



Michigan Onion Newsletter
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Onion Committee Meeting Calendar

Date	Location	Time
Nov 10, 2025	MOC Annual Meeting, 13750 S Sedona Pkwy #5, DeWitt, MI 48820	2:00pm
March 10, 2026	MOC meeting - Celery Promotion Bldg - 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	10:00am
June 9, 2026	MOC meeting - Celery Promotion Bldg - 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	12:00pm
August 2026	TBD - MOC twilight onion trials and dinner	6:00pm

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(6 years of vegetable award videos, 2023 MI Eastside flooding, and MVC mascots)

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Michigan Onion Assessments

Please send assessments to:
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2025 onions are harvested. The Michigan Onion Committee is ready to receive onion assessments for the year. If you are a grower or packer, regardless of whether you receive this newsletter in the mail or via email, it will include a 2025 assessment form and instructions. Any questions or concerns please contact Greg Bird at gbird@michiganonion.com or 517-663-6725.

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. Check out the RESEARCH menu where we have added historical research projects.

Grant Type	Details	Grantee
Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG)	Onion Thrips and Foliar Disease Management in Commercial Onions in Michigan. Extended into 2025	Dr. Zsofia Szendrei's lab
SCBG	Influence of Tip/Leaf Burn and New Fungicides on Onion Stemphylium Leaf Blight, End Summer 2025	Dr. Mary Hausbeck's lab
Onion	White Champion in Hudsonville project, hosted by Schreur Farms, work by Vriesland Growers and Dr Dan Brainard	Vriesland Growers
SCBG	Stemphylium Work Proposal Has been submitted and approved by USDA and is now ready to begin.	Dr. Mary Hausbeck's lab

2025 Great Lakes Expo is Dec 9-11

2025 Room Blocks at the Amway Grand, JW Marriott, Courtyard by Marriott, Hyatt Place, and Holiday Inn are open. (glexpo.com) By this time of year, some I'm sure are already sold out. It's always best to make your reservations in February or March.

To see who is exhibiting in the trade show this year, go to <https://glexpo2025.expofp.com/>. The Syngenta Crop Protection Stage is at the end of Main Street. Here is the who will be on the stage this year: Alamo Valley Solar, Syngenta - PLINAZOLIN technology, MDARD FSMA audits, MSU Respiratory Safety Session, Great American Media Services - 40 Under 40 Awards, FSMA Water Rule Recordkeeping Workshop, Morgan Composting - Tools to Manage Soil Health, Steve Kluemper of Agristrategies LLC - How to Create Positive Cash Flow

Are drones and the work they can accomplish of interest to you? If so, then consider attending the Drone Spraying Symposium on December 11 from 9am-4:00pm. The Drone

Spraying Symposium includes lunch, but there is a \$60 add-on cost to attend this day-long workshop. The workshop does provide up to 6 RUP pesticide credits. Register for Expo and the drone symposium here: <https://glexpo.com/attend/register/> MSU is hosting Restricted Use Pesticide License Core Review and Testing at Expo on Thursday Dec 11 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Register here: (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/glexpo-pesticide-applicator-review-and-mdard-testing-offered-in-english-and-spanish>)

Meet The Buyers returns to Expo, December 10 at 4pm in the Main Hall food truck area. Here are a few of the buyers who will be in attendance: Corewell Health, ValleyHUB, Tom Maceri Produce, Gordon Food Service, Riggio Distribution, Kroger

Did you attend the Expo Social in 2024? 350+ of you did. The Expo offered you a drink and food from a massive charcuterie board. Everyone who attends Expo is invited to attend the Expo Social. The Social is at 5:30pm on Wednesday. Specialty crop industry awards are part of the event and those begin at about 6:15pm.

Onion Session at Expo Dec 10 2pm-4pm(*AFTERNOON THIS YEAR)

Stemphylium Update Mary Hausbeck - Michigan State University Onion Herbicide Update Jordan Hoekstra - Vriesland Growers Cooperative, Inc. Dan Brainard - Michigan State University Weeds in Muck Onion Rotations: Biology and Mechanical Control Dan Brainard - Michigan State University Experience with Smart Sprayers and Laser Weeders in Wisconsin Onions Jed Colquhoun - University of Wisconsin

Executive Director's Notes

Have you heard of PROTECTOURPRODUCE.COM? Members are: Michigan Vegetable Council, Michigan State Horticultural Society, Michigan Agri-Business Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Tree Fruit Commission, Michigan Blueberry Commission, Cherry Marketing Institute, and Michigan Potatoes. The AEWR Coalition has created the Protect Our Produce Media Campaign. If you have not seen it, get out there and share it. The goal is to make sure the H-2A Visa workforce program is sustainable for the employers using it. Recently, USDA decided to suspend use of the Farm Labor Survey. Hopefully this is one good step towards stabilizing the Adverse Effect Wage Rate. Protect Our Produce is constantly working on getting things done just like the suspending of the Farm Labor Survey.