## Upcoming Dates to Remember

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<td>1/8/13 &amp; 1/15/13</td>
<td>Farm Succession Planning Seminar</td>
<td>9:00 AM - 12 NOON&lt;br&gt;Winding Brook Conference Center, Shepherd&lt;br&gt;Contact Isabella County MSUE (989) 772-0911 ext. 302, to register.</td>
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<td>1/17/13</td>
<td>Pig Transition from Sow to Nursery</td>
<td>Isabella County Building, Room 320&lt;br&gt;Contact Jerry May (989) 875-5296 to register.</td>
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<td>1/21/13</td>
<td>Gratiot-Isabella Dry Bean Day</td>
<td>9:30 AM - 12 Noon, lunch provided&lt;br&gt;Winding Brook Conference Center, Shepherd&lt;br&gt;Contact Isabella County MSUE (989) 772-0911 ext. 302, to register.</td>
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<td>1/24/13</td>
<td>Growing Michigan Agriculture Conference</td>
<td>Lansing Center, Lansing&lt;br&gt;RUP Credits&lt;br&gt;More details at: <a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu">http://events.anr.msu.edu</a></td>
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<td>1/26/13</td>
<td>14th Annual Northern MI Small Farm Conference</td>
<td>8:30 AM - 5:00 PM&lt;br&gt;Grayling High School, Grayling&lt;br&gt;Contact (231) 838-8093 to register.</td>
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<td>1/29/13</td>
<td>Weed Control &amp; IPM Meeting</td>
<td>8:30 AM - 3:00 PM&lt;br&gt;Shifters/Comfortable Inn, Alma&lt;br&gt;RUP Credits&lt;br&gt;Register online at: <a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu">http://events.anr.msu.edu</a> [pestmgnt2013](<a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu">http://events.anr.msu.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Feb-March</td>
<td>Entrepreneurial Training - Business Planning</td>
<td>Contact Isabella County MSUE (989) 772-0911 ext. 302.</td>
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<td>2/14/13</td>
<td>Isabella County Pesticide Review and Test</td>
<td>9 AM - Noon (review) 1 PM (test)&lt;br&gt;Isabella County Building, Room 320&lt;br&gt;Register with Isabella County MSUE. RUP Credits</td>
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<td>2/19 - 2/20/13</td>
<td>IPM Academy</td>
<td>Okemos Conference Center&lt;br&gt;Register at: <a href="http://events.anr.msu.edu">http://events.anr.msu.edu</a>&lt;br&gt;Contact (231) 946-1510, for more details. RUP Credits</td>
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<td>ANR Week</td>
<td>East Lansing, MSU&lt;br&gt;For more details, visit: <a href="http://anrweek.canr.msu.edu/">http://anrweek.canr.msu.edu/</a></td>
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<td>1 PM (test)&lt;br&gt;Mid Michigan Community College, Harrison</td>
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<td>3/14/13</td>
<td>Statewide Webinar on Grain Crops</td>
<td>Free for online viewing at home from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.&lt;br&gt;Contact Isabella County MSUE for more details. RUP Credits</td>
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<td>Gratiot County Pesticide Review &amp; Test</td>
<td>9 AM - Noon (review) 1 PM (test)&lt;br&gt;RESO Building, Ithaca RUP Credits&lt;br&gt;Contact Gratiot County MSUE to register (989) 875-5233.</td>
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Gratiot-Isabella Bean Day
Monday, January 21, 2013
9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
Winding Brook Conference Center, Shepherd
**Complimentary Bean Soup Lunch at Noon**

**Agenda Items:**
- Market Update
- Strategies for 2013
- Production Recommendations
- Industry News
- Cost of Production, Revenues, & Comparisons
- Bean Variety Update
- Western Bean Cutworm Projection
- Meet the new Executive Director

The meeting and lunch is free!

Call the Isabella County Extension office to register, (989) 772-0911 ext. 302.

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Weed Control IPM Winter Meeting
Tuesday, January 29, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. - registration)
Shifters/Comfortable Inn, Alma

**Featured Topics:**
* Emerging Weed Management Issues
* Weed Control in Corn/Soybeans update
* Insect Control Update
* Soil Fertility
* Corn & Soybean Diseases
* Wheat Update
* Additional Crop Production Recommendations

This program features the latest research results on the above topics. The presenters will be the researchers themselves giving you the opportunity to get your questions answered first-hand by the specialists.

The NEW 2013 Weed Control Guide will also be available.

Cost to attend:
$30 - without Weed Control Guide
$40 - includes Weed Control Guide

Register for the program through MSU Events Management at: [http://events.anr.msu.edu/pestmgnt2013](http://events.anr.msu.edu/pestmgnt2013)

Pesticide Recertification Credits & CCA Credits will be available. Call the Isabella County MSU Extension office for more information at (989) 772-0911 ext. 302.
Farm Transition - Farming Succession Planning
Tuesdays - January 8 & 15, 2013
Winding Brook Conference Center, Shepherd
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon both days

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. - Program starts at 9:00 a.m.

The family farm has been a tradition from the beginning of this great country. With pressures from so many sources, keeping the farm in the family has become more difficult. A special program will be offered for individuals and families that are trying to look at the options they can use to work through the tangled jungle of transferring the family farm or business to the next generation.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- What are some of the basic building blocks of a farm transition plan?
- What needs to get done and when to do it?
- Keeping the farm/business in the family or not.
- Fair is not always equal in farm families.
- What type of business arrangement should be considered?
- How can you evaluate the farm business’s position to take on a new partner?
- What are the options for an owner to retire/phase out of the management role?
- How can you successfully transfer management?
- Where will communication take your future farm business?
- How can you set Mission, Vision, and Goals for your farm transfer?

(Farms are encouraged to send more than one representative from each generation)

Presenters: Trent Hilding - attorney at law, Dennis Stein - District Farm Management, Paul Gross - Extension Educator, Dan Rossman - Extension Educator

Please RSVP: Isabella County MSU Extension - (989) 772-0911 ext. 302