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July 2018



2018 Onion Twilight Tour & Steak Cook Out

Date: Thursday, August 30, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Onion Field Trials

7:00 p.m. – Steak Cook Out

Place: V & W Farms 10153 Wilson, Byron Center, MI

Variety trials are on the south side of 100th St., 1/3 mile west of Wilson Rd.

Dinner will be at V&W Farms down the 2nd drive east of the trial. Dinner will be in the west greenhouse.

Who: Onion Growers, Packers, Shippers, Researchers, MSU Extension Staff, Seed Dealers, Chemical and Fertilizer Reps.

Presentations, Industry updates and marketing outlook

Please call, text or email your RSVP to the MOC office by noon Tuesday, August 27th
Val's cell 517-204-3591 or email: val@julianvail.com; MOC office 517-372-1500

Download flyer [HERE](#).

Sponsorship Opportunities

Member Meeting—Onion Trials

Dinner Sponsor & Attendee Networking - \$250
Attend & Dinner - \$100
Materials to attendees - \$50

Download flyer [HERE](#).

Seed Trial Locations

Bruce Klammer Farm,
Byron Center

Glen Vogel Farm,
Fremont

Michigan Onion Promotion and Development Program

Michigan Onion Promotion and Development Program is developed for the purpose of improving the economic position of the Michigan onion growers by creating greater marketing opportunities for their product. This shall be accomplished through this program by supporting research, conducting advertising and promotion programs, assembling and disseminating marketing information and expanding the markets for Michigan onions.

This promotion and development program for Michigan onions is hereby issued by the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture pursuant to the "Agricultural Commodities Market Act", Act No. 232 of Public Acts of 1965, as amended.

PA 232 requires a mandatory assessment on all producers and applies to all onions

grown in the state of Michigan including any Michigan onions shipped out of state. "Producer" means any person engaged in the business of growing or causing to be grown for any processing, or fresh market sale, any onions in quantity beyond his own family use and having value at first point of sale of more than \$800.00 in any one growing or marketing season within the last three years.

If you are growing onions in Michigan and have not paid your assessment you will be receiving a letter notifying you of your obligation. If you marketed your onions through a packer/shipper, they should deduct the fee from your payment and forward a report with the fees. If you shipped the onions yourself, you are responsible for reporting and paying the assessment to the Onion Committee.

If you have questions, please call the onion office at 517-372-1500. If you sold through a packer/shipper let the office know and we will check our records.

Outstanding assessments are turned over to the State of Michigan, Department **of Agriculture for investigation and collection by the Attorney General's** Office.

Download entire PA 232 [HERE](#)

Dear Onion industry,

Below is this week's update. Questions? Contact me any time at 231-873-2129 or werlingb@msu.edu. I will do my best to respond within 24 hrs.

Best regards,

Ben Werling,
MSU Commercial Vegetable Educator



Onions :

- Consultants detected botrytis leaf blight at two farms and a few anthracnose lesions on set onions this week, thank you for the good work you do!
 - For botrytis, protectants such as mancozeb and chlorothalonil should provide sufficient control, especially given hot weather is coming, which is not ideal for botrytis
 - Stemphyllium: be on the lookout for this given our upcoming weather this weekend, Luna Tranquility is a good material
 - Onion thrips control is ongoing, with farms I visited applying their second Movento application this week
 - Remember not to apply Movento with fungicides that have or need a spreader sticker, as this compromises efficacy
 - For the next thrips spray slot (sprays 3 & 4), work in NY suggests you can consider two options for low versus high thrips densities
 - Low thrips pressure (not too far above the threshold of 1 per leaf): Agri-Mek (30 day PHI) can be used, tank mixing it with Warrior II may help if Agri-Mek has underperformed recently on your farm
 - High thrips pressure: Minecto Pro contains a mix of the actives in Agri-Mek and Exirel and has proven effective (30 day PHI)
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U.S. Department of Labor

Links to website and pertinent
fact sheets:

USDOL Wage website:

www.dol.gov/whd

Fact Sheet #21 Recordkeeping Requirements
under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA):

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs21.pdf>

Upcoming Meetings

Onion Seed Trials

Thursday, August 30, 5:30 pm

V & W Farms

10153 Wilson, Byron Center, MI

IPM TOUR

Mid-Michigan and Michigan State

University

Fact Sheet #22 Hours Worked:

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs22.pdf>

Fact Sheet #23 Overtime Pay Requirements of the FLSA:

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs23.pdf>

Fact Sheet 35: Joint employment under the MSPA

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs35.pdf>

Fact Sheet 40: Child labor for agricultural occupations

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs40.pdf>

Fact Sheet 28N: Joint employment under the FMLA

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs28n.pdf>

H-2A resources:

https://www.dol.gov/whd/ag/ag_h-2a.htm

August 22 – 24, 2018

MOC Board Meeting

December 5

at Great Lakes Expo

MOC Board Members

Bruce Klamer, Chairman

Eric Schreur, Vice-Chairman

Mike Bosch, Treasurer

Kristin Oomen

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Michigan AgrAbility provides direct services to farmers with injuries, illnesses or aging conditions so they can continue the occupation and lifestyle they love.

Michigan Rehabilitation Service (MRS) is a long-time partner with Michigan AgrAbility. MRS has funds available to invest in assistive technology just for Michigan farmers.

Funds earmarked for farmers expire soon. Call 1-800-956-4106 or visit www.michiganagrability.org.

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