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Upcoming Michigan Corn Events

June 25 Family Fun on the Farm, K & K Dairy, Westphalia

NCGA Corn Congress, Washington, DC

August 3 Central MI Golf Outing, Centennial Acres, Sunfield

August 10 Thumb Golf Outing, Ubly Heights, Ubly

August 13 Tuscola County Breakfast on the Farm,

Zwerk Farms, Vassar

August 16 - 18 AgroExpo, St. Johns

August 20 Ag N

Ag Night at the Races, Berlin Raceway, Marne

August 24 MSU A

MSU Agriculture Innovation Day: Focus on Soils, Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth

August 27

Lenawee County Breakfast on the Farm,

Hartland Farms, Clayton

August 27 – 28 NASCAR at MIS

August 29 – September 8 Between the Rows Tour

July 19 - 21

EPA's Atrazine Announcement is an Attack on Science

By: Jim Zook, Executive Director, Michigan **Corn Growers Association**

n Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) draft report on the herbicide Atrazine is based on flawed science and could have a lasting negative impact on Michigan farmers. Atrazine is a chemistry that many of us have used over the past 50 years. This popular herbicide for weed control is used to grow the vast majority of corn, sorghum and sugarcane in the United States.

Atrazine has been carefully studied to ensure it is safe for humans and for the environment when used according to the label. It has been through extensive scientific testing with nearly 7000 different studies conducted during its 50-year history.

Atrazine is a chemistry that enhances weed control activity in many programs. For example, the Corn Marketing Program completed research on Palmer Amaranth, a common weed that threatens corn crops. That research has shown that many herbicide program options achieve excellent control when atrazine is included.

Unfortunately, the EPA's proposed level for Atrazine application would make the product useless for controlling weeds in our corn crops. Atrazine has allowed farmers to combat the spread of resistant weeds and reduce soil erosion and fossil fuel consumption by using no-till farming practices. Not only would this be a major economic setback for farmers, but it would deal a serious blow to these conservation efforts.

Along with reducing options overall, removing Atrazine would be costly. The

alternative options are estimated to cost around \$30 more per acre, which will push many farmers out of profitability.

It's not just about Atrazine, it's about EPA ignoring sound science. It puts our whole food supply in jeopardy. The EPA should be following federal law that requires the agency to use credible scientific evidence when making these determinations. If Atrazine, one of the safest and most widely tested products, is on the chopping block today, what chemistry is next?

The EPA is accepting public comments until August 5 and it is imperative that every grower submit their comments. You will be receiving a separate mailing with instructions on how to comment, or you can call the office for more information. Additional talking points can be found at www.agsense.org

We need you to serve on the MCGA board!

By: Alvin Ferguson, President, Michigan Corn Growers Association

ear MCGA Members, The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is seeking nominations for open board positions in the following districts:

- District 1 Representing Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Osceola, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties and the Upper Peninsula.
- District 2 Representing Gratiot, Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa counties
- **District 4** Representing Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia and Shiawassee counties
- **District 5** Representing Genesee,

Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties

- **District** 7 Representing Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson and St. Joe counties
- At-Large Representing the entire state.

In order to appear on the ballot, nominations must be received by

September 01, 2016. All elected directors will hold the office for a term of three years. To be eligible for a seat on the board you must be a regular MCGA member in good standing.

We are in a critical time with issues like fighting to preserve the ethanol industry, pushing back against EPA overreach on a host of issues and securing trade deals that will open new markets for Michigan corn. Your service on the board will help make sure

Michigan corn farmers' voices are heard in Lansing and in Washington, D.C.

I strongly urge you all to consider running for a position on the MCGA board. Please contact Penni Sweeney at psweeney@micorn.org or 888-323-6601 if you would like to nominate someone for one of the above districts.

On behalf of the MCGA, thank you for all that you do!



High-Octane Fuel: The Future of Ethanol

his April, representatives from Fiat Chrysler, Ford, General Motors and Honda renewed their call for higher octane fuels to be available on the market. Higher octane fuel will allow engine manufacturers to raise the compression ratio in their engines, which means more efficient engines and better fuel economy for drivers.

This technology will continue to be important as the big auto manufacturers work to meet the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards that require them to improve overall vehicle fuel efficiency.

So why is this important to Michigan's corn farmers? The answer is that we are uniquely positioned to provide the octane that the auto companies are requesting, at a price that's cheaper than gasoline and with a product that is cleaner and more environmentally friendly.

Ethanol, which is made at five facilities in Michigan from corn grown on Michigan farms, is the highest octane and lowest cost fuel additive on the market. That means that as the auto companies push for higher octane fuel, they're going to be looking for more ethanol in our nation's fuel supply. This could mean an inclusion of up to 30 percent ethanol.

For the past several years, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) has been working on expanding the market for ethanol. Two of the biggest pushes in this effort include:

- Being an active participant in the Ag, Auto, Ethanol work group. This group brought together leaders from the corn industry, ag companies, the ethanol industry and the major auto companies to envision the high-compression engines of the future and the high-octane fuel that will be necessary to power those engines.
- Working to install the infrastructure to be sure that the fuel will be readily available to power those engines. The CMPM received a \$3 million Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which we matched with contributions from CMPM, retailers and other organizations. That grant is helping to install new flex fuel dispensers across the state that will offer ethanol blends from E-15 all the way up to E-85.

Expanding the use of ethanol is a big market opportunity for Michigan's corn farmers, and it's largely due to our growers' investment in the CMPM that we've been able to push forward with this market development.

For more information about CMPM's work on ethanol or about the Biofuels Infrastructure Program, please visit our website at www.micorn.org.





MSU Agriculture Innovation Day: Focus on Soils

August 24, 2016

Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center Frankenmuth, Michigan

Hear from experts and see the results of cutting-edge techniques on crop growth and soil quality. Learn about soil testing and plant diagnostics, academic programs and other MSU resources.

Participate in sessions focused on:

- Nutrient management. Enhance decision making about nitrogen usage and rates through technology.
- Compaction. See the effects of soil structure, controlled traffic and various tillage methods.
- Soil quality. Improve soil quality, including the architecture of cover crops, extended rotations and interseeding.
- Tile technology. Get an in-depth view of the movement of nutrients from the soil to tile lines.

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Rep. Iden climbs into the planter with farmer Ronnie Landis

Michigan Corn Growers Host Legislators for Spring Planting

♦ his Spring, the Michigan Corn Growers Association reached out to growers across the state to host a legislator on their farm during planting. This was a great opportunity to get our legislators out to the farm, talk to them about Michigan farming and explain why we farm the way we do.

"Having that personal relationship with our legislators is so important when it comes to agricultural policy," said Jim

Zook, executive director of the MCGA. "Any chance our farmers have to talk to their legislators about what they do and why they do it will ultimately benefit our industry moving forward."

While at the farm, each legislator had the opportunity to ride along in the planter with the farmer and get an up close look at the new technology that our growers use on the farm every day to boost yields and protect the environment.

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Farmer Matt Holysz drives Sen. O'Brien out to the field



Sen. Robertson preparing for his ride along with farmer Kyle Koester



Rep. Stamas helps farmer Clark Gerstacker load seed into the planter



Sen. MacGregor talks with farmer Tim Kruithoff about the history of his farming operation

MCGA hosted 14 legislators across the state for this event, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive from both the legislators and the farmers who participated.

"Hosting Senator Pavlov during planting was so valuable in building our relationship and



Rep. Sheppard spoke with farmers John Secord and Gerald Heck about this year's outlook for corn

establishing MCGA as his 'go-to' source for ag information," said Matt Frostic, MCGA board member. "As farmers, we should take every opportunity to talk with our legislators about what we do. I highly recommend participating in programs like the ride alongs."

Location	Legislator	Farmer	
Applegate	Sen. Phil Pavlov	Matt Frostic	
Constantine	Rep. Aaron Miller	Henry Miller	
Davison	Sen. David Robertson	Kyle Koester	
Elkton	Rep. Edward Canfield	Adam Herford	
Erie	Rep. Jason Sheppard	John Secord, Gerald Heck	
Grawn	Sen. Wayne Schmidt	Paul Wagner	
Grawn	Sen. Tom Casperson	Paul Wagner	
Holland	Rep. Amanda Price	Clint Dryer	
Kawkawlin	Rep. Charles Brunner	Gene Meylan	
Kent City	Sen. Peter MacGregor	Tim Kruithoff	
Manchester	Rep. Gretchen Driskell	Lyn Uphaus	
Midland	Sen. Jim Stamas	Clark Gerstacker	
Schoolcraft	Rep. Brandt Iden	Ronnie Landis	
Vicksburg	Sen. Margaret O'Brien	Matt Holysz	

Sponsorships Still Available for MCGA Events

We still have sponsorships available for our summer golf outings. These events provide you with valuable opportunities to personally interact with Michigan's corn farmers and connect with them face-to-face. Our sponsorship team would be happy to speak with you about your needs and looks forward to working with you. To plan your sponsorship, please contact us at (517) 668-2676.

Hurry – don't wait!

New Membership Benefit!

embership in the Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) means that you are a part of the only grassroots organization focused solely on the best interests of Michigan's corn producers.

We're excited to announce the following new member benefit:

MCGA members receive 10% discount at PFI Western Store when they use the promo code NCGA10. PFI Western Store is your one-stop shop for work wear, cowboy hats, boots and western apparel. It originated in 1975 as Preferred Farmers Incorporated, a dusty livestock feed and farm supply business located in Springfield, Missouri. Find them online at www. pfiwestern.com or call them at 800-222-4734.

In addition, we also offer discounts on many services and products exclusive to MCGA members. Please visit our web site at www.micorn.org for a complete listing of our many other membership benefits.





Mark your calendars for the 2016 Between the Rows Summer Tour!

TENTATIVE DATES AND LOCATIONS

HOST	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Matt Frostic	August 29	Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	2535 Applegate Rd., Applegate MI 48401
Steve Errer	August 30	Dinner at 6:30 p.m. 3820 North Van Dyke Rd., Filion,	
Dean Haubenstricker	August 31	Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	9635 Junction Rd., Frankenmuth, MI 48734
Wilbur-Ellis	September 1	Lunch at 12:00 p.m.	11828 E. Bluewater Hwy., Pewamo, MI 48873
Jay Drozd	September 6	Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	537 M40 S, Allegan, MI 49010
Jon White	September 7	Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	63636 M40, Jones, MI 49061
Sheats Farm	September 8	Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	11592 Plank Rd., Milan, MI 48160



General Information

With your registration you will receive:

- · Coffee and doughnuts, lunch and dinner
- Complimentary range balls
- 18 holes of golf with a cart
- Chance to win a three-year lease of a truck
- Awards and opportunities to win door prizes

Early registration ends July 22

Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration, coffee and doughnuts

10:00 a.m. Shotgun start

At the turn Lunch

3:30 p.m. Awards Reception

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Contact the office at 1-888-323-6601 for more information



Michigan Corn Growers Association 2016 Golf Outing Registration Form

Please register me (my team) for the: ☐ Central Michigan Outing, Centennial Acres, Sunfield - Wednesday, August 3, 2016 ☐ Thumb Area Outing, Ubly Heights - Golf & Country Club, Ubly - Wednesday, August 10, 2016									
☐ I have a foursome (Please register all team members on one form) ☐ Put me with other golfers									
☐ Charge all golfers fees to one credit card ☐ Charge all golfers fees individually ☐ Pay by check									
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Please include your cell phone number on the form, so you can be easily contacted in case of bad weather. There must be at least one MCGA member registered with every foursome.

Registration Options: Online at www.micorn.org; fax the registration form to (517) 668-2670 or mail the registration form to: 2016 Golf Outings • Michigan Corn Growers Association • 13750 S. Sedona Parkway, Suite 5, Lansing, MI 48906

CONSIGATION TO THIS YEAR'S MCGA



Clay Daily

Clay recently completed his freshmen year at Oklahoma State University where he is double majoring in animal science and plant and soil science. Originally from Mayville, Clay will be interning this summer with Archer Daniels Midland and is hoping to continue working in agribusiness in the future.



Erica Gremel

Erica is currently a senior at Michigan State University and is majoring in crop and soil sciences. This summer she has accepted an internship with Winfield Solutions and hopes to use this and her other experiences at MSU to give back to the agriculture industry through her future job.



Alycia Drwencke

Alycia is entering her senior year at Michigan State University where she studies animal science and agribusiness management. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to attend graduate school focusing on animal science with hopes to work in extension.



Madison Heath

Madison has recently completed her freshmen year at Michigan State University where she is majoring in agribusiness management with a minor in international agriculture. Upon graduation, Madison hopes to work internationally for an agricultural non-profit and obtain her master's degree in international relations and communications.



Jennifer Gentner

Jennifer has been dual enrolled at Ubly High School and Saginaw Valley State University her senior year. After graduating from Ubly High School, she plans to continue

attending Saginaw Valley majoring in business management.



Olivia Hoffman

Olivia will be entering her sophomore year at Michigan State University in the fall where she is majoring in crop and soil science. Her future goals include earning a PhD in agronomy while working in the field as an agronomist.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Erin Lauwers

Erin is currently a senior at Michigan State University where she is majoring in horticulture. Following her graduation this December, she plans to attend graduate school where she will focus on horticulture or entomology through research. Upon completion of her master's degree she wants to work in extension and potentially pursue a PhD.



Cassidy Polzin

Cassidy has recently graduated from Saline High School and will be attending Purdue University in the fall. She will be focusing her studies to become a production animal veterinarian through her major of animal science. She plans to come home to Michigan to work in a veterinary clinic after obtaining her master's degree and DVM.



James Parker

James is a recent high school graduate of North Branch High School. In the fall, he will be attending Michigan State University as a part of the Institute for Agricultural

Technology. After receiving his associate degree he hopes to return to MSU to obtain a bachelor's degree in crop and soil science and work in agronomy.



Katelyn Walters

Katelyn is currently attending Lansing Community College with plans to transfer to Michigan State University in the fall. At MSU she will be majoring in agriculture food and natural resources education with a minor in animal science. After completing her student teaching, she plans to become a high school agriscience educator and FFA advisor.



Amber Pickard

Amber is halfway through her senior year at Michigan State University where she is pursuing a double major in agribusiness management and accounting with a minor in agronomy specializing in food industry management. After graduation she hopes to become a CPA and work for an agricultural banking company in addition to farming.

The scholarship is open to MCGA members and children of MCGA members, including grower, student and associate members. More information about the MCGA scholarship program is available online at

www.micorn.org

Join us for dinner and a fun night of racing at the first ever

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Berlin Raceway, Marne, MI 4:30-6:30 Dinner Racing begins at 6:30 Super late models, modifieds The event is open to all farmers but members of the organizations below will receive a complimentary ticket.

This new and exciting event is hosted by the Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA), Michigan Soybean Association (MSA), Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and the Michigan Pork Producers Association (MPPA).

For more information or to register please visit www.micorn.org or call us at **517-668-2676**. Space is limited so register soon.

Sponsorship opportunities are available!











Claire White, Michigan Corn Intern, **Graduates from Michigan State University**

By: Claire White

s I started out at Michigan State University in Agribusiness Management, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I had very little agriculture experience, but I knew that agriculture was something that I found very interesting. The coursework and opportunities that have presented themselves have taught me a lot about the industry. During my internship at the corn office I had opportunities to meet various farmers, industry representatives and other contributors to the industry.

My college career ends with me walking across the stage to receive my hard-earned diploma. This has been my ultimate goal and I can say with confidence that the Michigan Corn faculty have played a major role in preparing me for what is to come after my graduation from Michigan State University.

Upon graduation, I will be working for Meijer at a distribution facility dealing directly with produce. I am excited to have landed a job that allows me to connect with agriculture and consumers. Even with the excitement of starting a career, leaving Michigan Corn will definitely be bittersweet. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities I have been given through my internship and for the connections I have made with the people I worked with.

I would like to thank the corn growers, members, board of directors and staff at Michigan Corn for such a positive and rewarding experience for a young agriculture enthusiast like me.

Photo by Jaime Curth -Simple Moments Photography





Meet our new intern: Ashley McAra

his summer, the Michigan Corn office welcomed Ashley McAra on board as an intern. Ashley is completing her first year in the agriculture technologies program at Baker College of Owosso. After she graduates with her bachelor's degree, she plans to attend a university for her Master's degree in

agriculture with a focus in either agribusiness or animal genetics.

Ashley grew up on a horse farm in Columbiaville. She and her family also raise beef cattle and hay. Ashley was an active member of Lapeer County 4H and Lapeer County FFA, which directed her career focus.

MCGA Announces New Frank Lipinski Scholarship

The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) board of directors is pleased to announce a new scholarship in memory of former board member and corn grower, Frank Lipinski. Frank was deeply passionate about reaching out to young adults with non-agricultural backgrounds. He made it a priority to assist those wanting to enter our

industry and educate young people about the various opportunities available in the agricultural industry.

The scholarship is geared towards full time college students who don't come from an agricultural or farm background. Participation in either the 4-H or FFA organization does not disqualify a student.

This new scholarship will be awarded for the 2017 spring semester with applications due Friday, November 4th, 2016. For more information or to apply for the Frank Lipinski Memorial scholarship contact Michigan Corn by calling (517) 668-CORN (2676) or via our website at www.micorn.org.



Michigan CommonGround Volunteers Talk Farming with Consumers and Nutritionists

Carla Wardin and Barbara Siemen talk to dietitians and nutritionists about farming.

his year, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan launched the Michigan chapter of CommonGround. CommonGround is a national program that connects volunteer female farmers with consumers to have conversations about the food they grow and their farming practices. They share personal experiences, as well as science and research, to help consumers sort through the myths and misinformation surrounding food and farming.

To kick off this new program in Mid-Michigan, the CMPM brought the CommonGround booth to the Michigan Women's Expo in February to discuss everything from GMOs to hormone and antibiotic use in meat production. The booth was staffed by a group of farmer volunteers, including Melanie Block from Conklin, Janna Fritz from Bad Axe, Sharon Kokx from Hickory Corners. Brigette Leach from Climax, Cathy McCune from St. Louis, Carla Schultz from Kingston, Barbara Siemen from Harbor Beach and Carla Wardin from St. Johns. Elaine Bristol from the Michigan Ag Council and CMPM intern Sydney Miller also assisted at the booth.

The conference was a unique chance to engage women and mothers and answer their questions about food. Giving consumers opportunities to speak directly with farmers is an important tool when it comes to boosting consumer trust and confidence in the food system.

In April, Carla Wardin and Barbara Siemen took the CommonGround booth to the Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics conference. They spent the day talking to 300 dietitians and nutritionists about farming and agriculture, including GMOs and hormones. These conversations not only help connect the nutritionists and dietitians directly with farmers, but they also help spread good information to every consumer that comes in contact with a nutritionist or dietitian.

CommonGround was developed by farmers through the United Soybean Board (USB) and the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). You can find out more about the program online at www. findourcommonground.com. For more information about the Michigan chapter, or to volunteer, contact Tera Havard at (517) 668-2676.



Top 10 Reasons to Download the NEW NCGA ACTION APP

(NOTE: This may be a little CORN-y.)

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- **1.** We **APP**laud your efforts to be more engaged on our issues.



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