

# Michigan AgFacts<sup>©</sup>

## Michigan Agri-Business Association

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### Upcoming Events:

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**June 3, 2015**

#### GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL

USDA-GIPSA-FGIS  
Toledo/Maumee Field Office

**June 30, 2015**

#### SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

Hawk Hollow Golf Course  
Bath, MI

**August 6, 2015**

#### APPLICATOR RODEO

Mason Learning Center  
Mason, MI

**August 7, 2015**

#### CCA EXAM

Registration period:  
May 4 – June 26, 2015

**September 10, 2015**

#### ED BROWN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The Fields Golf Course  
Ithaca, MI

**September 11-13, 2015**

#### OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

The Grand Hotel  
Mackinac Island, MI

**December 15, 2015**

#### 2016 DRY BEAN OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

Bay City, MI  
*Info coming soon!*

**April 17, 2015**

**AGFACTS<sup>©</sup> FACT OF THE WEEK:** In 2012, Michigan harvested 158,700 acres of vegetable crops with a farm gate value of nearly \$463 million, based on Census of Agriculture. Growers producing vegetables on 100 acres or more account for 84% of Michigan's vegetable crop acreage.

#### **MABA IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH AGRIBUSINESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CLASS!**

The objective of the Michigan Agri-Business Leader (ABLP) Program is to identify emerging leaders in Michigan's agribusiness industry and provide an opportunity for personal growth and professional development. The program is designed to offer information, hands-on training and ground level experiences in several critical areas regarding policy, legislation and regulatory matters. Participants will learn the "nuts and bolts" of the opportunities and challenges facing our industry, and what we need to do to continue moving it forward, both politically and economically. MABA members can nominate someone from their company or even themselves! There will be two, two full day sessions, with an evening before each, coupled with a visit to Washington, D.C. The program size is limited in order to provide an optimal learning experience for the participants. Applications are being accepted now through May 1, 2015. [Click here](#) for important info and application!

#### **JOIN US FOR THE NEXT EAST MICHIGAN AGCLUB BREAKFAST & TOUR**

on Friday, April 24th, 2015, at [Helena Chemical Company](#) in Crosswell, MI, beginning at 9:00 A.M. [Click here](#) for details and registration!

#### **WE HAVE LEARNED THAT RECENT RATE INCREASES BY CSX RAILROAD FOR MOVEMENT OF GRAIN ORIGINATING IN MICHIGAN ARE QUITE SIGNIFICANT.**

We understand that the impact of these new rates is already being reflected in some elevator bids for new crop corn, soybeans and wheat. We are also being told that similar rate increases have been announced across the Eastern Midwest, including Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. This remains an evolving issue, but clearly is one that will have significant negative impacts on farmers and agribusinesses, as well as customers and users of grain and grain products that traditionally purchase commodities from our state.

#### **FOR BACKGROUND, CSX IS CURRENTLY THE MAJOR CARRIER OF MICHIGAN PRODUCED GRAIN – CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT – TO MARKETS OUTSIDE THE STATE.**

In particular, corn moves largely to the southeastern United States, where rates historically have facilitated shipments to that region. These new rates will likely have considerable impacts on Michigan agriculture:

- Reportedly, these increases will impose additional shipping costs ranging from 10-20 cents per bushel of grain hauled by CSX. Considering all bushels produced, and the percentage moved by rail, the annual impact on producer income could approach \$50 million annually.

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- The increase in transportation cost will be passed down to farmers, who will be hit in the pocketbook. Money that historically went to help them grow their businesses and create jobs will now go to pay higher freight costs.
- We have been told that the new rate structure picks “winners and losers,” meaning that some existing grain handlers are disadvantaged more than others. The new rates reportedly are disproportionate in how they impact similar operations, causing uncertainty and confusion.
- Many grain handlers impacted negatively by these new rates have invested heavily – millions of dollars – to improve their own rail loading operations, often with the encouragement, if not insistence of CSX, and now they are put at an economic disadvantage to others.
- The increased rates on the CSX likely will alter and disrupt customary “grain flows,” with dramatic consequences on agribusinesses, farmers and customers.
- Additionally, customers of Michigan-produced grain may be forced to look elsewhere for grain. This could mean an increase in imports of grain from South America for major feeders located near ports, which would hurt Michigan companies, producers and others.
- The potential of lower volumes on rail puts additional pressure on the viability of short line railroads, which largely rely on agricultural shipments for their livelihood. This comes at a difficult time for short line operators, who are looking for opportunities to improve deteriorating infrastructure. Lower volume could mean decreased revenue and ultimately even more deterioration of the infrastructure, if not the abandonment of some lines.
- A shift of transportation modes from rail to trucks would increase the congestion and wear-and-tear on Michigan’s highways, bridges and roads, which are already at capacity given their condition.

**MABA WILL ENGAGE WITH THE AFFECTED BUSINESSES, OUR NATIONAL PARTNERS AND ALL OF YOU TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO RESOLVE THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.** We pledge to keep you informed and will be back early next week with specific “asks” as this issue evolves. Please contact MABA with any questions on this issue.

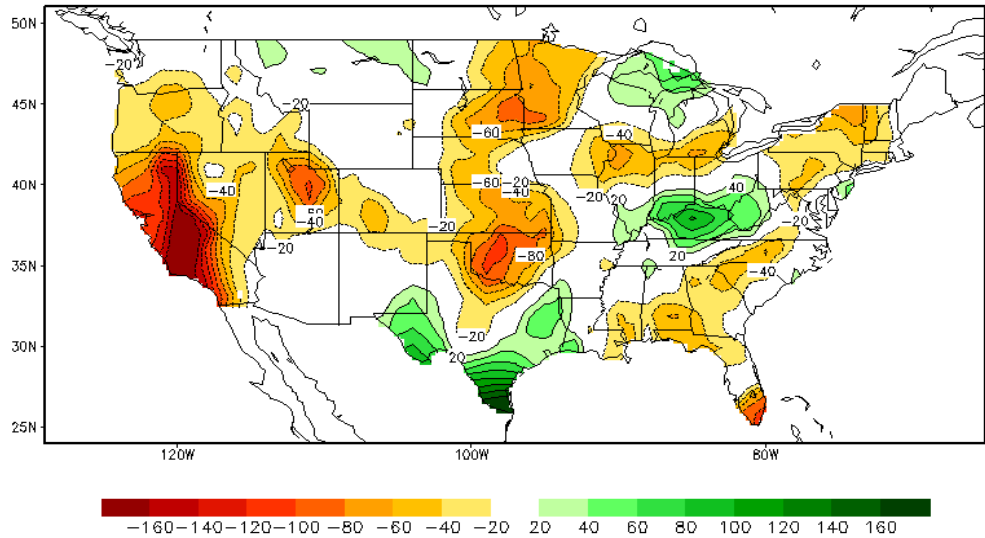
**USDA RELEASED THE FIRST CROP PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SEASON EARLIER THIS WEEK, STATING THAT 2% OF U.S. CORN HAS BEEN PLANTED.** That compares to a five year average of 5%, but the numbers illustrate just how far behind schedule some southern states are because of wet conditions. Kentucky is currently at 1% planted, compared to a five year average of 15%, Missouri is at 4% compared to 15%, and Tennessee is at 5% compared to 23%. Corn planting in Texas has caught up over the last week, but sorghum and cotton planting lags there, in Arkansas and in Louisiana.

**THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE’S SOIL MOISTURE ANOMALY MAP ILLUSTRATES THE WEATHER EXTREMES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.** The extremely wet conditions hampering corn planting progress can be seen extending from SE Texas, up through Arkansas and Kentucky, and into southern Indiana and Ohio. Those conditions stand in stark contrast to the areas with 60-80% less soil moisture than normal, extending from northern Texas right up to the Canadian border. Impacting us here in Michigan is the pronounced area of dry conditions across eastern Iowa, northern Illinois and Indiana and stretching into our state. Of course, none of this compares to what the map shows going on in California.

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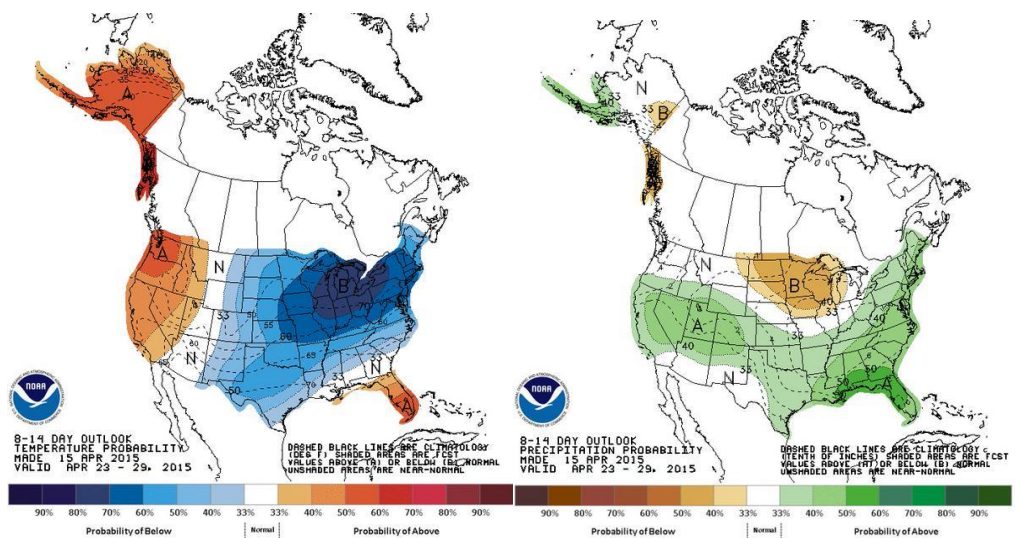
**SUGARBEET PLANTING HAS STARTED IN MICHIGAN, AND WHILE OUR PACE IS AHEAD OF 2014, IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE WE WERE STILL BEHIND THE FIVE YEAR AVERAGE OF 36% AS OF MONDAY.** The scale of operations today means those figures can climb in a hurry, though.

**CORN PLANTING MAY NOT GET STARTED IN A MEANINGFUL WAY VERY QUICKLY, THOUGH.** The two week forecast from NOAA is calling for significantly below average temperatures, driven in part by a Canadian air mass that will move in next week. The precipitation forecast is calling for normal or slightly below normal rainfall between now and the end of the month, so while that won't adversely impact corn planting progress, those same below average precipitation trends extend into the one month and three month outlooks as well. Those conditions could begin to impact corn conditions later into the growing season.

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**VINTNERS IN MICHIGAN COULD HAVE A PROBLEM THIS YEAR, JUST AS THEY DID IN 2014, WITH A HORRIBLE HARVEST.**

Last year, Michigan vineyards produced about one fourth of the grapes grown in a normal season, and the results will be about the same this year. Many that grow grapes on Old Mission Peninsula remember in the early 1970s when they were told that it was a bad idea to plant certain European grape vines because they couldn't handle extreme cold. Temperatures five degrees below zero or colder are a problem for grapevines and that happened at least three times this past winter. Michigan may be importing grape juice to make wine for 2016.

**SENATORS WILL INTRODUCE TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY LEGISLATION NEXT WEEK.**

Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker expects a "fast-track" bill to be introduced early next week in the Senate and said in a call with reporters that she is "anxiously waiting to see the language." Pritzker is the first administration official to suggest a firm timeline for legislation that would grant President Obama "fast-track" powers for negotiating trade deals. Speculation has been swirling about when the Senate Finance Committee would start moving on a bill. Senate aides have said negotiations between Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch and ranking member Ron Wyden are making progress but that no deal had been struck. President Obama wants the authority in order to move trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) through Congress, but his push is facing strong opposition from liberal lawmakers, particularly in the House.



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CALENDAR**

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**THE EPA PLANS TO RELEASE THE PROPOSED VOLUMETRIC REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD FOR 2015 BY JUNE 1, AND THE FINAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2014 AND 2015 BY NOVEMBER 30.**

Proposed and final standards for 2016 are also to be released this year, on the same schedule. EPA said it is announcing the 2014 and 2015 dates as a proposed settlement with the American Petroleum Institute and the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers over deadlines for issuing the annual requirements under the RFS. This schedule is consistent with EPA's commitment to get the RFS program back on track, while providing certainty to renewable fuels markets and promoting the long-term growth of renewable fuels. As with any settlement of litigation alleging failure to meet a deadline under the Clean Air Act, EPA will seek public comment on the terms of the settlement for 30 days before deciding whether to proceed with the settlement and seek entry of the consent decree.

**LOWE'S HAS ANNOUNCED IT PLANS TO PHASE OUT THE SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES.**

AmericanHort, the Society of American Florists, the Horticultural Research Institute and the American Floral Endowment are questioning the decision in a joint statement. "Consumers want plants that are healthy, beautiful and pest-free, and neonicotinoids have proven to be among the most effective pest management tools available. Neonicotinoids also are among the safest products we have for both our employees and the environment," the joint statement says. Lowe's position is surprising, considering the most recent and positive reports on the state of honeybee health and recent peer reviewed research. This is an issue for which sound science should take priority.

**THE UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT (USGSA) WAS SIGNIFICANTLY REVISED IN 1976, TO CREATE THE FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE (FGIS).**

Congress placed expiration dates on some provisions of the Act so they could be reviewed to make sure the Act was doing what was intended. This review process is commonly referred to as "reauthorization," and many sections have been reauthorized by Congress several times for various lengths of

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time. Currently several provisions expire on September 30, 2015. Provisions expiring on September 30, 2015, include: FGIS' authority to collect and invest user fees from official agencies for supervising their performance of official inspection services; FGIS' authority to collect fees to perform original weighing services, and collection of user fees for supervising performance of official weighing by official agencies; the 30% cap on administrative and supervisory costs; and authority for the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. Without extension of these provisions much of FGIS' activities would stop.

**HIGHLY PATHOGENIC H5 AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS HAS NOW BEEN FOUND IN A WISCONSIN COMMERCIAL LAYER FLOCK.**

The USDA's APHIS has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) in a flock in Jefferson County. The flock of 200,000 chickens is located within the Mississippi flyway where this strain of avian influenza has previously been identified. State officials quarantined the premises and birds on the property will be depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease. Birds from the flock will not enter the food system. USDA says that they have now confirmed the presence of the disease in an additional eight commercial turkey flocks in six Minnesota counties, and a commercial turkey flock in Buena Vista County, Iowa. This is an increasingly alarming situation, with even more concern with the current backyard chicken craze. Those birds are rarely tested, and there is virtually no biosecurity. Michigan's egg producers have redoubled their work to prevent the introduction of the disease by keeping free range birds inside, installing enhanced security for entering their premises and even requiring vehicles entering facilities to be cleaned or disinfected. This problem will only increase, and the impact on backyard poultry will create yet another front where commercial agriculture will have to engage.

**AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF RESEARCHERS, INCLUDING THREE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY, HAS TRACKED NITROGEN AS SOIL BACTERIA PULL IT FROM THE AIR AND RELEASE IT AS AMMONIUM.**

This process — called biological nitrogen fixation, or BNF, was found to substantially promote growth in certain grass crops, offering new strategies for eco-friendly farming. "Our results show that healthy growth can be achieved by combining certain soil bacteria with grasses, even when plants are grown in extremely nitrogen-deprived soil," says study co-author Richard Ferrieri, director of Brookhaven Lab's Radiochemistry and Biological Imaging Program. "We plan to apply this method to other crop systems, and even to crops like corn and wheat." The scientists measured the effects of two BNF soil bacteria, and found the first direct evidence of BNF by tracking the presence of a nitrogen radiotracer as it was absorbed first by the bacteria and then moved through the plant. The results, published in the *The Plant Journal*, reveal substantial increases in height, weight, and root length. To read the full story, [click here](#).

**CATCH THIS ONE...SOUTHWEST KAUAI, HAWAII RESIDENTS CLAIM THAT THEY CAN'T ENJOY SIMPLE THINGS IN THEIR HOMES, SUCH AS JUST SITTING ON A COUCH TO RELAX, WITHOUT FIRST WIPING OFF DUST THAT BLOWS FROM NEARBY FIELDS.**

A group of Waimea residents are suing DuPont Pioneer, saying the dust not only affects their quality of life, it diminishes property values, harms the environment and is unhealthy. A judge, however, granted a defense motion to exclude evidence or arguments regarding health and environmental issues. The motion argued that it's a property-damage case and that plaintiffs haven't said they suffered any injuries. The lawsuit was first filed in state court in 2011, before Kauai and other Hawaii counties attempted to regulate genetically modified organisms, known as GMOs, in response to citizen concerns. Residents are expected to testify

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about how the dust has affected their lives. The first witness was Waimea resident Patsy Nitta, who said she has seen Pioneer tractors generating dust for many years. They claim the dust carries pesticide residue and also other material related to the GMO seed production in the fields.

**REQUESTS FOR THE TESTING OF GLYPHOSATE RESIDUES IN FOOD PRODUCTS HAS SPIKED SINCE A FRINGE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) RESEARCH UNIT SAID THAT IT IS “PROBABLY CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS.”** Consumer groups, scientists and food companies in the U.S. are testing products ranging from breakfast cereal to breast milk for traces of glyphosate. Monsanto issued a blog earlier this month in an effort to reassure consumers about glyphosate residues. "According to physicians and other food safety experts, the mere presence of a chemical itself is not a human health hazard. It is the amount, or dose, that matters," Monsanto senior toxicologist Kimberly Hodge-Bell wrote. One testing company said that they have found glyphosate residues in 41 of 69 honey samples and in 10 of 28 soy sauces, and another reported glyphosate in three out of 18 breast milk samples and in 6 of 40 infant formula samples. Neither firm indicated that they agree with the WHO finding.

**ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE RECRUITING THE RIGHT EMPLOYEES?** Recruited talent doesn't always see all that West Michigan offers. They dismiss opportunities in Michigan because of its well-publicized economic challenges and are unaware of the vibrant lifestyle and career prospects in the region. *Hello West Michigan* helps employers combat this problem by promoting the region as a place where business thrives and people want to live and work. They seek to increase the rate of success their member companies have in their efforts to recruit top talent. As the second largest industry in Michigan, agribusiness companies are growing and need talent. *Hello West Michigan* can help you attract and retain it. To learn more, contact Cindy Brown, Executive Director, Hello West Michigan, 616-818-9080, [brownc@hellowestmichigan.com](mailto:brownc@hellowestmichigan.com)

**HURON COUNTY, WITH 328 WIND TURBINES, MORE THAN ALL OF THE OTHER MICHIGAN COUNTIES COMBINED, HAS ENACTED A MORATORIUM ON ANY ADDITIONAL TURBINES UNTIL STRICTER REGULATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES CAN BE PUT IN PLACE.** The Huron County Commission voted 4-3 to adopt the moratorium, which will last 90 days, or until the county zoning ordinance is updated with changes recommended by the county's wind energy zoning committee. If the changes aren't enacted within 90 days the moratorium could be extended until they are. Opponents of turbines would like to increase the setback distance, enact tighter noise restrictions, eliminate turbine flicker for the homes of nonparticipating residents and enact a ban on wind development within three miles of the Lake Huron shoreline. The county's wind energy zoning committee has been working on revisions for more than a year, and a possible moratorium has been under discussion by the board of commissioners for months.

**FEDNAV HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO INSTALL ONBOARD BALLAST WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS ON 12 OF ITS NEW SHIPS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.** The announcement puts FedNav at the forefront of ballast-water treatment as federal and state regulations approach deadlines mandating systems that kill invasive species that often stowaway in ballast tanks. The U.S. Coast Guard has regulations in place requiring treatment systems on all new ships entering U.S. ports built since 2013, although exceptions have been made, and for existing ships starting with their first major overhauls in 2016. Many ship companies have asked for and received extensions from the Coast Guard deadline for new ships, however, claiming

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proven technology hasn't been perfected to remove invasive species from ballast water. FedNav operates a fleet of 80 oceangoing ships, of which 34 call on Great Lakes ports. If the ballast system is approved by regulators, the company plans to retrofit the system on its existing fleet, said Marc Gagnon, director of government affairs for FedNav. Gagnon said the ballast system costs about \$500,000 per ship for new construction, more for retrofitting. That's far less than earlier predictions that it would cost multiple millions of dollars to add ballast treatment to each ship, he said.

**COLON, MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS ARE CHIDING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MDARD) FOR GIVING A THUMBS UP TO A 90,000 CHICKEN BROILER OPERATION WITHOUT TALKING TO THE LOCALS.**

MDARD issued a letter to the farmer indicating that the farm will conform with generally accepted agriculture management practices, but the locals are upset they were not in that information loop. Colon Township Supervisor Sandi Jackson and Colon Village President Tom Tenney said they feel left in the dark about the operation, and said they learned about the plan after-the-fact. A local businessman, after hearing rumors of the new development raised concerns with the local officials. The two barn operation is reported to be under development in partnership with Indiana-based Miller Poultry. A MDARD spokesperson said that the development does not qualify as a concentrated animal-feeding operation and as a result does not need a permit from the agency.

**SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE HAS NAMED JEFF STROBURG AS THEIR NEW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.**

Stroburg recently retired from West Central Cooperative, and before that worked with the Renewable Energy Group, Countrymark Cooperative, and Hamilton Farm Bureau. Jeff will relocate his family to Richmond, Virginia. Southern States is a farm supply and service cooperative that serves 200,000 farmer-members through 1,200 retail outlets in 23 states. Go to <http://www.southernstates.com> for more information.

**MABA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN SEED INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE AMERICAN SEED TRADE ASSOCIATION'S (ASTA) 132ND ANNUAL CONVENTION AND "STORM THE HILL" EVENT IN JUNE.**

MABA members will receive ASTA's discounted member registration rate. To register, please use the printable registration form in the brochure and write the name of your association at the top. Discounted pricing ends May 13. The U.S. seed industry's premier policy meeting will convene June 17-20 to discuss issues affecting the industry, determine ASTA's priorities for the upcoming year, and meet with Members of Congress. The association will also induct the 2015/16 officers and honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the seed industry. To view the registration brochure, [click here](#).

**THE GVSU MICHIGAN ALTERNATIVE & RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER IN MUSKEGON IS HOLDING A FREE WORKSHOP ABOUT SOLAR DEVELOPMENT IN MICHIGAN ON MAY 5TH.**

Communities interested in learning more about solar development in Michigan are invited to this workshop with national and local experts, titled "Solar Powering Your Community – Actionable Steps for Adopting Solar in West Michigan", which will provide information on creating a local-level solar program. For more info, [click here](#).

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ANNUAL MABA EDUCATIONAL TRUST GOLF OUTING ON JUNE 30TH, AT HAWK HOLLOW, JUST NORTH OF EAST LANSING.**

This is always a great time – and the proceeds fund the educational trust, which provides scholarships for those interested in our industry. For registration details, [click here](#).

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2015 ALM SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH, 2015!** [The Agricultural Leaders of Michigan](#) will host their third annual forum on sustainability in Michigan's food industry. This one-day conference will focus on customer sustainability demands and the different ways companies are boosting their sustainability from an economic, environmental and social perspective. For details and to RSVP, [click here](#).

**DO YOU NEED AN OVERNIGHT ROOM IN LANSING?** The Michigan Agri-Business Association has negotiated reduced rates at 3 hotels in the Lansing area for our members to use whenever the need arises. The Country Inn & Suites on the west side of town, the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing and the "new" Hyatt Place opening June 15, 2015 in the Eastwood Towne Center. Rates and reservation instructions are posted on the MABA web site on the [Member Services](#) page.

**MABA IS SPONSORING A GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL ON JUNE 3 AT THE USDA-GIPSA-FGIS – TOLEDO/MAUMEE FIELD OFFICE.** Lynn Thomas, Assistant Field Office Manager will cover procedures and the interpretive line for Corn, Wheat and Soybeans, with time spent performing hands-on picking of various samples. If you have a specific sample that you would like graded please feel free to bring it. The session will begin at 7:30 A.M. and adjourn at noon. Registration fees will be \$20 for MABA members and \$30 for non-members. [Information & Registration](#). This class is limited to 20 participants. If you attempt to register and get a message that the meeting is closed please email [maba@miagbiz.org](mailto:maba@miagbiz.org) with the number that would like to attend and we will see if we can set-up a 2nd session on a different day.

**CCA EXAM REGISTRATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2015** exam will be accepted May 4 - June 26, 2015. To register [Click Here](#). Study guides for the Michigan Exam are available from the MABA office, [click here](#) for information. For those planning to take the Michigan exam, **MABA is holding a full-day Study Session on July 21<sup>st</sup>**. The location will be in East Lansing at the MABA office and the cost will be \$135.00, which includes the Michigan Study Guide. **For more info and to register for the study session, [click here](#).**

**THE 2015 EDUCATIONAL TRUST 30-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWINGS WILL BEGIN ON JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>.** To purchase tickets [Click Here](#). The MABA Educational Trust is also selling raffle tickets for a Pine Portage Lodge Fishing Trip for Two! Donated by Watson's Algoma Vacations Ltd. Pine Portage Lodge, this trip for two features a 3 Day American Plan or 4 Day Housekeeping Plan Fishing Vacation for Two. Depending on the plan selected, package could include meals, accommodations, boat, motor/gas and return charter flights from Wawa, Ontario to PINE PORTAGE LODGE on beautiful Kabinakagami Lake, Ontario, Canada! The raffle drawing will be held on June 30, 2015 at the MABA Educational Trust Golf Outing. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$20.00. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets! [Click here](#) for more info.

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**MABA MEMBER LOOKING FOR NEW JOB DUE TO RELOCATION:** Former Chief Financial Officer of Walther Farms, recently relocated to the Flint, MI area due to family reasons. Spent 12.5 years with Walthers directing all financial and accounting aspects of the organization. Also had oversight over primary administrative functions including but not limited to; Risk Management, Legal Affairs, Tax Planning, and growth of the company's Human Resources. Provided leadership to the organization

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during significant growth periods. Currently looking for an employment opportunity within 1 hour of the Flint area, available starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Education includes a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a major in Accounting, and the professional certification of Certified Management Accountant (CMA). Contact information as follows: Gary Randall - 810.874.6410.

### **NAME THAT LOCATION!**

**DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN???** The first person to correctly name the city/location in Michigan, where the picture below was taken, will win a prize! Send your guess by email to [kara@miagbiz.org](mailto:kara@miagbiz.org).



**THE WINNER OF LAST WEEK'S CONTEST WAS MORGAN DOYLE WITH GREENSTONE FCS!** The photo shown last week was taken in **Rochester, MI of the Rochester Elevator**. Congrats Morgan!