The Michiana Irrigation Association Board and Extension personnel are excited about the topics and guest speakers slated for the December 14 program. This year we are providing an opportunity for students to participate in a poster session on irrigation. This workshop promises to be an informative day for irrigators and agribusiness personnel.

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Winter Irrigation Workshop Map
Blue Gate Garden Inn
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Michiana Irrigation Association Winter Workshop
Friday, December 14, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Blue Gate Garden Inn
Shipshewana, IN
Workshop Agenda

8:45  Registration

9:00  Foundations of Network Security for the Farm - Michael Pearson, WatchGuard Technologies

9:30  Indiana Water Policy Update - Mark Basch, Indiana DNR, Todd Feenstra, Tritium & David Lampe, Indiana USGS
  • Water Monitoring Network
  • Indiana Registration, Reporting & Great Lakes Charter
  • National Groundwater Monitoring Network
  • Tri-State Area Large Volume Water Use

10:30  Break

10:45  Michigan Water Use Policy Updates
  • Passing of HB-5638 - Representative Aaron Miller, District 59
  • Explanation of SSR Under New Law - Todd Feenstra, Tritium
  • Updates on Cass County Project - Todd Feenstra, Tritium

11:45  MIA Business Meeting and Election of Board Members

Noon  Lunch

1:00  Power for Irrigation - Lyndon Kelley, MSU Extension & Purdue Extension

1:15  Irrigation on Grain Sorghum and Wheat - Steve Miller, MSU Biosystems Agricultural Engineering

1:30  Market Update - Michael Langemeier, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue Extension

2:15  Outlook for Michiana Irrigated Agriculture
  • Future Potato Production - Mike Wenkel, Michigan Potato Industry Commission
  • Vegetable Production and Processing - Steve Smith, Red Gold, Inc.
  • Seed Corn Production - Ron Taylor, Remington Hybrid, Sturgis, MI

3:00  Tar Spot - A Disease of Concern for Irrigated Corn - Bruce MacKellar, MSU Extension Field Crops

** CCA/CEU & RUP credits have been applied for. **

Irrigation Workshop Registration Form

- Name______________________________
- Organization________________________
- Address____________________________
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Cost: $35 per person includes dues to MIA and Lunch

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