recommended Changes to 2023 GAAMPs*
- I) *MSU AgBioResearch and the Saginaw Valley Research Center Presentation*
- J) *Michigan Bean Commission Presentation*
- K) *Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for Carnico Foods*

- L) Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for D'Still, LLC*
- M) Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for Detroit Food Commons*
- N) Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for MG88 Holland Cold Storage, LLC*
- O) Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grant Request for Perdue Foods, LLC*
- P) MDARD Summary of 2022-2023 Michigan Legislature 11/2/2022*



**MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
RESOLUTION COMMENDING**

GARY MCDOWELL

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development is pleased to honor Gary McDowell upon his retirement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on December 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Gary was born and raised in Rudyard, Michigan and is the oldest of 10 children; and,

WHEREAS, Gary was formerly an owner/operator of a family business with his brothers, McDowell Brothers Farm and McDowell Hay Incorporated, which brokers hay sales from the eastern Upper Peninsula to markets around the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Gary was a member of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners for 22 years. He was also a United Parcel Service delivery driver for 30 years and a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for 18 years; and,

WHEREAS, Gary also proudly served the residents of the Upper Peninsula as a state representative in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2005-2010; and,

WHEREAS, Gary was appointed director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development serving Michiganders with unparalleled enthusiasm for the past four years, including leading the department and Michigan's food and agriculture industry through the historic COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, farming and agriculture is deeply rooted in Gary's life as far back as his childhood days on the family farm bailing hay, doing daily chores, and more; and,

WHEREAS, Gary has a wonderful wife, Carrie, and three wonderful daughters – Olivia, Rachael, and Emily - and two grandchildren - Garrett and Bruin - who bless his non-work life with humor, joy, and love.

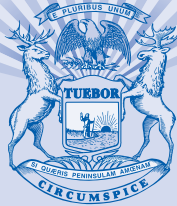
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development thanks Gary McDowell for his years of service to the food and agriculture industry, to the people of the State of Michigan and the MDARD staff. The Commission joins Gary's family, friends, and others wishing him a well-deserved rest from the hectic pace, the miles and miles of travel and a long and happy retirement!

Adopted
Lansing, Michigan

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Meintz".

Charlie Meintz, Chair

STATE OF MICHIGAN



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING

LJUBISA "LOU" OGNJANOVSKI

WHEREAS, The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development is pleased to honor Ljubisa "Lou" Ognjanovski upon his retirement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on January 20, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Lou was born in Tetovo, Macedonia, later moving to Detroit where he grew up and attended Osborn High School; and,

WHEREAS, Lou attended Wayne State University and Central Michigan University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Master's Degree in business administration; and,

WHEREAS, Lou began his career with MDARD in 1989 as a Southeast Region field inspector, not knowing it was the start of his life's work in food safety; and,

WHEREAS, Lou remained steadfast in his work over subsequent years, progressing to a senior inspector position, later a field supervisor position and then becoming a Regional Food Supervisor in 2011. Through the span of his career, Lou was involved in many projects and activities including as a lead for senior inspectors who specialize in label reviews; and,

WHEREAS, Lou is known as a distinguished leader who is a role model to all, demonstrating professionalism at a level that inspires those who know and work with him, instilling kindness, and sincerity in the important food safety work that we do together; and,

WHEREAS, Lou has made many impactful and meaningful connections in his work and with the staff in the Southeast Region of Michigan's Food Program and beyond that will continue as part of the MDARD Food and Dairy Division's legacy; and,

WHEREAS, Lou resides in Shelby Township with his wife, Mary, staying close to the roots of his childhood in the Detroit area; and,

WHEREAS, Lou plans to immerse himself in his family upon retirement, having more time with Mary and their three adult children, Stephanie, Lauren and Gregory, and the precious grandchildren, Nadia and Nathan with another expected in March 2023; and,

WHEREAS, with great honor and gratitude we acknowledge Lou's contributions throughout his career; and,

WHEREAS, we will miss his leadership, his knowledge, and his example – both professionally and personally.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development commends Lou Ognjanovski for 34 years of loyal service and contributions to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, food safety, and to the people of the State of Michigan. The Commission joins his family, friends, and professional colleagues in wishing him bountiful health, success, and joy in retirement.

Adopted November 30, 2022
Lansing, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING

NANCY ANN HARRIS

WHEREAS, The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development is pleased to honor Nancy Ann Harris upon her retirement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) on January 3, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy was born and raised in Belleville, Michigan, and has remained in Southeast Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy earned a Bachelor's Degree in horticulture from Michigan State University and additionally two Master's Degrees from the University of Michigan in landscape architecture and education; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy began her career with MDARD in the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, where she worked as a field inspector for 19 years before briefly leaving state service to complete a masters in elementary education and spend a year teaching elementary age students. She later returned to work at MDARD in the Food and Dairy Division working as a food safety inspector in the Southeast Region where she remained for the next 15 years until her retirement; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy has remained steadfast in her commitment to food safety and MDARD's mission, earning the respect of her peers, partners, stakeholders, and customers; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy has made many impactful and meaningful connections in her work and with the staff in the Southeast Region of Michigan's Food Program and beyond that will continue as part of the MDARD Food and Dairy Division's legacy; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy resides in Southfield and will begin her retirement journey from there with more time to travel and spend time with her adult daughter, Rachel who is in graduate school on the west coast, and her son, Austin who is beginning his career near Cleveland; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy is excited about the future and the opportunity to pursue her many interests and passions. She is a self-proclaimed amateur musician who plays several instruments including the flute, piccolo, and percussion instruments, participating in jazz bands and other musical groups. She also looks forward to having time to use her landscape architecture skills; and,

WHEREAS, with great honor and gratitude we acknowledge Nancy's contributions throughout her career; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development commends Nancy Harris for nearly 35 years of loyal service and contributions to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, to food safety and plant health, and to the people of the State of Michigan. The Commission joins her family, friends, and professional colleagues in wishing her bountiful health, success, and joy in retirement.

Adopted January 26, 2023
Lansing, Michigan

Charlie Meintz, Chair

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING

KEITH SHERMAN ELDRED, JR.

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development is pleased to honor Keith Sherman Eldred, Jr. on his retirement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on December 9, 2022.

Keith grew up in rural central Michigan near the town of Blanchard, where he spent most of his free time as a child on his grandfather's farm. He later worked at a local dairy farm, and then graduated from Montabella High School in 1981. In 1985, Keith graduated with honors from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry, and just one year later he obtained a Master of Science degree in Forestry from Michigan State University.

Prior to joining the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Keith honed his nursery skills as part of the Nursery Team for Armintrout's Nursery / West Michigan Farms from 1987 to 1995. He began his career with the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division as a nursery inspector, a position he held from 1995 to 2012. In 2012, he was promoted to agricultural products lead inspector and then became a plant health lead inspector in 2018.

Keith has been recognized with many awards and for many achievements during his 27 years of service to the State of Michigan. He was awarded the Department's Frontline Ambassador Award in 2009 and the Governor's Coin for Excellence in 2022. He has also been a dedicated member of the Horticultural Inspection Society for over 25 years.

Early in his career, Keith was recognized for his role in identifying the significance of nematode- and virus-infected perennial plants being imported into the United States from the Netherlands. His work resulted in USDA and Dutch officials visiting Michigan nurseries – and USDA and Michigan officials visiting Dutch nurseries – to implement greater phytosanitary controls for plants grown in the Netherlands and exported into the U.S. Keith has also been an advocate for audit-based certification programs and has participated in the United States Greenhouse Certification Program and the Xylella certification process for exports to the European Union.

Keith has been instrumental in leading invasive species efforts in the field as part of responses to emerald ash borer and hemlock woolly adelgid detections in Michigan. Recently, Keith was highly praised for his work on the Incident Management Team for the *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 response. He also provided exceptional work and expertise on the development of INTELS, the Division's new inspection software system, where he collaborated to develop the system's data collection and report writing capabilities.

Overall, Keith is an exemplary example of integrity, and his accomplishments are downplayed by his humble nature and his desire to do what is right without needing credit. His courage, intelligence, dedication, and strong work ethic have made a lasting impression in the Department, with our partners, and with our stakeholders.

Keith has been married to his wife Beth for 39 years and has 3 children: Lucas, Micah, and Rebekah; along with 3 grandchildren: Silas, Elaina, and Isaac. Within his community, Keith spends his time with ministry at his local church and volunteering at his local mission store and food bank. Keith is also an established National Rifle Association instructor and regularly teaches concealed pistol license classes.

Keith adores his grandchildren and looks forward to spending more time with his entire family during retirement. He has many plans, including traveling to places like Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks, spending more time reloading ammunition, and enjoying the shooting sports. Because of his love for plants, Keith is excited to expand the landscapes around his children's houses.

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development commends Keith Sherman Eldred, Jr. for 27 years of dedicated service to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the people of the State of Michigan. The Commission joins his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Adopted March 15, 2023
Lansing, Michigan

Andrew Chae, Chair



Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock

Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock

- By providing leadership for Michigan's preparedness efforts, MSU Extension focuses on finding solutions for high-risk issues that affect the animal agriculture industry.
- In partnership with MDARD and MPPA, MSU Extension's Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock (ERAIL) programs focus on the safety of law enforcement officers, first responders and the public traveling Michigan roads and highways.
- The Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock (ERAIL) program is a comprehensive training and response program.





This program serves Michigan's animal agriculture industry by:

Resources

Providing resources to assist in the response to an accident that involves livestock



Resources

Specialized Equipment

Provides access to equipment that will aid in the accident response.



Specialized Equipment

Networking

Training

Training first responders, animal haulers and other local stakeholders on how to properly respond when animals are involved in a traffic accident



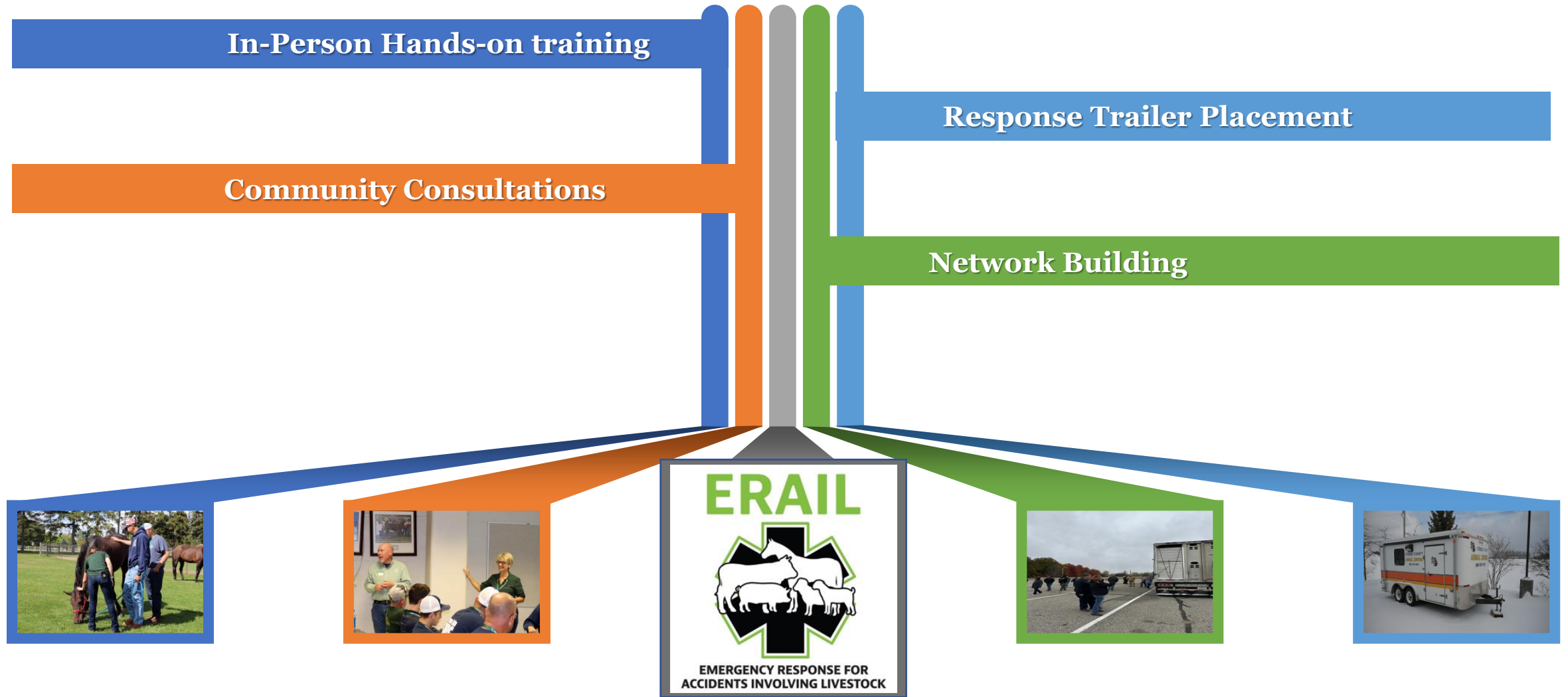
Networking

Creates a network of trained responders throughout the state





ERAIL Program Components





ERAIL Hands-On Demonstration Sessions



Pre-identified locations for the ERAIL in-person trainings in the state of Michigan





ERAIL Response Trailers

Otsego, Jackson and Branch Counties

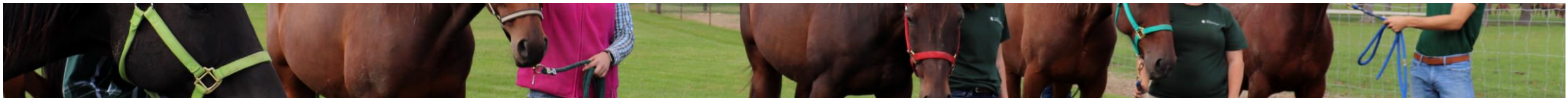




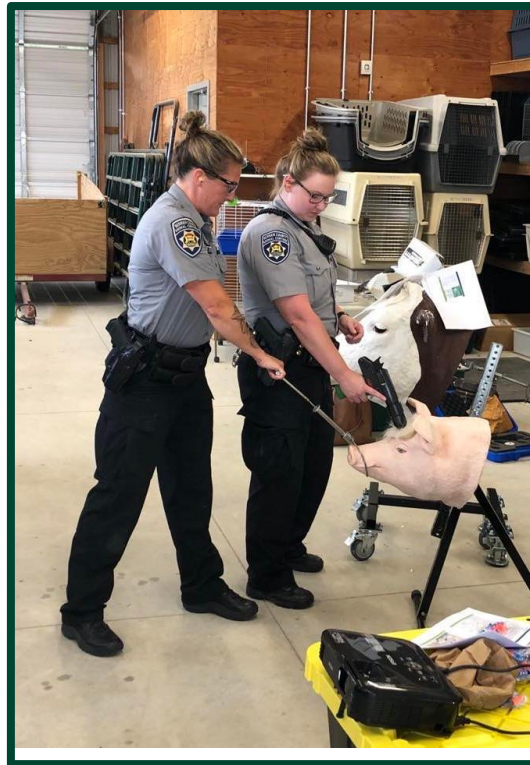
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Specialized Training: Euthanasia





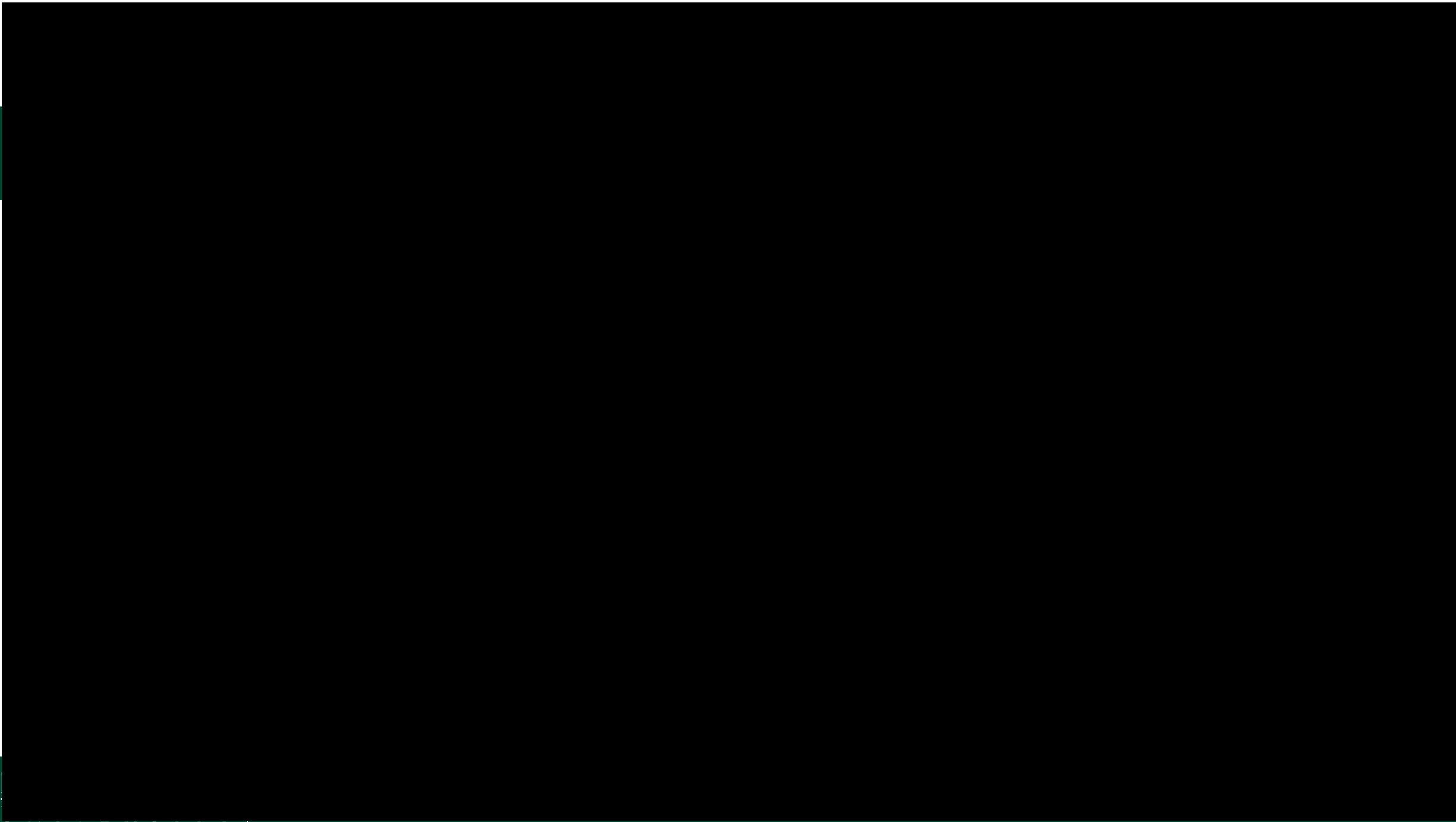
Response to Trainings

100% Of participants are more comfortable around animals

91% Increased their skill set and ability to respond to an accident

100% Of participants are better able to address a situation should it occur





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EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR
ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIVESTOCK

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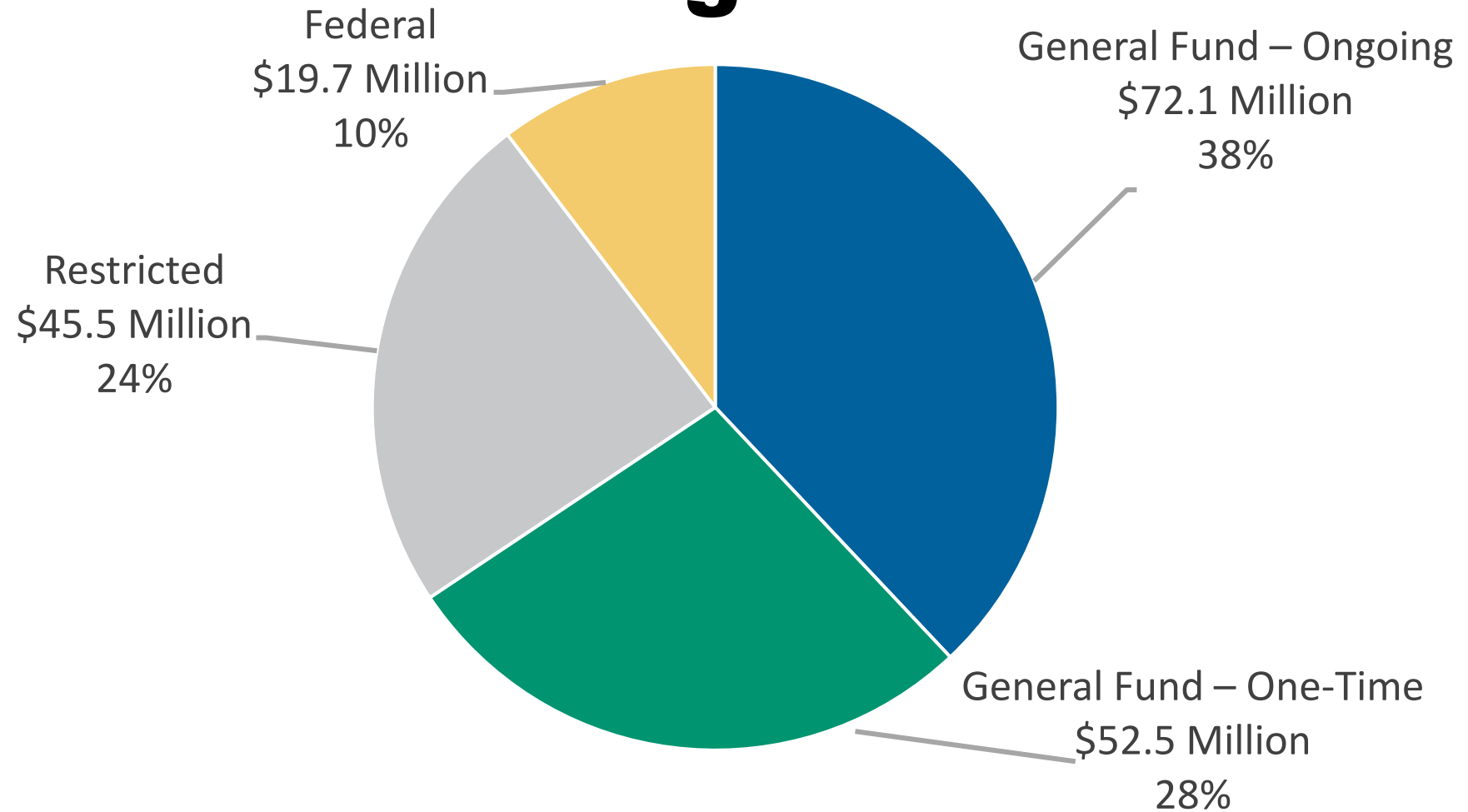
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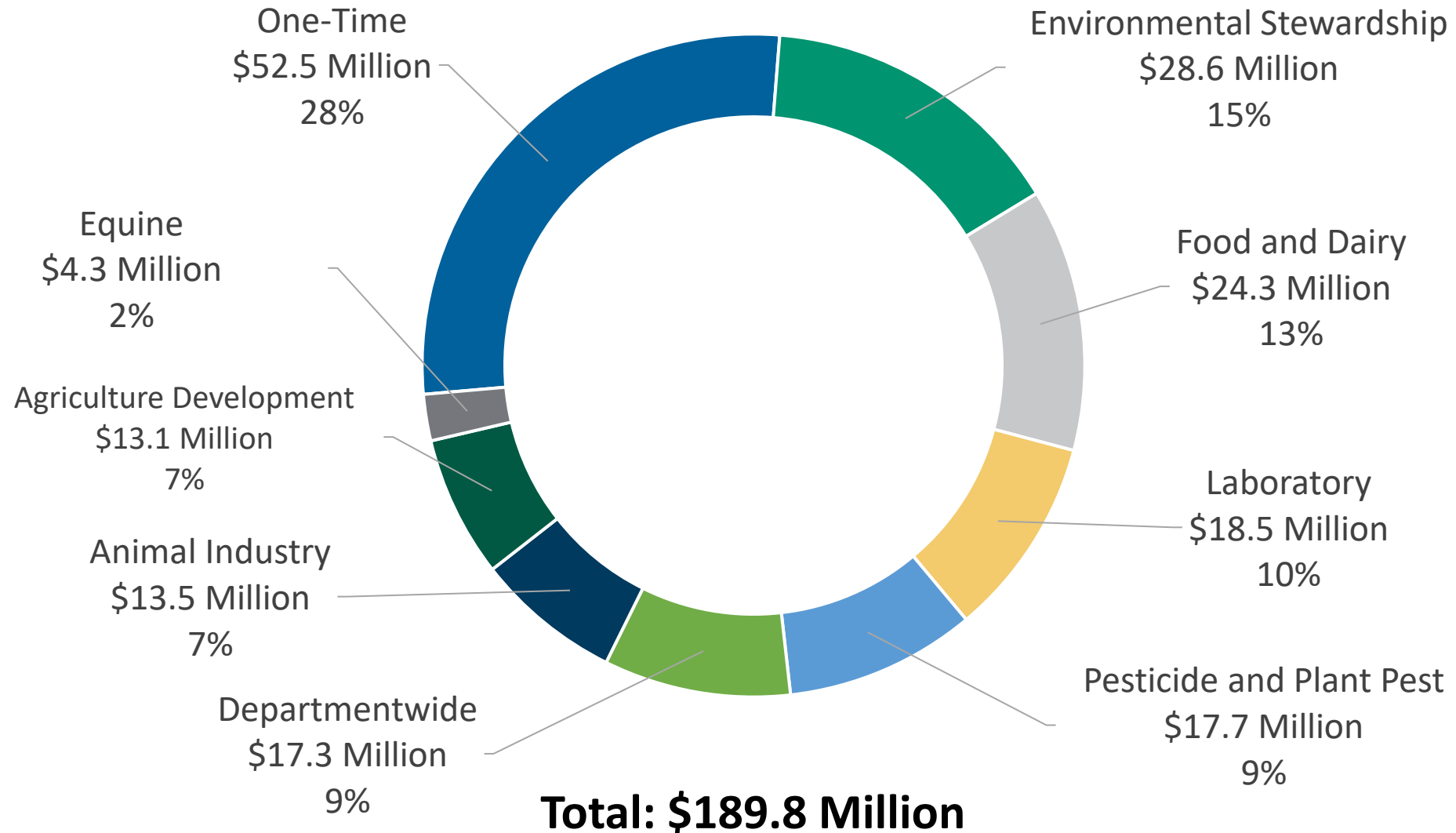
Sylvia Renteria, Director of Finance & Budget
March 15, 2023

2024 Executive Recommended Budget



Total: \$189.8 Million

2024 Budget by Program Area





One-Time General Fund Investments



Supply Chain Resiliency

- Strengthens food supply chain
- Provides food security
- Creates economic development
- **\$37.5 million in one-time general funds**



Climate Smart Farming

- Protects the environment
- Leads statewide efforts
- Facilitates research
- **\$10.0 million in one-time general funds**



Herd Protection and Management

- Focuses on highest risk areas
- Reduces disease exposure
- **\$5.0 million in one-time general funds**



Ongoing General Fund Initiatives



Emerging Contaminants

- Expands understanding of emerging contaminants
- Ensures safe and wholesome food
- Partners with the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team
- **\$6.2 million in ongoing general funds**



Technical Adjustments



Producer Security Program

- Maintain program integrity and improve resources
- **\$150,000 ongoing restricted funds**



Fiscal Year 2023 Supplemental

Double Up Food Bucks

- Provides fresh fruits and vegetables
- Leverages federal funding
- **\$15.5 million in one-time general funds**





Emerging Contaminants

- Addresses immediate concerns of emerging contaminants
- **\$8.0 million in one-time general funds**



Federal Adjustments

- COVID relief funding
- Seafood processors pandemic relief \$200,000
- Farm stress support \$60,000



Thank you!

