AGRICULTURE FOR TOMORROW CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 7th, 2017
9:15 – 3:30 EST
Bay College, Escanaba
Heirman University Center
**Session A 10:10-11:05**

**A-1 What’s New in Crop Protection?**
Controlling weeds, crop disease and insects is crucial to success on many U.P. farms. Justin will provide an industry perspective on current and emerging crop protection chemical technologies.
*Justin Tuss, BASF Corporation Regional Representative*

**A-2 Dairy Calf Handling**
Handling young dairy calves is a critical time to ensure calves grow healthy and efficiently as they grow older. This session will discuss handling procedures, care during the winter, care in the alley and using necropsy to find problems.
*Stan Moore, Dairy Extension Educator MSUE*

**A-3 Veterans in Agriculture Network**
Using my personal story to make the connection between veterans and farming.
*Dylan Thomas, Owner, Two Pines & Co-Director of Veterans in Agriculture Network*

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**Session C 1:30-2:25**

**C-7 Paper Mill Residuals on Your Farm?..Things to consider**
Area paper mills are offering local farmers an opportunity to receive paper mill residuals as a soil amendment. Learn about how this could impact your cropping system from an experienced consultant and local paper company rep.
*Steven Shimek, Soil Scientist and Paper Industry Consultant, Natural Resource Solutions, LLC & Dave DeVet, Verso Corporation, Escanaba Mill*

**C-8 Beef Cattle Handling Equipment to Make Life Easier**
This session will cover the use and kinds of cattle handling equipment that cattlemen need to care for their cattle. Also, cattle handling techniques within a given system to lower anxiety.
*Ben Bartlett*

**C-9 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**
Meet MDARD staff stationed in the U.P. Learn about the many services they provide. Whether your interest is farming, food preparation, or sales, this will be a great chance to get to know faces and discuss your questions in a friendly, casual group format.
*Donna LaCourt, Joe MacPhee, Erin Satchell, Gary Titus and David White - MDARD*

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**Session B 11:15-12:10**

**B-4 What’s New in Low-lignin Alfalfa and Other Legume/grass Forages?**
Selecting seed for alfalfa and other perennial forage plantings is an important decision. Seed industry reps will provide insights into advantages of low-lignin alfalfa and other improved grass and legume forage varieties.
*Dr. Don Miller, Director of Product Development & Geno Brueggen, District Sales Manager, Alforex Seeds*

**B-5 On-farm Evaluation Passive Immunity Transfer in Young Calves**
Producers can pull blood on dairy calves to determine if they have received adequate immunoglobulin transfer from colostrum. Dairy producers and those receiving young calves can test calves on the farm.
*Stan Moore, Dairy Extension Educator MSUE*

**B-6 Local Farmers: Branding and Direct marketing, Open Panel**
Getting to know your neighbor’s strategy for marketing and branding allowing them to sell locally.
*BSB Chicken Farm, Miller Family Farm, Northern Sun Winery and VanDrese Potato and Dairy Farm*

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**Session D 2:35-3:30**

**D-10 Managing Crop Nutrients with Money in Mind**
With careful planning, improved crop production can more than make up for the cost of fertilizer, lime, manure, cover crops. This session will provide new, and review older, crop nutrient tips.
*Jim Isleib, MSU Extension Educator*

**D-11 Veterinarian Feed Directive**
As of January 1st, livestock producers can no longer administer antibiotics through feed and water without approval and directive of a veterinarian. This session will inform producers the steps required to receive such approval.
*Frank Wardynski, Beef and Dairy Extension Educator MSUE*

**D-12 Getting to Know Local Resources**
Open panel of local businesses and State of Michigan employees who provided assistance and programs to farmers.
*MMEA, Stephenson Marketing Cooperative, NRCS- Forestry Assistance program & USDA Farm Service Agency*
## Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference

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| Address: _____________________________ |
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Cost of attendance is $25 pre-registration (due by Feb. 24th – no phone registrations accepted) After Feb. 24 the registration fee will be $35 per person at the door

**Fee includes lunch and Materials**

Number of attendees ______ x $25 = ______

For more information contact: Nikki (906) 387-2530, msue.alger@county.msu.edu

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