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Message from the MCGA President:

**Entering the Election Year** 

By: Alvin Ferguson, President Michigan Corn Growers Association

his year is an election year, and that means we've got to work harder than ever to make sure that the voices of Michigan corn growers are being heard in Lansing and in Washington, D.C.

We're the only statewide organization that exists for the sole purpose of advocating on behalf of our members in the legislative process. In addition, membership in the MCGA also includes membership in the National Corn Growers Association, adding your voice to thousands of others across the United States. (For an example of our work, take a look at the article about Corn Congress on pages 10 and 11.)

There are a host of important debates going on about issues that will have a direct effect on our livelihoods, and current legislators and candidates will have a say in the outcomes of those debates. This includes the Renewable Fuel Standard which helps grow our ethanol industry and boost demand for corn. It includes the push by some states to require labeling of foods that contain genetically modified organisms. It also includes a range of policy and regulatory

issues from taxes to the environment.

It's up to us to ask the tough questions and hold our elected officials accountable.

The MCGA is completely supported by our members. We're a grassroots, dues-paying organization that's run by farmers. We've been steadily growing, and now represent more than 1,400 farmers in Michigan. If you're not already a member, please consider joining. You can find more information about joining the MCGA on page 12.

Our voice is strongest when we all speak together!

## Message from the CMPM President:

**Growing Demand for Corn** 

By: Dick Dobbins, President Corn Marketing Program of Michigan

The biggest task we're charged with here at the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan is making sure that you have strong markets to support your bottom line. One way that we're working toward that mission is by growing Michigan's ethanol industry.

Right now, about 30 percent of the corn we grow goes into our ethanol industry. The ethanol industry is good for corn farmers, but it's also good for the rest of our agriculture industry here in Michigan. When a bushel of corn goes into the ethanol process, the starch and sugars are used to make the ethanol. The leftover protein goes back into our food chain as high-quality animal feed in the form of dried distiller's grain.

To help grow this industry, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan successfully partnered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and local gasoline retailers to receive a grant through the Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership Program.

This grant money will allow us to install 89 additional flex fuel pumps offering a range of fuels from E-15, which contains 15 percent ethanol, up to E-85, which contains 85 percent ethanol across the state.

This grant will open up more consumer choices at the pump and support Michigan-made ethanol. That's a win for us as farmers,

and also a win for consumers. Ethanol saves consumers money at the pump and helps clean up our air by reducing harmful emissions, and it's made right here in Michigan.

We appreciate the USDA for funding this grant which will invest in our ethanol industry, provide more consumer choices at the pump and grow the market for Michigan corn.









Jim Zook conducting yield checks for Between the Rows

## Michigan Corn Projects Strong Statewide Corn Yields for 2015

he Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) wrapped up the 2015 Between The Rows tour in early September, finding a statewide average corn yield of 170 bushels per acre.

CMPM staff conducted yield checks across the state and held meetings in each are to update farmers on the crop conditions. Meetings also included a discussion with grain dealers about the market outlook for this year's crop and concluded with a question and answer session about the corn industry and the work of the CMPM and the Michigan Corn Growers Association.

Meetings took place at: Stoneman Pro Services in Breckenridge; Alvin Ferguson's farm in Allenton, Carbon Green BioEnergy in Lake Odessa, Mark Kies' farm in Allen, Phil Gordon's farm in Saline, Jason McConnachie's farm in Deckerville, Tom Ziel's farm in Pigeon, and Schlicht Farms in Vassar.

Highlights of the yield checks appear to the right, and more detailed information about the yield checks in each county is available through video updates on our website at www.micorn.org.

These findings are in line with a recent United States Department of Agriculture report that estimates yields of 165 bushels per acre for the state.

Planning is already underway for next year's tour, and corn farmers who are interested in hosting a Between the Rows Tour stop for 2016 can contact the Michigan Corn office at (517) 668-2676.

LOCATION	AVERAGE YIELD (BUSHELS PER ACRE)	
Statewide	170	
Gratiot County	174	
Lapeer/St. Clair Counties	165	
Eaton/Barry/Ionia Counties	172	
Branch/Hillsdale/Jackson Counties	167	
Lenawee/Washtenaw Counties	147	
Sanilac County	171	
Huron County	183	
Tuscola County	173	



## Corn Marketing Program of Michigan: Unlocking Opportunities Next Door

he U.S.-Canadian market is already highly integrated, but there are still many opportunities to further enhance cross-border trade. This summer, a team from Ontario, Canada, visited eastern and central Michigan to explore ways to cut costs and increase trade in corn and DDGS.

"All that lies between Michigan and Ontario is the St. Clair River," said Jim Zook,
Executive Director of the Corn Marketing
Program of Michigan. "Despite the proximity,
there are recurring price differentials for
corn, and freight costs are often inflated by
truck deadheading. Those are problems we
can address."

The Canadian team included representatives from three large swine producers, three commercial feed companies, a large grain handler and marketer of corn and DDGS, a corn processing plant, a major ingredient reseller, and one of Canada's largest veal producers. A Canadian ag journalist also participated. The team was sponsored by the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, with support from the U.S. Grains Council's Canadian consultant, Neil Campbell.



Executive Director Jim Zook and MDARD Director Jamie Clover Adams discuss trade opportunities with a reporter during the tour.

The visit included a tour of an ethanol plant in Marysville, MI, a real highlight for some of the Canadian participants who had never seen an ethanol/DDGS production facility. The Marysville plant exports 90 percent of its DDGS to Canada, and the visit included lively discussions about the use of antibiotics in ethanol production, constraints on DDGS inclusion rates in feed due to pelleting problems, and the value to some buyers of retaining a higher fat content in DDGS for the Ontario market. The team was also eager to discuss the current outlook for the U.S. corn crop and 2015 DDGS production.

Truck logistics were a second area of focus. Complaints from several participants noted that trucks were deadheading in both directions, wasting capacity and driving up costs at a time when truck availability is a recurring problem. The team expressed interest in developing a more comprehensive list of trucking contacts and improving coordination on both sides of the border. Differences related to axle weight and other regulations also need to be addressed.

"We want our Canadian neighbors to get comfortable with the sourcing that is available just across the river," said Zook. "Canadian imports of DDGS are up more than 80 percent in January-May 2015 as compared to the same period a year ago. We want to make sure crossing the river is as easy as crossing town. It's just good business to do more business with our next door neighbors."



# U.S. Grains Council – First Timer Fritz

By: Janna Fritz

Michigan Corn Growers Association Board Member

eveloping Markets, Enabling Trade, and Improving Lives - These are the three pillars of the U.S. Grains Council. All three are admirable aspirations but how did the organization hope to achieve those aspirations? I wanted to learn more.

I was privileged to attend my first U.S. Grains Council Annual Board of Directors Meeting, held July 27-29 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Upon the start of the conference, I was paired with a mentor, an experienced council participant, who helped me to understand the organizational design and objectives. This was beneficial immediately in understanding the history and structure of the council and its members.

Over the next 3 days, all the information provided was enlightening. One of the most notable speakers for me was Deirdre Webb, **U.S. GRAINS** Director of The Irish Grain and Feed COUNCIL Association, who spoke about the necessity for Ireland and the EU overall, to have access to our exports, including GMO products. They view the issue as securing inputs for their dairy and livestock industries. They do not view this debate as a food safety debate. Additionally, resolution of the GMO debate in the EU will be critical in coming to an agreement with the Transatlantic Trade &

Other memorable presentations included The Alliance for Science Biotech Communications: New Approaches to Promote Access to Innovations, presented by Jaron Porciello of the Cornell Alliance for Science. Two of the main objectives of this organization are to build a global alliance by inspiring radical collaborations in support of scientific advances in food production, as well as training new leaders through short courses and a global 12-week leadership program at Cornell. The enthusiasm exhibited by this speaker for advocacy of science was refreshing and appreciated.

Additionally, we heard from Mary Boote Roth, CEO of Truth About Trade and Technology. Her presentation titled Advocacy 101 focused on telling the stories of farmers from around the world. She detailed the work of The Truth About Trade

organization and the nominated farmers they highlight from around the world. People like Cherilyn Nagel of Saskatchewan, Canada or VK Ravichandran of India. Each of these people is working to educate and tell their agricultural story to the world.

During the conference, I also attended portions of the Asia Action Team, the Middle East & African Action Team and the Biotechnology Action Team meetings. Each action team is aggressively working to increase exports for corn, sorghum and

barley either in a particular area of the globe or by addressing specific topics dealing with trade. In

Asia, we discussed the USGC
Trade Mission to Japan and
Korea, the efforts surrounding
value-added products in Japan
and Taiwan, and the concerns
with foreign material in corn
shipments to Asian countries.
Regarding the Middle East &
North African (MENA) areas we

discussed container markets providing 39 commodity products in 28 countries. Some of our mature markets in this region include Egypt and Saudi Arabia. They also gave an update on the Tanzania Food For Progress campaign that is working to connect producers with supermarkets to carry their products. Their main focus at this time is the poultry industry and expanding the laying hen flocks in South Africa.

Other than the informational components of the meeting, the group was treated to an evening gathering at La Sucrerie de la Montagne, otherwise known as the Sugar Shack. There we learned the art of making pure maple syrup as well as some Canadian customs and traditions. It was energetic, exciting and a great opportunity to get to know others that are involved with the USGC.

The U.S. Grains Council is a phenomenal collaboration of individuals all working to improve trade globally for corn, sorghum and barley. The professionalism exhibited by the staff and all those who participated in this annual meeting was quite impressive. I greatly enjoyed being included in this meeting and hope to attend more functions held by the USGC in the future.

Investment Partnership (T-TIP).

## **Accelerating Innovation, Productivity** and Sustainability in U.S. Agriculture

ne of the most significant challenges facing this generation is how we provide food, fiber and fuel for 9 billion people across the globe by 2050, while conserving finite natural resources. A pivotal solution to the challenge is how we unite the agricultural supply chain to build a long term strategy to address resource availability.



Consumers are increasingly seeking out information about how their food and other agricultural products are grown. Collaboration is key to expanding the conversation around agricultural sustainability from farm to fork, enabling all sectors of the industry to better answer questions about environmental, economic and social impacts and advance sustainable production.

### **Bridging the Gap**

Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture is helping the agricultural supply chain address these questions. Bringing together a diverse group of grower organizations; agribusinesses; food, fiber, restaurant and retail companies; conservation groups; universities; and agency partners, the Alliance focuses on defining, measuring and advancing the sustainability of food, fiber, and fuel production.

Bridging a common gap in supply chain analysis by providing more on-farm information and analysis, Field to Market helps connect stakeholders throughout the value chain to: share their stories; increase understanding of sustainability successes, challenges and opportunities; foster relationships; and create and leverage outcomes-based approaches that are grounded in science to support continuous improvement in the sustainability of U.S. agriculture.

## **Assessing Field Level Performance**

Farmers across the U.S. have already made great strides over the past several decades to create more efficient production systems. Field to Market has published two national reports that demonstrate positive trend lines across all major commodity crops in the U.S. as a result of public and private investments in conservation, as well increased adoption of technology and best management practices. To continue to improve the sustainability of the food and agriculture sector, we need collaboration from across the agricultural supply chain around a common definition of sustainability and key metrics to measure progress.

Field to Market offers U.S. growers the ability to assess field-scale performance against eight key sustainability indicators:

- Land use
- Soil erosion
- Soil carbon
- Irrigation water use
- Water quality
- · Energy use
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Biodiversity (being piloted)

The resulting Fieldprint® Analysis enables growers to estimate their performance, test scenarios and compare their outcomes against local, state and national averages. Increasingly, we're seeing a growing interest from downstream companies to measure continuous improvement of on-farm practices and track regional outcomes using Field to Market metrics.

## Collaborating to Advance Sustainability

Working together through on-the-ground Fieldprint® Projects, growers and supply chain partners in the Alliance are helping to tell the story of sustainable food, fiber, and fuel production while identifying opportunities for continuous improvement. These supply chain partnerships are critical to enabling food and retail companies to deliver against their responsible sourcing commitments.

Over the past year, we've seen growing momentum from the food and retail sector uniting around the Field to Market program to support their sourcing goals:

· Kellogg Company's commitment to

- responsibly source its top 10 ingredients and materials by 2020, utilizing Field to Market's metrics to measure continuous improvement of on-farm practices for commodities like corn in the U.S.
- The Coca-Cola Company's commitment to rapidly expand the application of Field to Market's program and data-driven tool by launching major initiatives with two leading suppliers to quantify water use, energy use, greenhouse emissions and more, seeking to engage farmers representing 250,000 acres by the end of 2015, and by 2020, up to 1 million acres. This commitment equates to roughly 50% of the company's global corn supply, building upon the company's 2013 commitment to sustainably source key agricultural ingredients by 2020.
- General Mills and Walmart's joint commitment to accelerate innovation in sustainable agriculture and double Field to Market's reach to 2.5 million acres by 2015, building upon General Mills' 2013 commitment to source 100% of its 10 priority ingredients by 2020.

## Telling Agriculture's **Sustainability Story**

These are just a few examples of the type of collaboration that are needed to accelerate innovation in America's agricultural sector to achieve the resource efficiency and resilience that is required to feed a rapidly growing global population. However, meeting this challenge is only possible with the engagement of the entire agricultural supply chain, and you have a vital role to play in being part of the solution.

Perhaps more than any other industry, farmers have always had an eye toward the future, and I'm confident that the entire agricultural supply chain can work together to increase productivity and profitability while leaving a cleaner, more resilient environment for our children and grandchildren. That's a sustainability story worth telling.

Rod Snyder is the president of Field to Market, a diverse alliance working to create opportunities across the agricultural supply chain for continuous improvements in productivity, environmental quality, and human well-being. For more information visit: www.fieldtomarket.org.

# Corn Marketing Program Funding Corn Research

By: Natalie Rector, Research Director, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan

### Nitrogen research on corn:

r. Kurt Steinke and Jeff Rutan from Michigan State University are in the second year of a project comparing pop-up, side dress injected and pre-tassel nitrogen timings in various combinations. Products used include UAN mixed with Agrotain® Ultra (urease inhibitor) to prevent N volatilization. They used Herbrucks dried poultry litter as an organic nitrogen source and Environmentally Smart Nitrogen (ESN®) as a PCU nitrogen source.

Synchronizing N application timing with plant N uptake may increase efficiency of N use by reducing the number of opportunities for N loss. However in 2014, a lack of numerous, large (>1 inch) precipitation

events may have assisted in preventing excessive N loss during the early growing season, thus improving the effectiveness of early N applications and reducing corn response to late N application timing.

Late N applications reduced yield when popup or 2x2 strategies were used in combination with sidedress N applied at growth stage V10-11. Late-season N application as a standard practice reduced yield in 2014. However, data do show that growers missing the opportunity to apply PPI or early-season sidedress N may still benefit from a late season N application as yields in excess of 212 bushels per acre and

215 bushels per acre were obtained at the Lansing and Richville sites, respectively.

Growers utilizing a

single PPI N application

may have benefited from this strategy in 2014 but soil moisture and air temperature patterns this growing season were atypical for Michigan. This project is being replicated again in 2015, and the current plots are looking excellent to provide a second year of data.

For a full report from 2014, visit www.micorn. org and click on research. The 2015 data will also be posted on the site.

## Managing Resistant Palmer Amaranth:

r. Christy Sprague and Jon Kohrt from Michigan State University are researching strategies for glyphosate/ALS-resistant Palmer amaranth.

Over the past two years they have observed variable results, determined that there is a three-way resistant Palmer amaranth population, observed a potential synergism between Group 5 and Group 27 herbicides, and gained a greater understanding of management strategies for this weed.

A brief summary of results to date:

- Significant crop injury was not an issue with any of the herbicide programs.
- Overall control was greatest when multiple herbicide sites of action were used in the PRE and POST herbicide applications.
- None of the herbicide programs provided greater than 90% control at harvest in 2013.
- Group 15 herbicides (i.e., Zidua, Warrant, and metolachlor premixes) helped aid in season-long control when applied POST.



A field showing Palmer amaranth presence.

- The addition of atrazine to the HPPDinhibitors seemed to help improve POST Palmer amaranth control.
- In 2014 several programs provided good control of Palmer amaranth at harvest.
   However, it was important to use multiple effective herbicide sites of action.

For a complete listing of the specifics in this study, visit www.micorn.org. The 2015 data will also be posted on the site.

## **Another Round of** Successful Summer **Golf Outings**





The MCGA hosted more than 200 members and their guests during this year's annual golf outings at Centennial Acres in Sunfield and Ubly Heights in Ubly. Participants enjoyed a fun-filled day of golf and our sponsors were provided with ample opportunities to interact with MCGA members.

We greatly appreciate the continued commitment of our wonderful sponsors! Our 2015 golf outing sponsors were:

**ADM Crop Risk Services** Advance Trading, Inc. Ag Chemicals-R-Us & Spartan Crop **Insurance Agency** Auburn Bean & Grain/The Andersons **Bay Port State Bank** Casey Jahn Agency/Farm Bureau Insurance Carbon Green BioEnergy CHS Citizens, LLC **Clancy Insurance Agency** Conklin AgroVantage Systems -

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# Representing Michigan Growers at Corn Congress

his July, several members of the Michigan Corn Growers
Association travelled to Washington, D.C. for our annual Corn
Congress meeting. The event is an annual meeting hosted by the
National Corn Growers Association.



Michigan corn growers joined farmers from across the U.S. to urge Congress to protect the Renewable Fuel Standard.

While in D.C., farmers had several opportunities to meet with legislators. MCGA worked with the Agricultural Leaders of Michigan to host a legislative dinner and a breakfast event. Both had excellent attendance from legislators. MCGA also arranged a series of visits to the Hill where Michigan corn growers were able to meet with member of Congress to discuss the Renewable Fuel Standard, Trade Promotion Authority, GMO Labeling and other issues. Michigan growers met with the following offices, with many members of Congress attending themselves:

- Sen. Stabenow
- Sen. Peters
- Rep. Bishop
  - Rep. Miller
  - Rep. Amash
    - D D:
      - Rep. Dingell

• Rep. Moolenaar

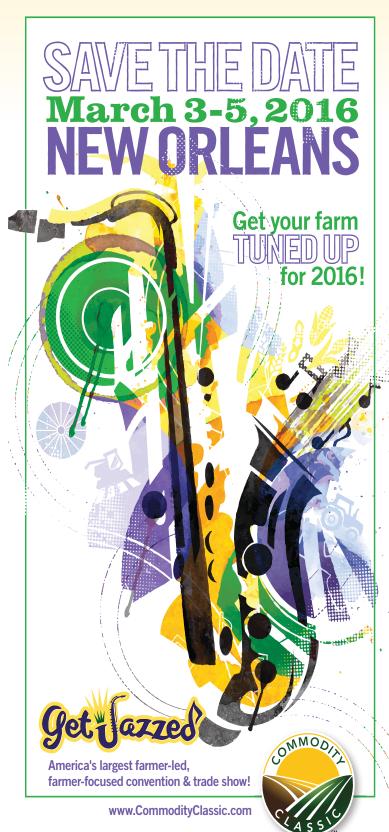
- Rep. Conyers
  - Rep. Lawrence

• Rep. Walberg

• Rep. Upton

- Rep. Lawrence
- Rep. Huizenga
- Rep. Levin
- Rep Trott

Growers from all over the U.S. gathered on the Hill for the Rally for Rural America, calling on Congress to protect the Renewable Fuel Standard. The RFS calls for blending ethanol into our fuel supply, which increases consumer choices at the pump and creates additional demand for American-grown corn and American-made ethanol.





Jeff Sandborn, a corn farmer from Portland, MI, was elected to serve on the NCGA board.

Jason and Angie McConnachie graduated from the NCGA DuPont New Leaders Program.

#### Jeff Sandborn Elected to NCGA Board

During Corn Congress, growers also had the opportunity to elect new board members to serve on the National Corn Growers Association board.

MCGA is pleased to announce that Jeff Sandborn, a Portland, MI farmer and former board member for the MCGA was elected. We know that Jeff will represent us well and we're pleased to have someone from Michigan serving on the NCGA board!

## Michigan Farmers Graduate from the NCGA DuPont New Leaders Program

Congratulations to Jason and Angie McConnachie on graduating from the NCGA DuPont New Leaders Program. The program is designed for corn growers who are newly active or considering involvement in agriculture leadership, and seek to build their communication skills so they can better serve their peers. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for the two of them and know they will put their new skills to good use.



## JOIN THE CORN TEAM!

If you were a Michigan Corn Growers Association member in 2001 you were one of just over 500. Today you are one of more than 1,400 state members and more than 41,000 National Corn Grower Association members. As our numbers continue to grow, so does our legislative strength.

Through your MCGA membership your voice will be heard! We have used our membership dollars to obtain lobbyists to track legislation to ensure that your position on critical issues, including taxes, production, livestock and ethanol is understood at both the state and national levels. In addition, our membership strength has allowed us to obtain a firm legislative presence on issues such as GMO labeling, sustainability, wetlands reform, and the Renewable Fuel Standard.

If you are not already a member, please consider becoming one and encourage your friends and neighbors to join. Our strength is in our numbers and we need you. Please join our team!

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☐ Grower 1-Year (\$60)	☐ Associate 1-Year (\$60)	Expiration Date:	Security Code:
	☐ Student 1-Year (\$20)	month/year	3 Digits
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## **Making #FarmFriends** on Social Media

ver the summer, our intern Sydney Miller has launched a social media challenge on behalf of Michigan Corn. We are encouraging you all to share your story using the hashtag #FarmFriends! By sharing what is happening on your farm, at your business or during your travels we are all advocating for agriculture, one post at a time.

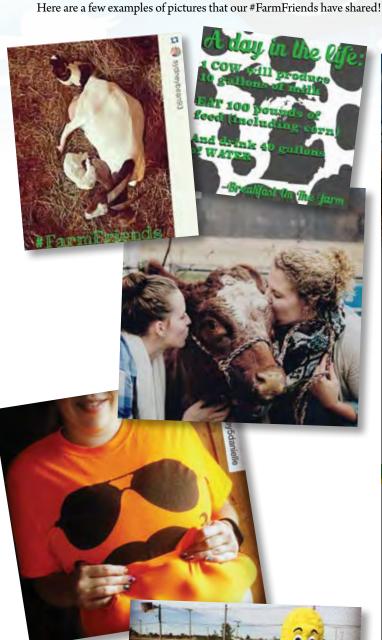
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## Registration Open for Third Annual Great Lakes Crop Summit

egistration is open for the third annual Great Lakes Crop Summit (GLCS) at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant, January 27-28, 2016. The event attracted more than 700 farmers from across the state last year and this year promises to be another "can't miss" event.

The two-day event will feature speakers from universities, industry and private consulting firms representing five different states and a trade show with more than 60 exhibitors sharing their best resources.

Topics cover everything from crop production practices and family succession planning to consumer trends, exports, ethanol and more. Farmers will be able to earn CCA and RUP credits for attending.

This year, GLCS is pleased to welcome three nationally-acclaimed keynote speakers:

• **Jolene Brown,** a well-known motivational speaker who truly understands farmers. She will discuss succession planning and the challenges of managing a family farm.

- Terry Fleck is the executive director of the Center for Food
   Integrity. He will discuss building trust and confidence in our food
   system and the importance of crisis management.
- Randy Dowdy is a first generation Georgia farmer and winner of the National Corn Yield Contest. He will talk about professional results in daily efforts, a motto that has worked for him.

The **Michigan Corn Growers Association** and the **Michigan Soybean Association** will also hold their 2016 annual meetings during GLCS.

Registration and a full schedule are available online at www. GreatLakesCropSummit.com and hotel discounts are available.

The Great Lakes Crop Summit is a joint effort of the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee and the Michigan Wheat Program.

Register at www.GreatLakesCropSummit.com



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Blaine Baker – District 4

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John Cnudde - MABA

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**Matt Holysz** – *District* 2

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**Scott Lonier** – At-Large

Jason McConnachie – Sanilac County

President (Secretary/Treasurer)

Scott Miller - At-Large

**Jeff Sandborn** – Ex-Officio

**Eric Voisinet** – District 4

Tom Ziel – Huron County Corn Growers

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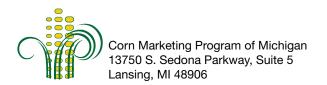
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