



Isabella County MSU Extension

# Agricultural Newsletter

January 2023

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| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>EVENT</b>  | <b>REGISTRATION</b>  |
|--------------|---|--|
| Jan 4        | <b><u>Central MI Crop &amp; Pest Management Update</u></b><br>9 AM - 3 PM Cost: \$40<br>Gratiot-Isabella RESD<br>1131 E Center St., Ithaca, MI 48847<br>RUP & CCA credits available | <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/2023CropandPestManagement/">https://<br/>events.anr.msu.edu/2023CropandPestMan<br/>agement/</a>                        |
| Jan 25 - 26  | <b><u>Great Lakes Crop Summit</u></b><br>Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant   | <a href="http://www.greatlakescropsummit.com/">http://www.greatlakescropsummit.com/</a><br>1-888-323-6601  |
| Jan 30       | <b><u>Central MI Dry Bean Meeting</u></b><br>9 AM - 12 Noon<br>Isabella County Building, room 320, Mt. Pleasant   | (989) 317-4079   |
| Feb 1        | <b><u>Soybean On-Farm Research Update</u></b><br>9 AM - 12 PM 1 RUP credit<br>AgroLiquid, St. Johns   | <a href="https://www.michigansoybean.org/2023-on-farm-research-meetings.html">https://www.michigansoybean.org/2023-<br/>on-farm-research-meetings.html</a> |
| Feb 2        | <b><u>Grain Marketing Meeting</u></b><br>10 AM - 12 PM Cost: \$20<br>Eaton County MSUE, Charlotte, MI 48813<br><i>Or virtual on Zoom</i>  | <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/GrainMarketing/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/<br/>GrainMarketing/</a><br>(989) 317-4079                                 |
| Feb 2 - 3    | <b><u>Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference</u></b><br>Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant   | <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/glrdc/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/glrdc/</a><br>(989) 666-3773  |
| Feb 21       | <b><u>Dry Bean &amp; Beet Symposium</u></b><br>9:30 AM - 3 PM<br>Double Tree Hotel, Bay City  | <a href="mailto:jcramer@michiganbean.com">jcramer@michiganbean.com</a><br>(989) 262-8550   |
| March 5 - 11 | <b><u>ANR Week</u></b><br>Michigan State University   | <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/">https://www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/</a>  |
| March 7 - 9  | <b><u>Drainage Workshop</u></b><br>524 S. Shaw Ln., Farrall Ag Eng Hall, Room 106<br>East Lansing, MI 48824   | <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/design2022">https://events.anr.msu.edu/design2022</a><br>Ehsan Ghane at (517) 353-4458                                 |
| March 9      | <b><u>Great Lakes Forage &amp; Grazing Conference</u></b><br>AgroLiquid, St. Johns  | (810) 667-0341   |
| April 11     | <b><u>Pesticide Review/Test</u></b><br>8 AM - 12 PM - Review<br>12:30 PM - Test<br>Mid Michigan College, 1375 S. Clare Ave., Harrison   | <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/MDARDPSEPCORE/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/<br/>MDARDPSEPCORE/</a><br>(616) 890-6729                                   |

**2022 MSU Variety Trails**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/varietytrials/>

# 2023 Crop and Pest Management Update Meetings

Learn about the latest recommendations for managing weeds, diseases, insects and nematodes from MSU Extension educators and specialists. Pre-registration is required, and registration includes lunch and a Weed Control Guide for Field Crops. RUP and CCA credits will be available at each meeting.

- Jan. 4: Gratiot Isabella RESD, Ithaca
- Jan. 9: Franklin Inn, Bad Axe
- Jan. 23: Dowagiac Conservation Club, Dowagiac
- Feb. 7: Old Mill Museum, Dundee
- Feb. 10: SVREC, Frankenmuth (this location will also be available as a live webinar)

For more information and to register, visit:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2023CropandPestmanagement/>



## 2023 Crop and Pest Management Update Meeting

January 4, 2023

Gratiot-Isabella RESD, 1131 E Center St., Ithaca, MI 48847

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration  |
| 9 a.m.    | Introduction<br>Dr. Marty Chilvers, Diseases in Field Crops<br>Richard Price, Precision Conservation<br>Dennis Pennington, Wheat Management & Central MI Wheat Plot Results |
| 12 p.m.   | Lunch   |
| 1 p.m.    | Dr. Kurt Steinke, Soil Fertility<br>Dr. Christy Sprague, Weed Control<br>MSU Extension Educators Monica Jean and Paul Gross, Local Topics                                   |
| 3 p.m.    | Adjourn   |

Cost:  
\$40

For more information and to register, visit

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# Grain Marketing Meetings

**COST:**  
\$20/meeting

**TIME:**  
10 AM - 12 PM

**For more information:**  
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(616) 443-8782

As we exit harvest season, it is a good time to brush up on your marketing skills. Join Angie Setzer, Marketing Specialist at Consus, will provide insight and outlook on the grain markets, and suggest strategies to minimize financial risk.

## **Meeting Dates & Locations:**

**February 2, 2023**

**Eaton County MSU Extension, Charlotte**

**May 2, 2023**

**Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center, Frankenmuth**

**August 1, 2023**

**Gratiot County MSU Extension, Alma**

*\*There will also be a virtual option over Zoom for all meetings.*

## **Register at:**

**<https://events.anr.msu.edu/GrainMarketing/>**



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## 2023 Farm Bill Program & Crop Insurance Decisions – What Fits Your Farm?

January 17, 2023 @ 11 a.m.  
February 21, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Choose  
a Date!

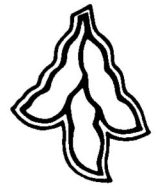
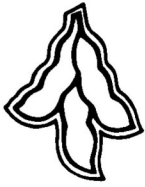
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/farmbill23/>

## Pesticide License Exam Update

Pesticide exams can be taken any time thru Metro Institute.  
Central Michigan University Parks Library is a testing site.

To make an appointment, call 877-533-2900 or visit:

<https://www2.mda.state.mi.us/OPES/>



## 2023 Michigan Soybean On-Farm Research Updates

**What:** The results of the 2022 soybean on-farm research projects will be presented. Participants will also learn essential and practical information for implementing precision farming technologies in 2023. Time is available for questions, comments and discussion.

**When/Where:** January 6, Lenawee Christian Center Auditorium, 111 Wolf Creek Hwy, Adrian, MI 49221  
*(The soybean on-farm research update is part of the Center For Excellence Crop Day)*  
 January 11, The Trestle Stop Restaurant, 3366 M-40, Hamilton, MI 49419  
 January 12, GreenMark Equipment, 16700 Heimbach Rd., Three Rivers, MI 49093  
 January 16, The Double Tree, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City MI 48708  
 January 17, The Sanilac Career Center, 175 E Aitken Rd, Peck, MI 48466  
 February 1, AgroLiquid, 3055 M-21, St. Johns, MI 48879

**Time:** All programs begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. (except Adrian which begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Registration:** The Michigan Soybean Committee is covering all costs. However, pre-registration is requested to ensure an accurate count for lunch and materials. **To register online please go to:** <https://www.michigansoybean.org/2023-on-farm-research-meetings.html>. **To register by phone, call the Michigan Soybean Checkoff office in St. Johns at (989) 652-3294 and provide the location of the program, your name, phone number and the number of people attending. Please pre-register by Friday, December 31 for the Adrian location and by Friday, January 6 for all other locations.**

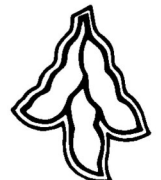
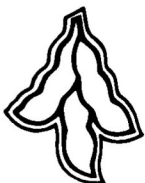
### Agenda

**(All locations except for Adrian which will follow the Center for Excellence Crop Day agenda)**

- 9:00 a.m.** Registration and coffee
- 9:15 a.m.** Soybean Committee and Association Updates — *Local MSC and MSA board members*
- 9:30 a.m.** 2022 Soybean On-farm Research Trial Results — *Mike Staton, MSU Extension Educator*
- 10:40 a.m.** Break
- 11:00 a.m.** Summary of Essential and Practical Ways to Get the Most Out of Your Precision Farming Technologies — *John McGuire, Brookside Laboratories*
- 11:45 a.m.** Identify Potential 2023 Research Projects and Discussion — *Mike Staton & Mark Seamon*
- 12:15 p.m.** Complimentary lunch (courtesy of the Michigan Soybean Committee)

***This program has been approved for 1 pesticide applicator recertification credit***

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## Custom Machine Work Rates Now Available

The 2022 Custom Work Rates report is now available [online](#) or from the MSU Extension



office and covers a wide number of basic field machine operations. It provides a summary of the estimated costs of these operations.

To find the new report, visit:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/custom-machine-work-costs>

## RUP Review & Test

April 11, 2023

8 AM - 12 PM (Review)

12:30 PM (Test)

Mid Michigan College, Harrison

Paper-based, in-person exams are being offered for private, registered, and commercial core and standard (fumigation and aerial) exams only. These exams will be in conjunction with a review session conducted by Michigan State University.

Register for the review session and exam by calling (616) 890-6729 or visiting the MDARD Online Pesticide Exam Scheduling website:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MDARDPSEPCORE/>

## Could your farm benefit from some additional supports?

*Through the MDARD/FRSAN Legacy of the Land grants, MSU Extension can help support you and your farm to help you stay or get back on a successful track.*

### Key Offerings:

- Farm Financial Analysis
- Teletherapy
- Business Management Strategies
- Farm Stress Resources
- Mental Health First Aid

For more information:

[extension.msu.edu/farmstress](https://extension.msu.edu/farmstress)  
or call Remington at (231) 882-0025

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