

# MICHIGAN SEED POTATO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, March 30, 2021

## AGENDA

1. **Welcome & Introductions - Robin Rosenbaum, MDARD**
2. **Recap of Act 94 and Regulation 629 (information only)**
3. **Review & recommend approval or denial of exception requests (action item)**

In any year that there is an insufficient volume of any cultivar of certified seed potatoes, potato growers may apply to the Michigan Seed Potato Advisory Committee for permission to plant uncertified seed. Upon recommendation from the advisory committee, the MDARD Director may grant growers permission to plant specific uncertified seed potatoes for that growing season only.

R 285.629.5 Criteria for evaluating certification exception request. Rule 5. The advisory committee shall consider all of the following when evaluating whether to recommend an exception to the seed certification requirement under the act:

  - (a) The crop's proximity to other seed potato production.
  - (b) The levels and types of disease present.
  - (c) The impact of its decision on neighboring potato farms.
  - (d) The impact of its decision on the applicant.
  - Lady Liberty (Iott) - Jeff Axford, MSPA
  - Multiple experimental varieties – Chris Long, MSU
4. **Future exception requests (Discussion)**