Itinerary for the 2014 Michigan Sugarbeet Researchers/Agribusiness Tour

The sugarbeet researcher’s tour is rapidly approaching. Hopefully by now you have made arrangements for flights and holding your room at the Doubletree Hotel and Convention center. This hotel is located on the Saginaw River in downtown Bay City.

We are excited to host the tour this year and introduce you to Michigan Sugarbeet production and research. You will attend the annual tour of the Saginaw Valley Extension Research Center. This three hundred and ten acre research center conducts research on a host of crops including sugarbeets, dry beans, corn/soybeans and wheat.

Ample time will be spent touring the Saginaw Valley growing area looking at field trial research that is being conducted by Michigan Sugar Company, Michigan State University, Sugarbeet Advancement program and USDA. Discussion with growers on production practices and new harvest techniques utilizing self-propelled harvesters will be part of the tour.

Michigan and the Great Lakes are beautiful at this time of the year. We will make sure you get a chance in the evening to cruise the Saginaw Bay, visit with Michigan Sugar Company Board of Directors, Agriculturist and Agribusiness's. We certainly will try to mix a bit of entertainment and local site seeing.

Many of our local Agribusinesses have generously donated to help offset the out of pocket cost to you. They understand the importance of your research and certainly appreciate it. We are planning to utilize a charter bus during the tour. A car rental is optional but not needed for the tour. Your hotel location in downtown is in walking distance of many establishments. This tour will be facilitated by the Michigan Sugar Company's Research Education Advisory Council (REACH) and Michigan State University Sugarbeet Advancement (SBA).

Lodging- A block of rooms are held at the below location (Rooms are being held until July 28, 2014). Be sure to mention your reservation is under a block of rooms for Michigan State University-Sugarbeet Advancement. The cost will be $124.00 and is the responsibility of each individual. There will be a shuttle provided by the Double Tree from MBS Airport. The provided information below is the address and contact information for the hotel, you may also click here to be directed to their website.

**Double Tree by Hilton Bay City - Riverfront**
One Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 891-6000

**Airport-** MBS International Airport is the suggested airport for your trip as it is only about 20 minutes from the Double Tree. The Flint airport is about a one hour drive from Bay City and Detroit's airport (major hub) is about two hours south of Bay City. Click here to be directed to the MBS International Airport website at your convenience.
Tentative Agenda/Tour

**Monday August 25th -**
- Arrival and check in
- **5:30 PM** Meet and greet, Michigan Sugar Welcome, drinks and dinner and tour discussion @ the Dockside Bar/Restaurant Patio at 1019 N Water St. Bay City, MI 48708

**Tuesday August 26th -**
- **7:30 AM** Board bus to travel to Michigan State University Research Farm - (located in Frankenmuth near Richville)
- **8:30 AM** Research Farm Tour and Field Day (MSU - USDA - Michigan Sugar conducted)
- **12:00 PM** Lunch provided at the Research Farm (1lb. Grilled Pork Chops!)
- **1:30 - 5:00 PM** Visit various sugarbeet farms and observe research in the area
- **6:00 - 9:00 PM** Private Charter and dinner on the Islander Boat traveling down the Saginaw River and into the Saginaw Bay

**Wednesday August 27th -**
- **7:30 AM** Board Bus
  - We will be touring the thumb of Michigan visiting Sugarbeet growing areas and MSU Sugarbeet Advancement and Michigan Sugar research sites
- **12:00/12:45 PM** Lunch
- **After Lunch** Continue tours
- **6:00 PM** Arrive back at Doubletree
- **6:30 PM** Leisure time
  - Explore and enjoy the variety of restaurants and shops in downtown Bay City. To see all the exciting options and fun Downtown has to offer, please visit their website by clicking [here](#).

**Thursday August 28th -**
- Departure and check out

*We cannot wait to share with you our production practices and research trials. We thank you for your interest in attending the 2014 Researchers Tour and hope to see you all there!*