

MSUE District 7
Agricultural Newsletter
2014 Winter Program Calendar

In order to receive timely program updates, please send your e-mail address to our District Coordinator, Betty Blase at: blase@msu.edu. Thank you for moving to a cost saving measure for MSU Extension. If you are having problems with receiving information in these emails please contact her at: (616) 304-7191.

Field Crop Programs

- January 16 **Winter Crop Management Update**, Shifter's Restaurant, Alma, MI 48801, For additional information, contact Gratiot MSU Extension Office, at (989) 875-5233. RUP credits available.
- January 21 **Managing Corn Rootworm in Intensive Corn Production Systems**, Smith Hall, St. Johns, MI 48879. This meeting is held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- January 27 **SMaRT (Soybean Management and Research Technology) On-farm Research Program**. The Trestle Shop Restaurant, Hamilton, MI. Please call the Allegan County MSU Extension Office at (269) 673-0370 for more information.
- January 31 **Ag Action Day**, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Oshtemo, MI 49077. For additional information, contact Van Buren County MSU Extension Office at (269) 657-8213. This meeting is held from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., pre-registration is not required. RUP credits available.
- February 13 **West Michigan Ag Irrigators Conference**, Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Main Conference Room, 12220 Fillmore St., West Olive, MI 49460. For additional information, contact Tom Dudek (616) 994-4542. Email: dudek@anr.msu.edu. This program will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- February 19 **Winter Crop Management Update**, Van Buren ISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI 49064. This meeting is held from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Van Buren County MSU Extension Office at (269) 657-8213. RUP credits available.
- March 6 **Producing High-yielding Soybeans on Irrigated Coarse-textured Soils**, Blue Gate Restaurant, Shipshewana, IN 46565. The meeting runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Must Pre-register. Please call the Allegan County MSU Extension office at (269) 673-0370 before Friday, February 28, 2014 to register.

Pesticide Application Training

- December 17 **Pesticide Applicator Training & Exam**, MSUE Berrien County, 1737 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, MI. Review will run from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Testing begins at 12:30 p.m. RUP credits are available. Must pre-register. For additional information, contact Berrien County MSU Extension Office at: (269) 944-4126.
- February 6 **Pesticide Applicator Training & Exam**, Moline Coop. & Mill, 231 Peony, Moline MI. Review will run from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Testing begins at 1:00 p.m. RUP credits are available. **Must pre-register**. For additional information, contact Allegan County MSU Extension Office at (269) 673-0370.
- February 26 **Pesticide Applicator Review**, MSU Extension Ottawa County, Fillmore Complex, Main Conference Room. Review will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Testing begins at 1:00 p.m. RUP credits are available. For additional information, contact Ottawa County MSUE at (616) 994-4548.
- March 11 **Pesticide Applicator Training & Exam**, MSUE Allegan County, 3255 122nd Ave, Allegan, Human Services Bldg, Zimmerman Room. Review will run from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Testing begins at 1:00 p.m. RUP credits are available. **Must pre-register**. For additional information, contact Allegan County MSU Extension Office at: (269) 673-0370
- March 13 **Pesticide Applicator Training & Exam**, MSUE Berrien County, 1737 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, MI. Review will run from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Testing begins at 12:30 p.m. RUP credits are available. Must pre-register. For additional information, contact Berrien County MSU Extension Office at: (269) 944-4126.

Fruit Programs

- January 21 & 22 **Wine Grape Vineyard Establishment Conference**, Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Detail to be announced at: www.msue.msu.edu
- January 31 **AG Action Day**, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Texas Campus. RUP credits are available. For additional information, contact Van Buren County MSUE at (269) 657-8213.
- February 5 & 6 **SW Hort Days**, Lake Michigan College, Mendel Center. For more information, contact the SW Michigan Research & Extension Office at (269) 944-1477.
- February 26 **Grower's Labor Conference**, Lawrence Conference Center. For more information, contact Van Buren County MSUE at (269) 657-8213.

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Dairy Winter Programs

- January 21 **Shrink Your Feed Shrink**, Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Main Conference Room, 12220 Fillmore St., West Olive, MI 49460. For additional information, contact Faith Cullens (989) 224-5249. Email: cullensf@msu.edu
- January 22 **Shrink Your Feed Shrink**, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI. For additional information, contact Faith Cullens (989) 224-5249. Email: cullensf@msu.edu
- Young Progressive Dairy Group**, Held at dairy farms in West Central Michigan (4-5 meetings are planned in 2014, dates to be determined). For additional information, contact Kathy Lee (231) 839-5850. Email: leeka@msu.edu
- March 11 **Energy Conservation: Impact on the Bottom Line**, MSU Bioeconomy Institute, 242 Howard Street, Holland, MI 49424. Time: TBA. This program is to help dairy farmers understand how to reduce energy expenses. On average, dairy farmers who have implemented recommended energy conservation practices have seen a 46% reduction in their energy costs. For additional information: contact Charles Gould (616) 994-4547. Email: gouldm@msu.edu

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Swine Winter Programs

- January 15 **Transport Quality Assurance**, MSUE Allegan County, 3255 122nd Ave, Allegan. Human Services Bldg, Zimmerman Room. Class will run from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Beth Ferry (269) 445-4438, email: franzeli@anr.msu.edu
- January 15 **Pork Quality Assurance**, MSUE Allegan County, 3255 122nd Ave, Allegan. Human Services Bldg, Zimmerman Room. Class will run from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Beth Ferry (269) 445-4438, email: franzeli@anr.msu.edu
- January 15 **Back to Basics – Growing Pig and Sow Care**, MSUE Allegan County, 3255 122nd Ave, Allegan. Human Services Bldg, Zimmerman Room. Class will run from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Beth Ferry (269) 445-4438. Email: franzeli@anr.msu.edu
- January 24 **Green & White Swine Educational Event**, MSU Pavilion. January 24 – 25, 2014. Showmanship on Friday, educational events, and market classes on Saturday.
- February 13 **West Michigan Ag Irrigators Conference**, Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Main Conference Room, 12220 Fillmore St., West Olive, MI 49460. For additional information, contact Tom Dudek (616) 994-4542. Email: dudek@anr.msu.edu. This program will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- February 20 **Professional Swine Producers Symposium**, The Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing. Symposium will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Beth Ferry (269) 445-4438 franzeli@anr.msu.edu

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Beef Winter Programs

- January 21 **Great Lakes Professional Cattle Feeding and Marketing Short course**, Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI 6:00 p.m.
- January 29 **Update on Feeding Strategies and Beef Quality Assurance Training**, Huron County Expo Center, 170 W. Soper Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413. For additional information, contact Jeannine Schwehofer (989) 996-0684. Email: grobbej@msu.edu
- January 30 **Update on Feeding Strategies and Beef Quality Assurance Training**, Kent County MSUE Office, 775 Ball Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. This program will be held from 5:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Kevin Gould (616) 443-2956. Email: gouldk@msu.edu
- February 12 **Great Lakes Professional Cattle Feeding and Marketing Short course**, Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing. 6:00 p.m.

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Greenhouse and Nursery Winter Programs

- January 22 **Greenhouse Insect Bio-Control Workshop**, MSUE Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI. For additional information, contact Tom Dudek (616) 994-4542. Email: dudek@anr.msu.edu. RUP credits available. 1:00 p.m.
- February 13 **West Michigan Ag Irrigators Conference**, Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Main Conference Room, 12220 Fillmore St., West Olive, MI 49460. For additional information, contact Tom Dudek (616) 994-4542. Email: dudek@anr.msu.edu. This program will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- February 20 **West Michigan Ag. Labor Meeting**, English Hills Conference Center, 1200 Four Mile Rd., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI. For additional information, contact Amy Irish-Brown (616) 336-4761. Email: irisha@msu.edu This meeting starts at 9:00 a.m.
- February 25 **West Michigan Nursery Growers Update**, Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Main Conference Room, 12220 Fillmore St., West Olive, MI 49460. For additional information, contact Tom Dudek (616) 994-4542. Email: dudek@anr.msu.edu This meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

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General Interest

- February 20 **West Michigan Ag. Labor Meeting**, English Hills Conference Center, 1200 Four Mile Rd., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI. For additional information, contact Amy Irish-Brown (616) 336-4761. Email: irisha@msu.edu
- March 20 **Cottage to Commercial: Ingredients for a Successful Food Business**, Allegan County Dumont Complex, Allegan, MI 49401. (269) 944-4126.
- March 25 **How To Start A Food Business From Home**, Grand Rapids Downtown Market, 10:00 a.m., This seminar will teach participants how to earn money by selling their baked goods, jams, and other foods that are part of the cottage food law and can be produced in their home kitchen. Topics include basic hygiene, product labeling, basic marketing, and a review of the cottage food law. For additional information, contact Diane Smith, MSU Product Center, (517) 526-7895 dismith@anr.msu.edu or register at: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/March25CottageFoodGRMarket/>
- January 20 thru April 7 **Beginning Farmer Webinar Series**, Twelve (12) Webinars through Adobe Connect will begin the week of January 20 running through April 7, 2014. Topics to be covered include but are not limited to: 1) Getting Started with Organic Field Crops; 2) Getting Started with Selling at a Farmers Market; 3) Getting Started with Hops; 4) Getting Started with Selling to Restaurants; 5) Getting Started with Selling to Schools and Hospitals; 6) Getting Started with Organic Pest Control. For more information, including a registration form will be available online at www.msue.msu.edu under the "Events" link or search for "Beginning Farmer Webinar Series." These webinars are open to the public. For additional information, contact Kendra Wills at (616) 608-7424 or willsk@anr.msu.edu

Hops

- January 31 **AG Action Day**, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Texas Campus. RUP credits are available. For additional information, contact Van Buren County MSUE at (269) 657-8213.
- February 18 & 19 **IPM Academy**, Okemos, MI To register visit: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=IPMAcademy2014>

Vegetable Programs

- February 18 & 19 **IPM Academy**, Okemos, MI To register visit: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=IPMAcademy2014>
- March 13 **Oceana Asparagus Day**, Location and time TBD, To receive updates on times and location, and to register, contact Kathy Walicki (231) 873-2129. Email: walicki@anr.msu.edu
- March 19 **Irrigation 101: How To Set Up and Efficiently Use Drip and Overhead Irrigation in Vegetable, Fruit and Field Crops**, English Hills Country Club, 1200 Four Mile Rd., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI. For additional information, contact Ben Werling (231) 827-2129. Email: werlingb@msu.edu

Ottawa County MSU Extension
12220 Fillmore Street, Suite 122
West Olive, MI 49460

Additional MSUE Websites Related to Agriculture

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/farm_management

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/poultry>

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/nursery_christmas_trees



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