

## About the speakers...

# Bob Wunderle, CPA, La Posada Tax Clinic, Twin Falls, Idaho

Mr. Wunderle is known nationally for his work in the area of Guest Worker Tax Preparation as well as other agricultural tax related topics. He has a has a Master's Degree in Business Administration and has taught accounting at the University of Maryland and at Arizona State University. After retiring from the Air Force, Bob embarked on a second career as a certified public accountant. He established a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at La Posada Ministries, a faith based charity in Twin Falls, Idaho. As a result of his advocacy on behalf of H-2A workers, the IRS made several changes to clarify its H-2A forms and publications and to better inform employers and workers of their reporting and filing responsibilities.

#### Adam Kantrovich, Ph.D., Farm Management Educator, MSU Extension

Dr. Kantrovich provides educational programs and counseling to agricultural related businesses, families and individuals. Topic areas include Taxes and Insurance (including the Affordable Care Act), Budget and Cost of Production, Farm Business Analysis, Farm Business Succession & Estate Planning, Labor and Human Resource Management, Policy, Law and Regulations.

#### **Program Developed and Provided by:**

- Michigan State University Extension's Farm Information Resource Management (FIRM Team)
- Michigan State University Tax School, Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
- Michigan Farm Bureau



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# Income Taxes for Foreign Agricultural Workers (H-2A)

# **Meeting Dates & Locations**

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 Ottawa County Fillmore Complex Main Conference Room 12220 Fillmore Street West Olive, MI 49460

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 MSU Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Center 6686 S. Center Highway Traverse City, MI 49684

> Full Day Program 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



# Income Taxes for Foreign Agricultural Workers (H-2A)

#### **Presenters**

Mr. Bob Wunderle, CPA, La Posada Tax Clinic Dr. Adam J. Kantrovich, MSU Extension Farm Management Educator

#### **Introduction**

Michigan's agricultural industry has been seeing a decline in recent years of the traditional labor resources that have been used in the past. The use of the H-2A Guest Worker Program has seen a significant increase in use recently with continued significant growth in coming years. With this increase there is a need for legal and tax professionals to have an understanding on how to prepare taxes for H-2A guest workers, common pit-falls and challenges.

This Continuing Education Program will provide a four hour presentation with three hours of hands-on workshop to help tax professionals understand how tax law impacts foreign agricultural workers and their employers and give them a better understanding of the challenges faced by tax professionals, employers and the workers themselves as they strive to comply with federal and state tax laws.

The information included also applies to all taxpayers who use ITINs when filing tax returns and/or have spouses and/or dependents living outside the United States.

This program will use IRS Publications 519 and 51 and others as a guide throughout this training. Participants will gain an understanding of tax preparation for H-2A Guest Workers, the appropriate method to fill-out an ITIN documentation/application, how to appropriately calculate the time a guest worker has been "in country" over the past 3-years to determine the correct tax documentation needed to be filed in the present tax year. Participants will also receive an overview of the tax deductions, credits available and not available to H-2A Guest Workers.

This program will also discuss payroll and tax withholding issues and responsibilities of an Employer and H-2A Laborer that all tax and legal professionals should be aware of when working with their clients.

A detailed program outline may be found on the online registration site listed below.

#### **Registration**

Registration fee is \$125.00 per person which includes lunch, refreshments, handouts and materials. **Register online** by July 8, 2016 at <u>http://events.anr.msu.edu/H2ATaxPrepWorkshop/</u>. Online registration offers payment by credit card or check. Or to register by mail, mail completed registration form at right with check payment no later than July 5. Please indicate the location you would like to attend.

### **CPE Credits**

This program will offer 6 CPE's for tax preparers.

# Registration

#### Register online at:

http://events.anr.msu.edu/ H2ATaxPrepWorkshop/ Or

#### **Mail In Registration**

(Please print & use one form per person)

Name:

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Please note meal restrictions:

\_\_\_\_ July 12 Ottawa County location

\_\_\_\_ July 13 Traverse City location

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H-2A Program MSU Extension Ottawa County 12220 Fillmore Street, Suite 122 West Olive, MI 49460

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