

Fall 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 - TRIALS AND DINNER - GREAT SUCCESS	5:30pm
Dec 8, 2021	MOC annual meeting, Great Lakes Expo in Grand Rapids, Grand Gallery Overlook C-D	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

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Michigan Onion Assessments

Please send assessments to:

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For those of you who are packers or growers, please make sure you have the 2021 assessment form and send assessments to the address listed above. Any questions or concerns please contact Greg Bird at gbird@michiganonion.com or 517-663-6725.

You can find NOA onion storage data and the MOC assessment forms at 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.

EXPO Onion Session - December 8, Wednesday 9:00am-11:00am,

At Devos Place in Grand Rapids

The 2021 Michigan Onion Committee trial results will be available at michiganonion.com. These results will be reviewed at the Expo and shared in our winter newsletter.

Brian Nault from Cornell University will talk about Onion Thrips and Maggot Control in a world without Lorsban. Zsofia Szendrei, Mary Hausbeck, Doug Higgins, and Sushila Chaudhari of MSU will also be speaking during the Onion Session.

Great Lakes Expo (Dec 7-9) NEWS

2021 Room Blocks are open (glexpo.com). Registration is OPEN. Get signed up now as Early Bird pricing goes through November 15.

Thank you for taking the post event survey which is always sent out immediately following the Expo. MSU Extension provides the Expo with great educational programming and it needs feedback to continue improvement.

Genius Bar Stage in Exhibit Hall this year! Ask the experts at the genius bar events, industry presentations, 40 Under 40 Awards Tuesday at 4:30pm, Vegetable Industry retirements (John Bakker, Brian Bursiek) and networking event Wednesday at 4:00pm, everyone invited.

Do you receive Pesticide Credits at the EXPO?

If so, we have a change coming your way! In 2021 we will no longer be using bubble sheets for submitting information. At the end of a session you will use your personal mobile device to submit information for pesticide credits. If a personal mobile device does not work for you, please visit the pesticide credit booth in the Grand Gallery. At the booth you can log your information on a computer or on a paper form (Take the presented education session code with you to the pesticide credit booth). An instructional email will be sent as we approach the event dates.

Michigan Onion Committee - 2022 Referendum Vote

Sometime before summer 2022 MDARD and the Michigan Onion Committee will hold a vote to continue the Michigan Onion Promotion and Development Program. Michigan onion growers are allowed to cast their vote on whether the program should continue. The program has been in existence since 1977. The program assesses up to \$.06 per hundredweight of onions sold. Program funds are used for marketing and research to benefit Michigan's onion industry.