

Summer 2023 Michigan Onion Committee Newsletter



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Onion Committee Meeting Calendar

Date	Location	Time
August 16, 2023	MOC twilight onion trials and dinner - V&W Farms - 4040 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315	6:00pm
Nov 2, 2023	Michigan Corn, 13750 S Sedona Pkwy #5, Lansing, MI 48906	12:00pm
March 5, 2024	Michigan Celery Promotion, 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	10:00am
June 6, 2024	Michigan Celery Promotion, 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	12:00pm

[Michigan Onion and Celery video on Youtube](https://youtu.be/LZhAjsnaKnk)

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Please send assessments to:

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2023 onions are in the ground. 2023 assessment forms and instructions are included 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 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.	MSU, Dr. Zsofia Szendrei's lab
MSU - GREEN	Identifying Alternate Hosts for Stemphylium Can Protect Michigan Onions. Year 1 - 2023 and Year 2 - 2024	MSU, Dr Mary Hausbeck's lab
SCBG	Waiting on approval from USDA for 2023, Influence of Tip/Leaf Burn and New Fungicides on Onion Stemphylium Leaf Blight	MSU, Dr Mary Hausbeck's lab

2023 Great Lakes Expo is December 5-7

What's happening at Expo 2023? Youtube's very own Peterson Bros Farm will be there to entertain a little and to talk about how to promote your farm. Labor saving Ag Tech solutions can be found in the brand new Innovation Aisle.

2023 Michigan Onion Variety Observation Trials *Changes*

The onion variety trials are still being coordinated by Darryl Warncke. This year the seed companies will have trials at locations of their choosing. On the day before and the day of, the onion variety trials will be harvested and taken to V&W Farms for the twilight dinner and meeting on August 16. The onion industry is invited to this dinner, see location and time on last page. These onions will then make their way to the Great Lakes Expo for display. A sponsorship form should be included with this newsletter or find it on the website if you wish to help sponsor the dinner and trials.

National Onion Association (NOA) Summer Convention 2023

Held June 14-17, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Members of the NOA and others interested in the onion industry made the trek to Grand Rapids. What did you miss at the Amway Grand Plaza?

6/14: Golf outing and Opening reception

6/15: NOA Committee Meetings, General Session, and Trustee Meeting (Included representatives from Senator Stabenow's office)

6/16: Ag Tour and Lunch (Duda Farms, Carbon Robotics demo at Schreur Farms, Stokes Seeds provided lunch and tour of their facility, visit to Holland State Park and beach), Banquet dinner and auction (Holland State Park beach photo below)

6/17: Crop report breakfast and charter fishing outing



Michigan Onion Committee (MOC) Officers for 2023-24

It's been a while that Bruce Klamer has been Chair and Mike Bosch has been Treasurer for MOC. Thank you to them for their years of service in these officer roles. Our 2023-24 officers are:

Chair - Mark Nail
Vice Chair - Mitch Schreur
Treasurer - James Young