

2026 Southwest Michigan Horticultural Days

February 4 and 5, 2026

at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 1100 Yore Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Hosted by Michigan Grape Society and Michigan State University Extension

Daily Sessions

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8 AM	Registration & Trade Show open
9 AM–Noon	General Session
1:30–4 PM	Smart Farm/Precision Ag and Pesticides, Regulation & Compliance
4:30 PM	Wine Showcase

Thursday, February 5, 2026

8 AM	Registration & Trade Show open
9 AM–Noon	Tree Fruit, Grapes, Strawberries, Blueberries
1:30–4 PM	Tree Fruit, Grapes, Blueberries

DAY 1:

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

Smart Farm/Precision Ag

This session will introduce several interesting new tools and technologies that can assist fruit and vegetable growers with operational tasks or decision making on the farm. From hard tech that you can see in the field to soft tech you can use on your smartphone. Presenters will provide a glimpse into some tech options available here in Michigan.

Pesticides, Regulation & Compliance

Staying Ahead in Crop Protection: Strategies, codes, and best practices. Join us for a RUP topic heavy session! We will hear from representatives from CTAP (Conservation Technical Assistance Program), IR-4, MSU Pesticide Safety and MSU Extension.

DAY 2:

TREE FRUIT:

This year's tree fruit program emphasizes how growers can move the industry forward through targeted marketing, effective use of marketing, and practical approaches to the current labor landscape. In addition, there will be IPM topics, with a focus on current strategies for managing diseases, weeds, and insect pests in orchards.

GRAPES:

We will have an all-day session on various topics for grape growers. Trial results and research outlook at SWMREC will be discussed. Other topics will include pest and disease updates, regenerative viticulture, and the finalization of a new Sub-AVA in southwest Michigan, among others.

STRAWBERRIES and BLUEBERRIES:

This year we will expand our small fruit education to include topics outside of blueberries! The morning session on Day 2 will be a mixture of strawberry and blueberry education with the afternoon focusing solely on blueberries.

To view program details of specific presentations, go online after January 16, 2026 to canr.msu.edu/swmrec and look under Resources and Reports.

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Pre-registration cost for both days is \$60 per person and includes lunch both days.

Pre-registration cost for Day 1 or Day 2 only is \$45 per person and includes lunch that day.

Registrations postmarked after Friday, January 16, online, and at the door, will increase \$15 per person.

Please note: There will be a *LIMITED* number of tickets available for purchase at the door.
We recommend you pre-register for this event!

Registration information only: Please phone Renee Tinkey at 269-944-1477 x 201
Email: tinkeyre@msu.edu

Make checks payable to: **Michigan Grape Society**

Mail to: MSU-SWMREC, 1791 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Attention: Renee Tinkey

On-line registration for credit card payment is available at <https://michigangrapesociety.simpletix.com/>.

Credit card, check, and cash payments will be accepted at the door. If you would like to pre-register in person, you may do so at the Southwest Michigan Research Center (SWMREC) located at 1791 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

REGISTRATION FORM

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First & Last names: _____

Business name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **County:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Cell phone: _____ **Work/Home phone:** _____

2026 SW MI Horticultural Days Pre-Registration:

Both Day 1 and Day 2: ☐ \$60 per person before Friday, January 16, 2026 (\$75 after)

Day 1 or Day 2 only: ☐ \$45 per person before Friday, January 16, 2026 (\$60 after)

☐ Day 1 only ☐ Day 2 only

Number of registrations: _____ **Total Amount Enclosed: \$** _____

Lake Michigan College Mendel Center
1100 Yore Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The Mendel Center is located on Yore Avenue behind Lake Michigan College's main complex.
The Mendel Center is the third left turn when entering Yore Avenue from Napier Avenue.


