

# Summer 2021 Michigan Onion Committee Newsletter



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## Onion Committee Meeting Calendar

Date	Location	Time
August 24, 2021	MOC Twilight Onion Trials and Dinner - 4040 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315	5:30pm
Dec 8, 2021	MOC annual meeting, Great Lakes Expo in Grand Rapids	12:30pm
Feb 10, 2022	MOC research meeting, Location TBD	10:00am
June 9, 2022	MOC meeting - Celery Promotion Bldg - 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	12:00pm



## Michigan Onion Assessments

**Please send assessments to:**

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For those of you who are packers or growers, please review the included report on 2020 assessments received from your business to make sure all of your assessments have been received. Any questions or concerns please contact Greg Bird at [gbird@michiganonion.com](mailto:gbird@michiganonion.com) or 517-663-6725.

You can find NOA onion storage data and the MOC assessment forms at [michiganonion.com](http://michiganonion.com)

## Current Onion Research

USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant - Dr. Mary Hausbeck: "Leaf Blight Decreases Michigan Onion Yields and May Increase Bulb Rot: New Approaches Are Needed." This grant was for \$82,721. Field Work was completed in the summer of 2020, with more to continue in 2021.

USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant - Dr. Mary Hausbeck: "Combining Pest Control Strategies to Increase Quality of Yield of Michigan Onions." \$98,814. Grant begins in 2021 and finishes in 2023. One item this grant will investigate is whether onion thrips spread foliar diseases. Dr. Zsofia Szendrei and Dr. Ben Werling will be playing contributing roles in this project.

Michigan Onion Committee Research Grant - Dr. Sushila Chaudhari: "Weed management programs with PRE and POST herbicides in onion." \$7,500. This work will be accomplished in 2021 with perhaps some continuing into 2022. Pyroxasulfone, Tiafenacil, Florpyrauxifen-benzyl, and pyroxasulfone + flumioxazin will be evaluated. White campion is becoming a problematic weed in onions and this will be researched.

## Onion Trials Details

Byron Center	Encrusted	Planting Order			
			Crookham	Trident	12
Company	Variety	8-Apr-21	Takii	Trekker	13
			Solar	Champ	14
Seedway/ Bejo	Dawson	1	Clifton	Cesar	15
Rispens	RS 281	2	Seedway/ Bejo	Oneida	16
Crookham	Scout	3	Seedway/ Bejo	Venecia	17
Clifton	Prefect	4	Seedway/ Bejo	Powell	18
Hazera	37-126	5	Rispens	Quintus	19
Takii	Ridgeline	6	Solar	Aldrin	20
Solar	Armstrong	7	Seedway/ Bejo	Safrane	21
Takii	Lodestar (TTA 795)	9	Clifton	Comrad	24
Crookham	Scorpion	10	Seedway/ Bejo	Red Mountain	25
Solar	Stanley	11			

Hamilton	Pelleted	Planting Order	Enza Zaden/ Vitalis	Tannat F1 (10657)	3
	Variety	5-Apr-21	Clifton	Y-604	4
			Enza Zaden/ Vitalis	Nogal (10242)	5
Hazera	Thunderstone (37-120)	1	Hazera	Prelesco (37-118)	6
Hazera	37-126	2	Enza Zaden/ Vitalis	E61L.10240	7

The 2020 Michigan Onion Committee trial results are available at [michiganonion.com](http://michiganonion.com).

The 2021 MOC onion trials are once again being managed by Darryl Warncke of MSU. This year the trials are mostly at V&W Farms (farm of Bruce Klamer and location of our dinner. There are also some onions from the trial hosted at Eding Farms.) Onion trials at 5:30pm on August 24, 2021 with steak dinner followed by discussion with National Onion Association representatives. If you cannot make it that night you are welcome to stop by and view the trials on your own. V&W Farms is 4040 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

The trials are circled on this map, the second field west of Wilson Avenue. The second and third drives west of Wilson are private drives so please respect the drive and do not park on it, park on the grass strip just north of the field. Take care if the ground is wet.

