Afternoon Sessions
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

What your Financial Numbers are Telling You—Rm 140
Roger Betz
Michigan State University Extension Educator
How to bring meaning to net farm income, working capital, capital replacement, return on investment, and debt to asset, operating expense, interest expense, depreciation expense ratios. How to identify your businesses' specific strengths and weaknesses.

Managing Resistance on your Farm – Room 166
Bruce MacKellar,
Michigan State University Extension Educator
Herbicide resistant weeds, changing soybean cyst nematode populations, Bt resistant rootworms. What strategies can you use to help reduce the impact of these changing pests on your farm? This session will discuss management practices that can help you to delay the impacts of a rapidly changing pest complex on your operation. **RUP Private, Commercial 1A, and CCA Credits will be available (pending approval).**

Effective Management of Farm Employees -Rm 164
Phil Durst, Stan Moore, MSU Extension Educators
Practical people management tools to more fully engaged employees to achieve success for both employees and the farm. Presentation will include help for producers in recruitment, retention and engagement.

Managing Tile- Drained Cropland to Prevent Nutrient Loss - Room 112
Dr. Tim Harrigan, Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering Michigan State University
Subsurface drainage of ag land has the ability to improve yields and reduce surface runoff and erosion losses. This session will provide information on nutrient management concerns in tiled-drained fields. Join in on presentations on management and treatment practices to reduce the loss of nutrients from tile systems to surface water.

Preserving MI Produce - Room 170
Jeannie Nichols
Michigan State University Extension Educator
Hands on demonstrations workshop will provide information on preserving food safely using research based information. You will leave understanding 1) the difference between water bath and pressure canning 2) canning basics and 3) where to access safe food preservation information 4) who to contact for safe food preservation information. **If you bring your dial gauge pressure canner lid it can be tested for accuracy**.

Youth Livestock Class— Room 117
Melissa Elischer, Michigan State University
Youth Dairy Educator
Highly recommended for youth livestock exhibitors.
Caring for animal during the fair presents a unique set of opportunities and challenges. This presentation will cover the basic concepts of animal well-being and why it is important, provide a check-list than can be used daily during the fair to ensure excellent animal care, as well as for exhibitor & visitor health and safety.

Agriculture Drones: The Future of Farming? - Room 130
Loren King, State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, FFA Member and agriculture drone researcher
Are drones really the future of farming? Can a drone really provide usable data to the average farmer? With all the laws, is it even possible to use a drone in a commercial operation? These questions will be answered during this session as we delve into the rules, regulations and possibilities of drones on the farm.

Promoting your Farm – Room 165
Jim Spink, MI Farm Bureau Promotion Committee
Nancy Thelan, MSU Extension Retired
Whether it's educational, promotional or informational, prepare for hosting the general public at your farm and learn how to promote your farm in a positive manner.

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Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) Exams

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Rooms 142 & 143

All categories will be given by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

You **MUST** be in the room by 2:15 p.m. in order to take the test.

Please bring a check or money order, made out to the **STATE OF MICHIGAN**

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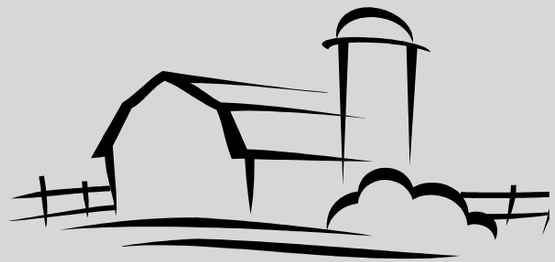

February 15, 2016

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Noon Luncheon -$3.00

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Morning Sessions
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Transitioning Your Business – Room 140
Roger Betz
Michigan State University Extension Educator
Is it to family, non-family, or no one? Roger will discuss factors to consider when transitioning or winding down the business including income tax implications, capital gains taxes, methodologies/ strategies, business structures, and timed sales.

Crop Management to Fit Your Budget - Room 166
Bruce MacKellar
Michigan State University Extension Educator
With tight margins and an El Nino churning in the pacific, getting more from your input investments may be crucial for success in 2016. This session will explore options for reaching optimal corn and soybean yields while minimizing expenes.
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Appropriately Siting Livestock Facilities - Room 164
Steve Mahoney
Mich. Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development
Are you interested in building a new livestock barn or maybe expanding a current facility? Attend this session to learn about Right to Farm protection and siting the proper location for livestock barns. This session will go over the requirements for Siting as stated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

Cover Crop - Room 165
Christina Curell
Michigan State University Extension Educator
Soil Health is a concern for every farmer. Cover Cropping is one of the practices that farmers can use to better their soil health and soil quality. This session will explain why cover crops can help build your soil and which cover crop species are best for building soil quality.

The Fuss about Food - Room 130
Phil Tocco, MSU Extension Educator, Food Safety
Shedding some light on the marketing of food and what it means in regard to food safety.

Myths and Truths on Gluten – Room 170
Diana Fair
Michigan State University Extension Educator
Have you been wondering if you should go gluten free? Confused by all the mixed messages about gluten? This session will help you sort out the myth from the fact. Why some people need to give up gluten while others can continue to include it in their diets.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance -Room 117
Emily Walker, Michigan Pork Producers Assoc.
Colleen Albright, Producer
Recommended for the showman 9-19 years old participating in the swine project. Parents are welcome to attend. Mandatory certification for youth showing in Branch County.

Exploring 4-H—Room 133 -ALL DAY
Connie Lange, Michigan State Extension Educator
Kids can "make and take" a sample 4-H project and learn about clubs in their area. For kids 9 and older (5-8 year olds with adult) Room will be open from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 pm

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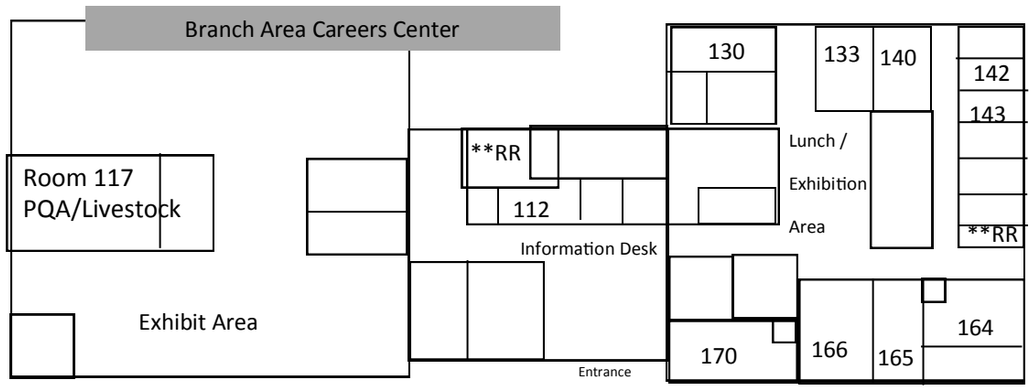

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1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Programs
4:00 p.m.	Exhibit Area Closes

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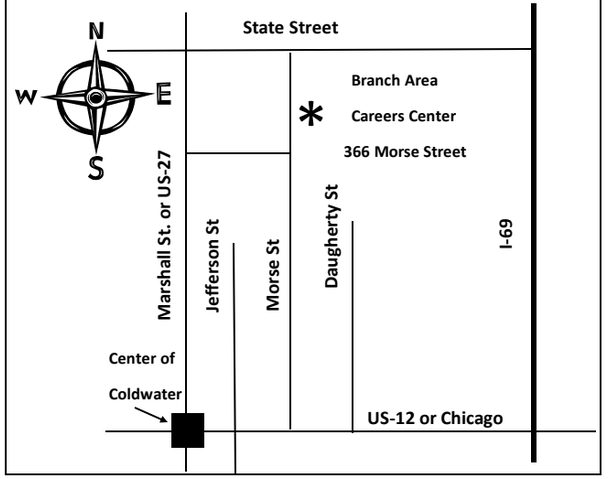
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