## November 2017 Berrien MSU Extension E-news

**Recommendations for a late soybean harvest** 

Overcome the challenges associated with a late soybean harvest.

Drying and storing wet soybeans

Careful management when drying and storing soybeans is essential to maximizing your profits.

Horseweed concerns are mounting for farmers

Horseweed, commonly referred to as marestail, continues to spread across Michigan.

Why soil test in the fall?

Several compelling reasons to soil test in the fall compared to spring.

New online Integrated Pest Management course now available

Learn about integrated pest management and earn pesticide recertification credits with new, on-demand, online course. Sign up today for winter greenhouse online courses

Greenhouse growers can sign up for Greenhouse and Horticultural Lighting, Biological Control for Greenhouse Growers (English or Spanish) and Floriculture Root Zone Management during November.

FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food – Blended Training Course

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requires every processing facility falling under the regulation to have at least one "Preventive Controls Qualified Individual" (PCQI) to help develop and implement the required Food Safety Plan. The Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) Blended Training course was developed to provide individuals an alternative to the instructor-led 3-day program to complete the FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food course. <u>Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable, Farm Market, and Greenhouse Growers EXPO</u>

Farm Market Bus Tour to precede the EXPO on Dec 4. 75+ education sessions and workshops will be offered over three days at the EXPO, with RUP and CEU credits. 450+ exhibitors in an expanded trade show including a new area for farm market exhibitors.

Restricted Use Pesticide Workshop & Exam, December 12

Berrien MSU Extension office training 9:00 a.m. -12 noon. Call 269-927-5674 to register for review session. Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development open exams 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Register for exams on-line www.michigan.gov/pestexam).

16-Hour ServSafe Manager Training - Kent County

MSU Extension offers 16-hour ServSafe<sup>®</sup> training, which is a national certification program. This class is designed for anyone working in the food service industry, including non-profit organizations.

**Request for Participants: Michigan Wood Energy Team Kalamazoo Area Focus Groups** 

Focus groups will take place the week of January 15th in the Hickory Corners area. People who own a single-family home in this region and must not already have an automated pellet heating system in your home. We are particularly interested in residents who are currently heating their home with cordwood, fuel oil, electricity, or propane. Also, staff of small commercial enterprises, and key stakeholders in the energy and HVAC industries in the above-mentioned counties. Those interested in participating are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Emily Huff (<u>ehuff@msu.edu</u>) or Bill Cook (<u>cookwi@msu.edu</u>) by January 1.

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