

Winter 2023 Michigan Onion Committee Newsletter



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Onion Committee Meeting Calendar

Date	Location	Time
March 2, 2023	MOC research meeting, MSU Agronomy Farm, 4450 Beaumont Rd, Lansing, MI 48910	10:00am
June 8, 2023	MOC meeting - Celery Promotion Bldg - 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	12:00pm
August 2023	MOC twilight onion trials and dinner	5:30pm
Dec 6, 2023	MOC annual meeting, Great Lakes Expo at Devos Place in Grand Rapids	12:30pm

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2022 onions are harvested. The Michigan Onion Committee is ready to receive onion assessments for the year. 2022 assessment forms and instructions were sent with the fall newsletter and can be found at michiganonion.com. Any questions or concerns please contact Greg Bird at gbird@michiganonion.com or 517-663-6725.

Those involved in growing and packing onions will receive an **assessment report** with this newsletter regarding the current 2022 assessments. Please review this report and compare it with your records. All **2022 onion assessments are due before the end of June 2023**.

Current Onion Research

Some updates have been made to the Michigan Onion Committee website: michiganonion.com. These updates should make it easier to find previous onion trial results and NOA stats, as well as give access to prior newsletters and research projects.

Grant Type	Details	Grantee
Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG)	Combining Pest Control Strategies to Increase Quality of Yield of Michigan Onions. 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.	MSU, Dr Mary Hausbeck's lab
SCBG	Onion Thrips and Foliar Disease Management in Commercial Onions in Michigan. This project will develop a new onion thrips action threshold based on disease management. The project will also determine the effect of plastic mulches on onion thrips management.	Dr. Zsofia Szendrei's lab
MI Onion	Evaluate PRE and POST herbicide for control of white campion. Evaluate new herbicide products for onion crop tolerance and weed control. Evaluate the impact of simulated 2,4-D and dicamba drift on onion yield and quality.	Dr Sushila Chaudhari

SCBG	Yet to be submitted, but this year a grant could be submitted to do research on fungicide efficacy and programs in onions.	
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2023 Great Lakes Expo is December 5-7

Thank you to the onion industry for showing up strong at the 2022 Expo. The onion session was attended by 80 people.

2023 Michigan Onion Variety Observation Trials *Changes*

2023 will bring changes to our trials program. Onion seed companies will be looking for grower cooperators to work with. A grower might be asked to plant some trial seeds at their farm. The seed company will coordinate details (regarding the varieties entered, location, and date of planting) with the Michigan Onion Committee. Darryl Warncke will still be the point person for this.

Prior to the Onion Twilight meeting in August, samples of the various varieties entered into the Michigan Onion Variety Observation Trials will be collected for display at the meeting. The protocol for doing this is yet to be determined.

Michigan Onion and Celery Video

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has grant money available each year for marketing. This year some of this grant money was invested into marketing videos for commodities. The Michigan Onion Committee and Michigan Vegetable Council helped coordinate this video, filmed in Hudsonville. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZhAjsnaKnk>)

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