Growing Michigan Agriculture
Director Jamie Clover Adams
March 5, 2014
General Business Climate

- Fair and Simple Business Tax
- Personal Property Tax Phase-out
- Worker Compensation System Improvements
- Shore-up of UIA
- Balance State Budget On Time
- Build Rainy Day Fund
- Pay Down Long Term Debt
Michigan Comeback

- 220,000 Private Sector Jobs
- 8th Most Competitive State in Job Creation & Economic Development
- Personal Income Growing – 1st among Great Lakes; 7th Nationally
- Food & Agriculture Sector part of the Comeback
Continued Commitment
Since 2011, Governor Snyder has shown a continued commitment to the food & agriculture industry through increased budget support.

FY 2012: $30 Million
FY 2013: $37.1 Million
FY 2014: $40.6 Million
Proposed: $44.9 Million

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Goals

**$** Increase economic impact of food and agriculture industry

**Goal:** $100 Billion  **Current:** $96 Billion*

**Double agriculture exports**

**Goal:** $3.5 Billion  **Current:** $3.2 Billion

**Increase food and agriculture jobs**

**Goal:** 1.1 Million  **Current:** 923,000

**Improve access to healthy foods**

**Goal:** 60%  **Current:** TBD

**Increase sustainable food and agriculture systems**

**Goal:** 5,000 verifications  **Current:** 1,963 verifications

*Unpublished estimate based on CPI.
2015 Proposed Budget
(Oct 1, 2014 – Sept 30, 2015)

MDARD FY 2015 Proposed Budget by Funding Source

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2015 Budget Enhancements Supporting Industry Goals

Food & Dairy Safety Improvement Initiative

- Maintain safety of the food supply to ensure success and growth in the food and ag sector
- Increase monthly compliance rate of licensed food establishments from 55% to 85%
- Supports growing demand in the dairy industry
2015 Budget Enhancements
Supporting Industry Goals

Department-wide Licensing and Inspection Modernization

- Proposed web-based system to improve customer service to licensees and registrants AND increased efficiency

Strategic Growth Initiative

- Second year of funding. Grant program to increase the economic impact of the Food & Agriculture sector in Michigan.
QOL Invasive Species Initiative

- Purpose is to prevent, detect and manage terrestrial and aquatic invasive species
- Exotic pests threaten Michigan food and agriculture sector
- Early detection critical for successful mitigation actions
- Crop losses
- Support pest-free status to keep export markets open
Pure Michigan Agriculture B2B Summit

- March 26, 2014
- Event to connect food buyers to food processors, producers & aggregators
- Seven buyers; 284 interested suppliers
- Long-term commitment to assist in supply chain connectivity
- Create more opportunities for Michigan products
RFID Enhancement

- RFID Task Force
- Recommended elimination of 4 existing exemptions
- Two remain
  - Move to a licensed livestock market & receive RFID identification on arrival
  - Feeder cattle allowed to be imported with backtags & direct marketed to slaughter with USDA approved metal tags
Governor’s Office for New Americans

- Office for New Americans will serve as a clearing house for programs and policy, as well as send a message that immigrants are welcome in Michigan.
- Comprehensive immigration reform is needed.
- Largely a federal issue but action can be taken at every level to make us more successful.
- Current focus is highly skilled labor.
- Agriculture can leverage the Office in the agricultural worker space.
2014 Focus

- Food Safety
- Food and Agriculture Sector Growth
  - Research & innovation
  - Value-added processing
  - Exports
- Federal Immigration Reform
- Food Safety Modernization Act rulemaking and implementation
- RFID Enhancement
Michigan’s Food and Agriculture Sector

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