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In the pages following, you will find the full schedule for the MI Ag Ideas to Grow With conference. Each session is highlighted according to its related track. You will find a color legend below to help you more easily navigate.

Feel free to jump in and out of tracks and participate in as many sessions as you would like.

Session Tracks:

Youth Track
Farm Business Management
Horticulture
Animal Agriculture
Field Crops
Sustainability
Irrigation
Fruits
General Interest
Weather and Wildlife



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Monday, February 15		
8:30 a.m.		Farm Bill - PLC or ARC in 2021 <i>Aleks Schaefer</i>
9:00 a.m.	Apprenticeship 101 <i>Kelly Stelter and Veronica Bolhuis</i>	Preparing to Work with your Lender <i>Corey Clark, Jon LaPorte</i>
9:45 a.m.	BREAK	
10:00 a.m.	Ag Careers <i>Kathy Fischer and Janice Zerbe</i>	Understanding your Farm's Financial Health <i>Jon LaPorte</i>
10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Farm Safety <i>Deb Barrett, Hailey Harman</i>	Succession Planning Part 1: Introduction to Business Succession <i>Roger Betz, Florencia Colella, Stan Moore</i>
11:45 a.m.	BREAK	
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Managing your Woodlot <i>Julie Crick</i>	Farm Labor: new MIOSHA rules & Labor Recruitment planning <i>Stan Moore and Craig Anderson (MFB)</i>
12:45 p.m.	BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	Ag Careers <i>Kathy Fischer and Janice Zerbe</i>	Succession Planning Part 2: Why is talking about Business Succession so Difficult? <i>Roger Betz, Florencia Colella, Stan Moore</i>
1:45 p.m.	BREAK	
2:00 p.m.	Farm Safety <i>Deb Barrett, Hailey Harman</i>	Succession Planning Part 3: Examples of specific strategies to transfer ownership and management to the next generation <i>Roger Betz, Florencia Colella, Stan Moore</i>
2:45 p.m.	BREAK	
3:00 p.m.	Apprenticeship 101 <i>Kelly Stelter and Veronica Bolhuis</i>	Updated Coronavirus Relief Programs for 2020/2021: What's in it for You? <i>Corey Clark</i>



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3:45 p.m.	BREAK	
6:30 p.m.		Tips and Tricks for Wintertime on the Horse Farm <i>Tom Guthrie</i>
7:15 p.m.	Professional Careers in the World of Agriculture <i>Stacey Rocklin (SMAC) and Kate Fraser (KCC)</i>	



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Tuesday, February 16	
9:00 a.m.	MSU Corn Program Maturity Group-Development and Tar Spot Risk, What Direction is Corn Genetics Going? <i>Mani Singh and Addi Thompson</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	Focusing on Problem Weeds-Gaining Control of Johnsongrass Glyphosate Resistant Giant Ragweed, Burcucumber, Common Waterhemp <i>Erin Burns</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Review of Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Michigan and surrounding states, Submitting Good Samples to the Diagnostic Clinic at MSU <i>Erin Hill</i> Nematode Management Update <i>Marisol Quintanilla</i>
11:45 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Native Plants to Promote Pollinators <i>Beth Clawson</i>
12:45 p.m.	Break
1:00 p.m.	Tar Spot Management Fungicides/Chemigation for Application of Fungicides for Tar Spot Control <i>Martin Chilvers</i> Takeaway for Southwest Michigan <i>Lyndon Kelley</i>
1:45 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	Soybean and Wheat Management Considerations for 2021 <i>Mike Staton, Dennis Pennington</i>
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	Alfalfa Pest and Crop Management Session <i>Phil Kaatz</i>
3:45 p.m.	Break
6:30 p.m.	Basic Healthy Practices for Pigs <i>Beth Ferry, Dave Thompson</i>
7:15 p.m.	



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Wednesday, February 17	
9:00 a.m.	Moving the Needle on Soil Health <i>Paul Gross, Christina Curell</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	Cover Crops: Fitting into your System <i>Dean Baas</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Cover Crops as Forage: What to Consider <i>Phil Kaatz</i>
11:45 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Soil Fertility and Testing <i>Mike Staton</i>
12:45 p.m.	Break
1:00 p.m.	Barley and Rye for the Brewing and Distilling Industries <i>Brook Wilke, Ryan Hamilton</i>
1:45 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	Solar Energy Lease Agreement Considerations <i>Charles Gould</i>
2:45 p.m.	Break
6:30 p.m.	The realities that no one tells you about owning chickens <i>Zac Williams</i>
7:15 p.m.	An Overview of Direct Marketing of Meat <i>Jeannine Schwehofer</i>



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Thursday, February 18		
9:00 a.m.	Draining Wet Spots in the Field or Draining the Entire Field <i>Ehsan Ghane</i>	
9:45 a.m.	BREAK	
10:00 a.m.	Low Cost Sensors to Improve Irrigation Management <i>Younsuk Dong</i>	Practical Monitoring Techniques Based on Insect Behavior <i>Michael Reinke</i>
10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Combat Nutrient Loss with Controlled Drainage <i>Ehsan Ghane</i>	The Mechanisms and Best Usage Practices for Most Used Fungicides <i>Tim Miles</i>
11:45 a.m.	BREAK	
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Home Irrigation <i>Ron Goldy</i>	
12:45 p.m.	BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	Irrigation Management to Minimize Foliar Disease / TAR Spot <i>Younsuk Dong, Lyndon Kelley</i>	Understanding and Minimizing Cold Damage in Fruit Crops <i>Mark Longstroth</i>
1:45 p.m.	BREAK	
2:00 p.m.	Midwest Water Stewards, Groundwater Monitoring Funded by Agriculture <i>Todd Feenstra</i>	The Most Frustrating Weeds for MI Fruit Growers / How to Manage them <i>Sushila Chaudhari</i>
2:45 p.m.	BREAK	
3:00 p.m.	Is Your Irrigation System Ready to Apply Chemicals, Chemigation and Fertilization <i>Lyndon Kelley</i>	
3:45 p.m.	BREAK	
6:30 p.m.	Backyard Cattle Management <i>Jerod Jaborek</i>	



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7:15 p.m.	Setting up online Sales for your Farm <i>Abby Harper, Kessa Johnson, Alex Palzewicz</i>	
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Friday, February 19		
9:00 a.m.	Understanding the Michigan Food Law - How to Start a Business in Your Home Kitchen <i>Kendra Wills</i>	Weather Outlook for 2021 in Michigan, Our Changing Growing Season Trends <i>Jeff Andresen</i>
9:45 a.m.	BREAK	
10:00 a.m.	How to Work Constructively with Townships Workshop for Agricultural Producers and Ag Entrepreneurs <i>Tyler Augst, Brad Neumann</i>	Using the Enviroweather Station Data for Management; Build Your Own? <i>Keith Mason, Erin Lizote, Younsuk Dong</i>
10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Mending the Stress Fence <i>Karen Fifield, Phil Kaatz, Eric Karbowski, Stan Moore, Holly Tired</i>	Managing for Weather Extremes - How Well Set is Your Operation to Handle Challenges? <i>Bruce MacKellar, Tim Harrigan, Mani Singh, Lyndon Kelley, Sarah Fronczak</i>
11:45 a.m.	BREAK	
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Home Beekeeping <i>Ana Heck</i>	
12:45 p.m.	BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	Veterans In AG/Hort <i>Christopher Imler</i>	Working With State Wildlife Officials to Document and Reduce Wildlife on your Farm <i>Bruce MacKellar, Lyndon Kelley, Eric Anderson</i>
1:45 p.m.	CONFERENCE CONCLUDES	