January 8 - 10, 2018 - Michigan Agri-Business Association 85th Annual Winter Conference & Trade Show, Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

January 11, 2018 - Pest and Crop Management Update Meeting, Emerald Golf Course, 2300 W. Maple Rapids Rd, St. Johns (other dates & locations available); $30.00/person, incl. lunch, refreshments and MSU Weed Control Guide; Space limited, register early; https://events.anr.msu.edu/IPMcropsmgmt2018  6 RUP Credits

January 16, 2018 - 2018 Bean & Beet Symposium, Horizon’s Conference Center, 6200 State St., Saginaw, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_bean_beet_symposium

January 17, 2018 - Beginning Farmer Webinar Series 2018, 15 weekly webinars; register for one or all at any time, $37.50 for series or $5 per webinar; https://events.anr.msu.edu/BegFrmWeb2018

January 18 - February 22, 2018 - Agricultural Solar Electric Investment Analysis Webinar, 7—8 p.m., 6-week series; $10/webinar or $40/series; msue.anr.msu.edu/events/agricultural_solar_electric_investment_analysis_webinar_1

January 19, 2018 - Pest and Crop Management Update Meeting, Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center, 3775 S. Reese Rd, Frankenmuth (other dates & locations available); $30.00/person, incl. lunch, refreshments and MSU Weed Control Guide; Register at: www.events.anr.msu.edu/IPMcropsmgmt2018

January 26 - 27, 2018 - 19th Annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme; Contact nmsfc@crosshatch.org or (231) 622-5252; www.smallfarmconference.com

January 31 - February 1, 2018 - 2018 Great Lakes Crop Summit, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant; 10 RUP & CCA credits for full attendance; Call (888) 323-6601 to register.

February 6, 2018 - Clare County Pesticide Review & Test, Mid Michigan Community College, 1375 S. Clare Rd., Harrison, Review 9:00 a.m., Test 1:00 p.m.; Cost for review $20 (cost for test - $50 Private, $75 Commercial); Test sign-up MDA 1-800-292-3939 or www.michigan.gov/pestexam; Review registration 989-317-4079. RUP Credits

February 8, 2018 - Isabella County Pesticide Review & Test, Isabella County Building, Room 320, 200 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant; Review 9:00 a.m., Test 1:00 p.m.; Review $20 (Test - $50 Private, $75 Commercial); Test sign-up 1-800-292-3939, Review registration 989-317-4079. RUP Credits

February 8 - 10, 2018 - Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant; Contact Megghan Honke Seidel - 1glrdc@gmail.com; www.glrdc.org

February 19 - March 26, 2018 - MSU Extension Field Crops Webinar Series, Monday evenings 7 - 8 p.m.; 1 RUP Credit available per session; $20 for full series or $5 per session; Call James DeDecker at (989) 734-2168 with questions; Register at: www.events.anr.msu.edu/FieldCropsWebinarSeries2018

February 27, 2018 - Clinton County Pesticide Review & Test, Smith Hall on the Clinton County Fairgrounds, 800 Sickles St, St. Johns; Review 8:30 a.m., Test 1:00 p.m.; Cost for review $20 (cost for test separate); 4 RUP credits; Test sign-up 1-800-292-3939 or www.michigan.gov/pestexam; Review registration 989-224-5241. RUP Credits

March 3 - 10, 2018 - Agriculture and Natural Resources Week (ANR Week) www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/

March 13, June 12, September 11, 2018 - Milk and Grain Marketing Series 2017-2018, Isabella County Building, Room 320, 200 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, 10 a.m. – noon; $400/farm for series; https://events.anr.msu.edu/milkandgrain1718/

March 19, 2018 - Gratiot County Pesticide Review & Test, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, 1131 E. Center Street, Ithaca; Review 8:00 a.m., Test 1:00 p.m.; Cost for review $20 (cost for test separate); 4 RUP Credits; Test sign-up 1-800-292-3939 or www.michigan.gov/pestexam; Review registration 989-875-5233.
Pest & Crop Management Update for Crop Producers and Agronomists

January 11, 2018
9 AM - 3:30 PM
Cost: $30
(includes 2018 Weed Control Guide for Field Crops and lunch)
Emerald Golf Course
(2300 W. Maple Rapids Road, St. Johns, 48879)

Michigan State University Extension specialists and educators will present new information about pest and crop management research and practices in field crops.

To Register, by January 5:
Online: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/IPMcropsmgmt2018/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/IPMcropsmgmt2018/)
Phone: Isabella County MSU Extension at (989) 317-4079

Beginning Farmer Webinar Series 2018

Beginning farmers and others with basic information needs are invited to participate in a series of fifteen online programs addressing crop and livestock production and marketing on Wednesday evenings January 17 - April 25, 2018. Participants will get an overview of a variety of farming enterprises and topics, and have an opportunity through live, online chat to ask questions of MSU and other agriculture experts. Each 30 or 60 minute live webinar presentation will begin at 7 p.m. EST and be followed by a chat-based 'question & answer' session with the presenter. A $5 fee is charged for each webinar in the series, or $37.50 for the full series (50% savings!). You may register for all or some of the courses at any time, even if the session has already taken place. In that case, you will get a link to the recorded program. The webinars will be delivered on the ZOOM Webinar platform. A high-speed internet connection is required, and connection information will be emailed to registered participants prior to each webinar. Following each webinar, registered participants will receive a link to the recorded webinar.

For more information, visit: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/beginning_farmer_webinar_series_2018](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/beginning_farmer_webinar_series_2018)

Agricultural Solar Electric Investment Analysis Webinar

Photovoltaic (PV) panels are an increasingly common sight on urban rooftops and rural properties across the U.S. This six part webinar series will provide practical guidance to farmers who are considering investing in a solar electric system so they are able to make fully informed investment decisions. Even though the webinars are geared to an agricultural audience, the information that will be shared applies to anyone looking for information on making a wise solar energy investment. Join us every Thursday from January 18 - February 22. Each webinar is 60 minutes long and starts at 7:00 p.m. EST. Registration fee for each webinar is $10 or $40 for all six.

To register: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/agricultural_solar_electric_investment_analysis_webinar](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/agricultural_solar_electric_investment_analysis_webinar)

Handy Bt Trait Table for U.S. Corn Production

To view the table, visit: [https://www.texasinsects.org/bt-corn-trait-table.html](https://www.texasinsects.org/bt-corn-trait-table.html)
Field Crops Webinar Series
Monday Evenings, February 19th - March 26th, 2018
Live Online

Growers, consultants and agribusiness professionals are invited to participate in a series of six online programs addressing field crop production and pest management in 2018. Participants will learn how to enhance their corn, soybean, small grain and forage production systems in the coming season, and have an opportunity to ask questions of MSU agriculture experts. These live webinar programs can be viewed independently online. Registration is $20.00 for the full series of six webinars or $5.00 per individual webinar session. One MDARD Pesticide Recertification Credit will be available through each event for application to one of the following categories: Private Core, Commercial Core, or Field Crops.

All programs will be held Monday evenings 7pm-8pm EST

February 19th
◊ Conservation Drainage
   Dr. Ehsan Ghane, MSU

February 26th
◊ Managing Nematodes in Corn and Soy
   Dr. Marisol Quintanilla, MSU

March 5th
◊ Interseeding Alfalfa Into Silage Corn
   Drs. Erin Burns & Kim Cassida, MSU

March 12th
◊ Controlling Troublesome Weeds
   Dr. Christy Sprague, MSU

March 19th
◊ Mitigating Control Failures in Bt Corn
   Dr. Chris DiFonzo, MSU

March 26th
◊ Corn Hybrid Selection & Soy Plant Dates
   Dr. Manni Singh, MSU

Visit events.anr.msu.edu/FieldCropsWebinarSeries2018 to register and access connection information.

Contact James DeDecker at (989) 734-2168 or dedecke5@msu.edu for more information, or by February 5th, 2018 to request accommodations for persons with disabilities.
2017 MSU Variety Trails
https://varietytrials.msu.edu/

Visit retired District Farm Management Educator Dennis Stein’s website (https://msu.edu/~steind/) for farm management tools, such as:

- Crop & Livestock Budget Estimates
- Custom Machine & Work Rate Estimates
- Rental Agreements
- Commodity Marketing & Business Resources
- Land Values and Leasing Rates

2018 Weed Control Guides are available for $10 at the Extension office.

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