

## Afternoon Sessions 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

### Improving Recruiting & Reducing Employee Turnover on your Farm

**Stan Moore**  
MSU Extension Educator  
Room 164

Learn strategies to improve your success in recruiting employees, and how your employee management can affect both employee turnover and your recruitment success.

### Problematic Weeds in SW Michigan and Weed Control Demonstrations

**Bruce MacKellar & Eric Anderson**  
MSU Extension Educators  
Room 140

In addition to herbicide-resistant marestail, other problematic weeds such as waterhemp and bur cucumber will be addressed. Results from on-farm demonstrations in LibertyLink and Xtend soybeans in 2018 will be shared.  
**2 RUP and 1.5 CCA credits**

### Advanced Livestock Care

**Paola Bacigalupo & Dave Thompson**  
MSU Extension Educators  
Room 130

Recommended for showmen with 4 years or more of experience with livestock. Class will cover issues that can affect livestock before and during Fair. **Attendance at this class meets the requirement for youth showing at the Branch Count Fair.**

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### The Vegetable Dr. Is In

**Dr. Ron Goldy**  
Senior Extension Educator  
Room 112

This class will be a Q & A format so come ready to ask those burning vegetable gardening questions. Let Dr. Goldy help you out with figuring out your vegetable garden dilemmas.

### Farm Management Chat

**Roger Betz**  
MSU Extension Educator  
Room 166

Need some guidance on complex matters when planning your farm succession?  
Stop in to talk with Roger.

### Key to Coccidiosis is Prevention

**Mike Metzger**  
MSU Extension Educator  
Room 170

Coccidiosis is a problem in sheep and goats and can be prevented. This session will help producers understand the lifecycle and how to prevent it in their herds and flocks.

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## 52nd Annual Farmer's Day February 18, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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### Restricted Use Pesticide Exams (RUP)

**9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rooms 142 -143**

All categories will be given by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). You must be in the room by 2:15 p.m. in order to take the test. Bring a check or money order payable to **State of Michigan**. \$50 for Private - \$75 for Commercial.

**\*\*Study Session Friday, February 15th at MSU Extension Branch Co. from, 8:30 a.m.-Noon cost \$20. Payable to MSU.**

Branch Area Careers Center  
366 Morse Street, Coldwater, MI

# 52nd Annual Farmer's Day

Monday, February 18, 2018

Morning Session 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

## The Truth of Food Marketing

**Jeannine Schwehofer**  
**MSU Extension Educator**  
**Room 128**

This session will explain label claims and address safety concerns raised by consumers. Participants will learn what it means when a label indicates non-GMO, raised without hormones or antibiotics, organic, etc. in meat, milk and poultry products.

## Strategies to Reduce On-Farm Energy Expenses

**M. Charles Gould**  
**MSU Extension Educator**  
**Room 164**

This presentation will provide three strategies farmers can implement to reduce their energy expenses, namely reducing demand charges in their electricity bill, implementing energy efficiency measures, and choosing appropriate renewable energy technologies. Case studies that illustrate the impact of each of these strategies will be provided to all attendees.

## Cooking for Crowds

**Jeannie Nichols**  
**MSU Extension Educator**  
**Room 112**

Learn about food safety related to cooking for large crowds. This FREE program for Branch County Farmer's Day 2019 usually costs \$10 and includes a reference book with over 100 pages of information and worksheets so that you have a safe and successful meal, bake sale, barbeque or whatever!

## Current Field Crop Disease and Insect Pest Problems in SW Michigan

**Dr. Martin Chilvers,**  
**Extension Field Crop Pathologist**  
**Bruce MacKellar**  
**MSU Extension Educator**  
**Room 140**

Among other crop diseases, tar spot, a new disease in corn that has now been confirmed in 25 counties in Michigan and has reduced yields by as much as 60 bushels/ acre, will be addressed. Asiatic garden beetle and other insect pests that have the potential to cause major problems in fields this year will also be highlighted.

**2 RUP and 1.5 CCA credits**

## Beginner Livestock

**Paola Bacigalupo & Dave Thompson**  
**MSU Extension Educators**  
**Room 130**

Recommended for showmen with 3 years or less experience with livestock. The class will cover animal care before, during and after the fair.

**Attendance at this class meets the  
requirement for youth showing at  
the Branch County Fair.**

## Farm Succession

**Roger Betz**  
**MSU Extension Educator**  
**Room 166**

Family-owned business operations and farm families are faced with challenges when it comes to succession and estate planning issues. Where do you start?

## Horse Care Room 170

This class will focus specifically on Equine Care by youth. **Attendance in this class meets the requirement for youth showing at the Branch County Fair.**

**Lunch 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Hot Sandwich Sack Lunch**

**\$3.00**

Proceeds of lunch go to the  
**Agribusiness Scholarship Fund**  
**2018 Scholarship Winners:**  
**Cameron Victor, Ashley Carr  
& Carlie Wilson**

Milk provided by:  
**Branch County Dairy Producers**  
Hot Sandwich Sack Lunch items  
provided by:  
**Branch County Agri-Business Council**

**Vendor / Exhibit Area**

**Open at 9:00 a.m.  
to 3:30 p.m.**