



## Great Lakes Expo 2018

December 4-6

DeVos Convention Center, Grand Rapids, MI

The Michigan Onion Committee will have a booth, shared with the carrot committee, at the Great Lakes Expo December 4-6 in Grand Rapids.

You are invited to attend the GLE and spend an hour or so in the booth representing onion growers. Please contact Val Vail-Shirey in the Michigan Onion Committee office (517-372-1500 or e-mail [val@julianvail.com](mailto:val@julianvail.com)) with a day and time that you are available.

## Twilight Tour & Seed Trials

Thank you to all who attended the 2018 onion trials, there was a wonderful group with many new faces attending. Please extend our thanks and gratitude to Bruce and Kathe Klamer for hosting our event.

Darryl Warncke, as usual, did a wonderful job on the Seed Variety Trials. You can read his report of the various seed varieties in the trial [here](#).

Dr. Mary Hausbeck talked about her work on preventing *Stephilyum* blight on onion. Her handout is available [here](#).



Bruce Klamer, Chairman Michigan Onion Committee



Mary Hausbeck talks about her research.



Darryl Warncke talks about the seed varieties used in this year's trial.



Mary Judnich from Sen. Debbie Stabenow's office.



Representative Roger Victory



2018 Twilight Dinner Attendees

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## Upcoming Board Meeting

December 5 at Noon  
DeVos Convention Center  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

## USDA Seeks Applications for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) has published a Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 in the Federal Register. Due Dates are rapidly approaching. See the Stakeholder Announcement below.

Eligible Applicants for the program are Agricultural Producers and Rural Small Businesses. Anticipated Mandatory Funding for FY2019 is \$50 million.

Rural Small Business Projects must be located in a rural area with populations of 50,000 or less. The Agricultural Producer Projects can be located in rural or non-rural areas.

The Application Templates and Forms are available at USDA Rural Development Offices or the National REAP Website at: [www.rd.usda.gov/reap](http://www.rd.usda.gov/reap), under Forms and Resources.



### STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14, 2018 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today invited applications for loan guarantees and grants for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects.

These loan guarantees and grants are part of USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which was created under the 2008 Farm Bill and reauthorized under the 2014 Farm Bill. This

notice seeks applications for Fiscal Year 2019 funding. The deadlines to apply for grants are Oct. 31, 2018, and April 1, 2019. Applications for loan guarantees are accepted year-round. REAP helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption by purchasing and installing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements in their operations. Eligible systems may derive energy from wind, solar, hydro-electric, ocean, hydrogen, geothermal or renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Additional information about the program and how to apply for this funding is available on page 40216 of the Aug. 14, 2018, Federal Register.

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