

Summer 2024 Michigan Onion Committee Newsletter



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Onion Committee Meeting Calendar

Date	Location	Time
August 21, 2024	MOC twilight onion trials and dinner - V&W Farms - 4040 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315	6:00pm
Nov 12, 2024	MOC Annual Meeting, Lansing area TBD	12:30pm
March 4, 2025	Michigan Celery Bldg, 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	10:00am
June 3, 2025	Michigan Celery Bldg, 5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426	12:00pm

Two up and coming onion events:

- June 19 at 5:30 pm at Schreur Farms (White Champion Trial Meeting and Dinner. Details on last page)
- Aug 21 at 6:00pm at V&W Farms (Twilight onion trials and dinner. Details above.)



Michigan Onion Assessments

Please send assessments to:
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2024 onions are in the ground. 2024 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 2023 assessments. Please review this report and compare it with your records. All **2023 onion assessments are due before the end of June 2024.**

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
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	Influence of Tip/Leaf Burn and New Fungicides on Onion Stemphylium Leaf Blight	MSU, Dr. Mary Hausbeck's lab
MSU - GREEN	Integrating chemical, physical and robotic technologies to address critical weed problems in vegetables. White champion control in onions	MSU, Dr. Daniel Brainard's lab

2024 Great Lakes Expo is December 10-12

What's happening at Expo 2024? Labor saving Ag Tech solutions can be found in the Innovation Aisle and along main street. Look for details in registration about the Expo banquet which will now be an awards celebration. The awards celebration will be Dec 11 and open to all registered Expo attendees and it will not have a cost (Hors d'oeuvres and drinks but no longer a dinner)

2024 Michigan Onion Variety Observation Trials

The onion variety trials have been coordinated by James Young of the Michigan Onion Committee. 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 21. The onion industry is invited to this dinner, see location and time on the Onion Committee Meeting Calendar. 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.

White Champion Trial Meeting and Dinner, Michigan onion growers invited (**Not to be confused with Aug 21 Twilight seed trials and steak dinner)

Where: Schreur Farms - 4455 New Holland St. Hudsonville, MI 49426

When June 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Itinerary:

5:00 pm – Arrive

5:30 pm – Begin dinner (dinner will be provided by Syngenta and Miller Chemical)

6:30 pm – Meet in onion trial plots and observe the effects of various herbicides used (thanks to Vriesland Growers for help with the project)

7:00 pm to end – Questions/Discussion

Michigan Onion Committee (MOC) Officers for 2024-25

Chair - Mark Nail

Vice Chair - Mitch Schreur

Treasurer - James Young

Michigan Onion Committee - National Onion Association (NOA) Memberships

The Michigan Onion Committee purchased a yearly membership for all Michigan onion growers who paid assessments on the 2022 onion crop. The Michigan Onion Committee will be doing this again for those who paid assessments on the 2023 onion crop. The National Onion Association is the Onion Authority, representing growers and supporting industry throughout the United States. Go to www.onions-usa.org

Michigan Onion and Celery video on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZhAjsnaKnk>