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EMPLOYMENT:

Farm Business Management Educator, Michigan State University Extension December 2017 - Present

EDUCATION:

Masters in Agribusiness, Kansas State University (cumulative GPA 4.0) May 2022
Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management, Michigan State University May 2007
Agronomy Specialization, Michigan State University May 2007

CERTIFICATION:

Certified Crop Advisor, American Society of Agronomy February 2016 - Present

EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS:

LaPorte, J. (2026). *E-3515 Used Farm Equipment Markets: Planning the Purchase*. Michigan State University
Curell, C. LaPorte, J. Olugbenle, O. Whittington, S. (2026). *E-3512 Turn Soil into Profit - Vegetable Edition*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2026). *E-3511 Insurance Options for Swine Growers*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. Wardynski, F. (2026). *E-3509 Insurance Options for Beef Growers*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2026). *Michigan Grain Market Benchmarks*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2025). *E-3508 Strategies for Purchasing Farm Inputs*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2025). *E-3507 Introduction to Fertilizer Planning - Vegetable Edition*. Michigan State University.
Hines, E. LaPorte, J. Schmidt, C. Zangaro, C. (2025). *E3506 Models for Raising Pigs for Pork*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2026). *When is the Best Time to Sell Grain?* Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2026). *Seed Selection: Beyond Yield and Disease Resistance (Wheat Edition)*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2026). *Seed Selection: Beyond Yield and Disease Resistance (Soybean Edition)*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2026). *Seed Selection: Beyond Yield and Disease Resistance (Corn Edition)*. Michigan State University.
Kelley, L. LaPorte, J. (2025). *Irrigation Storm Damage Checklist*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. Falor, J. (2025). *E-3505 How to Read a Seed Guide - Wheat Edition*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. Falor, J. (2025). *E-3431 How to Read a Seed Guide - Soybean Edition*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. Falor, J. (2024). *E-3430 How to Read a Seed Guide - Corn Edition*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. Lizotte, E., Curell, C. (2024). *E-3429 Introduction to Pesticide Use*. Michigan State University.
Drobnak, R. Baziari, F., Swinton, S., Charles C., Wilke, B., Schultheis, E., LaPorte, J., Sprunger, C., Tyndall, C., Gammans, M., Doll, J. (2024). *Budgeting for Prairie Strips*. Michigan State University.
LaPorte, J. (2023). *E-3428 Farm Loans and Credit Underwriting*. Michigan State University.

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- LaPorte, J. (2023). *E-3427 Introduction to Renting Farmland*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *E-3426 Insurance Options for Fruit Growers*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *E-3425 Loans & Security: An Introduction to Collateral*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *E-3423 Farm Management Experience Resource Guide*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Farmland Rental Negotiations*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Gammans, M. (2021). *E-3416 Introduction to Grain Marketing*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *E-3415 Introduction to Crop Insurance for Field Crops*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *E-3412 Introduction to Fertilizer Planning*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2020). *E-3411 Introduction to Cost of Production and Its Uses*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Mackellar, B. Pennington, D. (2020). *Farmland Rent Considerations*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2020). *Finding Financial Success in Uncertain Times Factsheet*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *E-3407 How to Motivate Your Lender to Say, "Yes"*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *E-3406 Transitioning From Labor Force to Decision-Maker*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *USDA Farmland Cash Rental Rate Report* (updated annually). Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2018). *E-3387: Understanding the Farm's Financial Health*. Michigan State University.

GRANTS:

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Exploring how regenerative agriculture practices enhance soil health and yield stability, evaluate the relationship between soil health and greenhouse gas emissions, and identify factors that influence farmer adoption of climate-smart practices. (\$1,250,000 total).

National Pork Board. Understanding the knowledge gaps of herd health for both small swine farmers and small swine veterinarians in the United States to develop educational and informative materials. (\$171,500 total).

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. Collaboration between MIFarmLink, MSU Extension, farmers and technicians to identify common issues that hold up land transfer deals in Michigan, and develop useful resources to aid farmers wishing to acquire or pass on farms or farmland. (\$45,300 total).

PRESENTATIONS:

- LaPorte, J. (2026). *Beyond the Bin: Grain Marketing Strategies*. National Farm Business Management Conference.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *The Economics of Farming: Focusing on Nutrient Management*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *Crop Insurance 101 for Field Crops*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *Grain Gains: Market Planning 101*. Young Farmer Leaders Conference.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *Grain Market Contracts*. Purdue University.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *Basics of Grain Marketing*. Purdue University.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *Coverage Options in Revenue Protection for Field Crops*. Michigan State University.

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- LaPorte, J.** (2026). *Cash Rent on Irrigated Land*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2026). *Economics of Nitrogen*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2026). *Grain Marketing Update*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2026). *Dollars and Doses: Navigating Pesticide ROIs*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Pennington, D.** (2026). *With tight crop margins, how do you get the most “bang for your buck” from your Wheat Crop?* Michigan Wheat Program.
- Ker, A. LaPorte, J. Sears, M.** (2025). *Farm Bill Program & Crop Insurance Decisions*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Input Market Outlook*. MSU Ag Credit Conference.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Navigating Farm Profitability in 2025*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Fundamentals of Grain Markets*. Penn State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Beyond the Bin: Grain Market Planning 101*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Grain Market Update & Outlook*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Can You Save On Fertilizer?* Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Developing Budgets to Determine Forage Cost of Production*. Great Lakes Forage & Grazing Conference.
- LaPorte, J. Whittington, S.** (2025) *Planning for Profits Workshop*. Michiana Military Veteran Farming Conference
- LaPorte, J. Ritchie, N.** (2025). *Balancing Inputs and Outputs for a Profitable Term*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2025). *Business Planning 101*. USDA Workshop for Veteran Beginning Farmers
- LaPorte, J. Whittington, S.** (2024). *Crop Insurance Decisions for Field Crops*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2024). *Growing Your Farm Into A Business (Updated)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2024) *Fertilizer Economics – Business vs. Nutrient Efficiency*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Sears, M.** (2024). *Farm Bill Program & Crop Insurance Decisions*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2024). *How Can Loans Help Your Business Grow*. Michigan State University
- LaPorte, J. Sears, M.** (2024). *Marketing & Input Strategies*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2024). *Search for Excellence Award - Overview of DEMaND Series*. Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference, National Association of Agricultural Agents.
- LaPorte, J. Gammans, M.** (2023). *2023 Strategies for Farm Inputs*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Whittington, S.** (2023). *Crop Insurance Decisions for Vegetables*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Dollars and Cents of Nutrient Management*. Michigan State University
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Estimating the Cost of Solar for Your Farm*. Great Lakes Expo.
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Gaining and Demonstrating Farm Management Experience – Tips for New Farm Managers*. Great Lakes Expo.
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Introduction to Grain Marketing*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Marketing Your Grain Crops*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Specialty Crops Partial Budgets – Evaluating Operational Changes*. Great Lakes Expo.

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- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Pricing Strategies for 2023: Balancing Your Inputs and Your Product Prices*. Greenhouse Grower Magazine.
- LaPorte, J.** (2023). *Risk Management Options for Specialty Growers*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Balance Sheet Walkthrough*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Commodity Market Outlook and Increased Input Costs, Walking the Tightrope of Farm Profitability in 2022*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Consider Your Options Retain Profits and Minimize COP*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Creating and Understanding the Cash Flow Statement*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Creating an Income Statement for Your Farm*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Developing Plant Nutrient Budgets with High Fertilizer Prices*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Easing the “stress” of Stressful Situations*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Farm Budgets Growing Your Farm Into A Business*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Fertilizer Cost Comparison Decision Tool*. National Farm Business Management Conference.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *To Sell or To Feed – That is the Question (Hay Production 101)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Understanding the Lending Process*. Michigan State University
- LaPorte, J.** (2022). *Understanding Your Specialty Crop Farm’s Financial Health*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2021). *Cost of Production for Beginning Hay Producers*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2021). *Farm Budgets: Planning for Profits*. Great Lakes Expo.
- LaPorte, J.** (2021). *When You’re on the Receiving End of Succession*. Michigan State University.
- Betz, R. et all.** (2020). *2018 Farm Bill, Commodity Title - ARC versus PLC*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Singh, M.** (2020). *Late and Prevented Planting: Lessons Learned from 2019*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2020). *MSU Farm Stress Program for USDA Employees*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2019). *Marketing and Pricing Standing Corn Silage*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019).** *Marketing and Pricing Standing Hay*. Michigan State University.
- Clark, C. LaPorte, J. Ochs, D.** (2019). *Farm Business Succession Goals and Strategies*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2018). *Crop Insurance Decisions*. MI Corn Education Networking Training (CENT), Michigan Corn Growers Association.
- LaPorte, J.** (2018). *Goal Setting and Business Planning for La Cosecha Program*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J.** (2018). *Understanding Your Farm’s Financial Health*. Michigan State University.

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ONLINE EXTENSION COURSES:

- LaPorte, J. (2025). *Grain Gains: An Introduction to Grain Marketing*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Ockert, K. (2025). *Small Scale Poultry Farming*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Baker, A. (2021). *Finding Financial Success in Uncertain Times*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Fronczak, S. Costa, R. (2021) *Nutrient Smart Plus*. Michigan State University.

MEDIA & PODCAST INTERVIEWS

- LaPorte, J. (2026). "MSU Extension highlights price protection options for wheat growers." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2026). "How farmers are being impacted by the war in Iran." ABC12. 2026 [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2026). "Grain Market Trends." The Crop Science Podcast Show. 2026. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2025). "USDA Partners with Michigan State University to centralize new farmer resources." Brownfield Ag News. 2025. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2025). "How difficult is accessing farmland?" Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2025). "Michigan cash rents post widespread results." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2024). "Grain Marketing Basics." Agronomy Highlights, Penn State University [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2024). "What resources do beginning farmers need?" Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2024). "MSUE offers pricing strategy support." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2024). "Financial Analysis in Farming." The Crop Science Podcast Show. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2024). "Michigan cash rental rates +2%." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2023). "When is the best time to buy fertilizer?" Ag PhD Radio Show. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2023). "Margin Protection crop deadline nears." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2023). "Cash rental rates generally higher." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2023). "Solar can be more affordable than farmers realize." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2023). "Cutting energy costs with new solar incentives." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2023). "Financial Success in Dairy." Dairy Podcasts by Wisenetix. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2022). "How are you buying ag inputs?" Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2022). "MSU releases input purchasing planners." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2022). "MSU releases new cash rental rate resources." Brownfield Ag News.. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2021). "MSUE updates crop management resources." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)
- LaPorte, J. (2020). "Making Farm Bill decisions." Brownfield Ag News. [\[Link\]](#)

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DECISION TOOLS & TEMPLATES

- LaPorte, J. (2026). *2026 Corn Projected Cost of Production*. Michigan State University.
- Anderson, E. LaPorte, J. (2026). *2026 Soybean Projected Cost of Production*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2026). *MSU Margin Goal Worksheet for Grain Marketing*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2025). *Multi-Year Land Rent Value Calculator*. Michigan State University.
- Drobnak, R. et al. (2024). *Prairie Strip Partial Budget Tool*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2024). *MSU Grain Marketing Evaluation Tool*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2024). *MSU Grain Marketing Plan Template*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Sears, M. (2024). *MSU Farm Bill Analyzer Tool 2024*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2023). *Crop Budget Estimator for Vegetables (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2023). *Crop Budget Estimator for Vegetables (Detailed)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. Clark C. (Revised 2023). *Farm Finance Scorecard (Fillable Form)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2023). *MSU Income Statement Template*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2023). *Pesticide Cost Comparison Decision Tool for Vegetables*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2023). *Statement of Cash Flows Template*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Cash Flow Estimator*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Fertilizer Cost Comparison Tool (Fruit)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Input Purchasing Plan Template (MS Word)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Input Purchasing Plan Template (MS Excel)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Production Record Accuracy Check Template*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Pesticide Cost Comparison Decision Tool for Field Crops*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2022). *Seed Selection Cost Comparison Decision Tool*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Crop Budget Estimator for All Crops (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Fertilizer Cost Comparison Tool (Field Crops)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Fertilizer Cost Comparison Tool (Forages)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Fertilizer Cost Comparison Tool (Vegetables)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Livestock Budget Estimator Beef (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Livestock Budget Estimator Dairy (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Livestock Budget Estimator Swine Contract Grower (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2021). *Livestock Budget Estimator Swine (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2020). *Farm Balance Sheet Template*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *Crop Budget Estimator for Grains (Detailed)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *Crop Budget Estimator for Grains (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *Crop Budget Estimator for Forages (Simple)*. Michigan State University.
- LaPorte, J. (2019). *Crop Budget Estimator for Forages (Detailed)*. Michigan State University.

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SERVICE:

NATIONAL LEVEL

<i>USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee, "Reaching Next Generation of Farmers and Ranchers" Sub-Committee, co-lead</i>	2024 - Present
<i>Agricultural Benchmark Project Leaders Board, member</i>	2018, 2023 - 2024
<i>USDA Farm Stress Employee Training and Technical Assistance Project, member</i>	2018 - 2019

STATE LEVEL

<i>MSU Extension Swine work team, liaison for Farm Business team</i>	2024 - Present
<i>MSU Extension Developing & Educating Managers and New Decision-makers (DEMaND) Series Program, lead organizer</i>	2018 - Present
<i>MSU Extension Field Crops work team, liaison for Farm Business team</i>	2018 - Present
<i>MSU Extension Forage workgroup, liaison for Farm Business team</i>	2018 - Present
<i>Michigan Association of Extension Agents (MAEA) Nomination Committee, member</i>	2023
<i>MSU Extension New Hire Mentorship Program, Farm Business team mentor</i>	2023
<i>MSU Extension Farm Profitability Joint Programming Committee, chair</i>	2021
<i>MSU Extension Responding to Changing Markets Sub-Committee, chair</i>	2020
<i>MSU Extension Farm Resiliency Sub-Committee, member</i>	2020
<i>MSU Extension Extreme Weather and Flooding Taskforce, member</i>	2019

REGIONAL LEVEL

<i>Berrien County Career & Technical Education Agricultural Advisory Council, member</i>	2019 - Present
<i>Southwest Michigan College Ag Advisory Board, member</i>	2019 - Present
<i>Search Committee for MSU Extension Small and Beginning Farmer Educator, member</i>	2023
<i>MSU Extension District 7 Director Five-Year Review Committee, member</i>	2023

AWARDS & HONORS:

<i>National Association of County Agricultural Agents – Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning, or Small Farmers/Ranchers (National Winner)</i>	2024
<i>National Association of County Agricultural Agents –Publication (Regional Winner)</i>	2024
<i>Michigan Association of Extension Agents –Publication (State Winner)</i>	2024
<i>National Association of County Agricultural Agents –Feature Story (National Finalist)</i>	2023
<i>Michigan Association of Extension Agents –Educational Video Recordings (State Winner)</i>	2023
<i>Michigan Association of Extension Agents – Fact Sheet (State Winner)</i>	2023
<i>Michigan Association of Extension Agents – Publication (State Winner)</i>	2023
<i>National Association of County Agricultural Agents – Online Content (Regional Winner)</i>	2022
<i>National Association of County Agricultural Agents –Publication (Regional Winner)</i>	2022
<i>Michigan Association of Extension Agents – Program Recognition Award</i>	2020