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Upcoming Events:

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March 19, 2015

SOIL FERTILITY WORKSHOP

Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers
St. Johns, MI

June 3, 2015

GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL

USDA-GIPSA-FGIS
Toledo/Maumee Field Office

June 30, 2015

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

Hawk Hollow Golf Course
Bath, MI

August 6, 2015

APPLICATOR RODEO

Mason Learning Center
Mason, MI

August 7, 2015

CCA EXAM

Registration period:
May 4 – June 26, 2015

September 10, 2015

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The Fields Golf Course
Ithaca, MI

September 11-13, 2015

OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

The Grand Hotel
Mackinac Island, MI

December 15, 2015

2016 DRY BEAN OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

Bay City, MI
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March 6, 2015

AGFACTS[©] FACT OF THE WEEK: U.S. consumers spend about 10% of their income on food, while consumers in other countries, such as France and India, use between 13-35% of their income on food. –CropLife America

MABA'S DR. TIM BORING WILL HOST A SOIL FERTILITY WORKSHOP, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015, AT AGRO-CULTURE IN ST. JOHNS. This workshop, designed for certified crop advisers and agronomy sales personnel will cover the fundamentals of crop nutrient dynamics, including: inherent soil properties, nutrient cycles, nutrient availability, uptake pathways, loss mechanisms, fertilizer source considerations and 4R implementation. CCAs and practicing agronomy professionals who work with crop nutrient issues should plan on attending this event, which will reinforce fundamental concepts and demonstrate their role in today's advanced crop management. [CLICK HERE TO SEE FULL AGENDA AND REGISTRATION DETAILS!](#) Attendance will be limited and pre-registration is required. This is the first in what will become a series of educational opportunities on a range of issues important to the industry. To learn more about this session and plans for the future, contact Tim Boring at tim@miagbiz.org.

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH FROM 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM, THE MICHIGAN AGRI-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WILL HOST A SPECIAL MEDIA TRAINING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH THE MEDIA. The training is a free member benefit, and will be conducted online using a webinar service that allows any member with an internet connection to access the session. You may register as many employees from your business as you desire, but registration is required. [Click here to register for the March 11th media training webinar. Once registered, you will receive the webinar link.](#) During the training, you will have the opportunity to learn how reporters develop their stories as well as receive useful tips on how to interact with them (including print, radio, online and TV journalists). The training will cover examples of best practices when interacting with the media, including the tools you need when speaking to reporters. Webinar facilitators will also provide helpful insight on handling crisis communications, in order to be prepared if you face a negative situation.

CONGRESSWOMAN CANDICE MILLER, THE SOLE FEMALE HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, WILL NOT SEEK AN EIGHTH TERM, SHE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. “This is the community that I love, that I call home, and at the conclusion of my current term in office, I will be coming home. I will not seek re-election,” Miller announced in a video posted to Facebook. First elected to Congress in 2002, Miller is one of 22 women in the House GOP conference. Her district includes the eastern region of Michigan that borders Canada on land and water. In 2012, Miller became the chairwoman of the House Administration Committee, making her the unofficial “Mayor of Capitol Hill.”

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MILLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT HAS SET OFF A MAD SCRAMBLE TO DETERMINE WHO WILL REPLACE HER. Term-limited state representatives will likely express interest, as will all sitting State Senators in the district as this is a "free run" for them, which means they could run for the seat without losing their Senate position. Current State Senate terms don't expire until the end of 2018. There will also be a hard "run to the right," as this district is viewed as pretty conservative. Depending on who gets in the race, that could affect the tenor and tone in the state legislature as candidates vie for a favored status.

A GROUP OF FOUR FROM MICHIGAN VISITED CUBA THIS WEEK TO ASSESS OPPORTUNITIES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ISLAND NATION. There will be a complete report in next week's AgFacts.

DISCUSSION CONTINUES ON PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR THE PESTICIDE, FERTILIZER AND FEED INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS MAJOR CHANGES TO THE FEED LAW. We will be issuing a special AgFacts next week highlighting these discussions, possible changes, and what they could mean to you and your business.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 13TH, 2015, WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED AND ENFORCED ON ALL STATE TRUNKLINE HIGHWAYS FROM THE SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BORDER NORTH TO AND INCLUDING THE MACKINAC BRIDGE. State trunkline highways typically carry M, I, or US designations. Weight restriction information and updates may be obtained by calling 1-800-787-8960. On routes designated as "All Season Routes" (green or gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map) there will be no reduction in legal axle weight. On routes designated as "Seasonal" (solid or dashed red on the MDOT Truck Operators Map) there will be a weight reduction of 25% for rigid pavements and 35% for flexible pavements. Extended permits will be valid for oversize only in the weight restricted area. Single trip permits will not be issued for overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width, 11 axles and 150 feet in overall length in the weight restricted area. Detailed Weight Restriction information may be obtained by linking to www.michigan.gov/truckers. Please refer to the MDOT Truck Operator's Map for route designations.

IN A LETTER SENT TO MICHIGAN GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER, AGRIBUSINESS LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ARE CALLING FOR MANDATORY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IN THE STATE'S ENERGY POLICY. The letter comes as the Michigan Legislature is poised to address the state's energy policy, and just ahead of an expected policy address on energy by the Governor. "Agribusinesses have seen first-hand the benefits of energy efficiency programs," said Jim Byrum, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA). "Because of the unique nature and seasonality of what we do, we do not believe the utilities would have been responsive to our needs without mandated energy efficiency programs." The letter explains that it was only after agribusinesses intervened in a Michigan Public Service Commission case that one of the major utilities stepped forward to provide meaningful programs for Michigan agribusinesses. Without the mandate to offer energy efficiency programs, the business owners believe they would not have seen these opportunities.

A TOTAL OF FIVE COUNTRIES HAVE NOW BANNED IMPORTS OF CANADIAN BEEF PRODUCTS IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF A NEW BSE CASE IN ALBERTA. Taiwan, Peru, Indonesia, and Belarus have joined South Korea in imposing temporary bans. Canada's agriculture

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minister Gerry Ritz says officials in major export markets such as the U.S. and Japan have not given any indication they intend to impose bans.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING ON A BILL THAT COULD PREEMPT STATE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM (GMO) LABELING LAWS.

Introduced by Congressman Mike Pompeo last year, the bill has yet to be introduced in this Congress. Biotechnology and food industry groups want to change the bill in order to broaden sponsorship of the legislation to include the Agriculture Committee and draw in more Democrats. “Policymakers as well as industry recognize that if a bill is to move, it has to go through both houses with bipartisan support,” said a biotech industry source, adding that “there wasn’t a lot of (House) Agriculture Committee support” for the measure. One key change likely to be made in the legislation is allowing the USDA some shared jurisdiction with the FDA, meaning the House Agriculture Committee would have jurisdiction over the bill along with Energy and Commerce, which oversees the FDA. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway declined to talk about the bill, only saying, “we’re looking at the issue to decide where a solution might lie.” House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Fred Upton has indicated that any bill on GMO labeling would be under his committee’s jurisdiction.

MCDONALD’S SAID THIS WEEK THAT THEY WILL BEGIN USING CHICKEN FROM BIRDS THAT ARE NOT RAISED WITH ANTIBIOTICS USED TO TREAT HUMANS.

Because they are one of the largest buyers of chicken in the United States (McDonald’s sells more chicken than beef) the move is likely to have a major impact on the way poultry is raised and the kind of chicken served by restaurants. The shift toward offering chicken that is largely antibiotic-free will be phased in over two years. McDonald’s also said that later this year, they will give customers the choice of low-fat and chocolate milk from cows that have not been treated with the artificial growth hormone, rBST. “The last time McDonald’s did something like this, five other fast-food companies made similar announcements within six months,” said Steven Roach, food safety program director for Food Animal Concerns, one of the advocacy groups involved in the coalition Keep Antibiotics Working.

THE PREVENTION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE ACT (PARA) HAS BEEN REINTRODUCED TO THE SENATE.

The bill is intended to combat the overuse of antibiotics in livestock. It is sponsored by Senators Dianne Feinstein and Susan Collins, and was previously introduced in June 2013. The bill requires the FDA to withdraw approval of medically-important antibiotics used for disease prevention or control that are at high risk of abuse, unless the producer of the drug can demonstrate its use in agriculture does not pose a risk to human health. Antibiotics that meet human risk requirements would receive a revised label that support prudent antibiotic use. The FDA estimates there are 107 antibiotics used for therapeutic purposes, including disease prevention, that do not have a defined duration of therapy, or are labeled for continuous use.

UNIONS ARE WORKING ON A KEY SENATE DEMOCRAT TO KEEP HIM FROM SIGNING ON TO TRADE LEGISLATION.

Ron Wyden, the ranking member on the Senate Finance Committee, is the target of campaigns by liberal and anti-trade groups in the Capitol and in his home state of Oregon. These groups oppose giving the president fast-track trade authority that would allow lawmakers to approve or reject trade agreements, but not change them. Wyden has voted for past trade agreements, and Oregon businesses are urging him to back the Trade Promotion Authority this time around, too. Labor unions plan a rally Wednesday with several House Democrats in order to continue to underscore opposition to fast-track authority.

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**MABA IN
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THE AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE COALITION, A COLLECTION OF 70 GROUPS REPRESENTING FARM AND AGRIBUSINESS EMPLOYERS, REGISTERED ITS OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY E-VERIFY LEGISLATION PENDING IN CONGRESS, EVEN AS THERE IS NO EFFORT TO FIX TO THE COUNTRY'S BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM. The coalition says it would mean the demise of thousands of farming operations across the country that rely on migrant labor. Growers of vegetables and fruit would be hit particularly hard under the employment verification legislation.

THE BIOFUELS INDUSTRY WANTS THE WHITE HOUSE TO PRESS THE EPA TO SCRAP ITS PROPOSED FUEL MANDATES FOR 2014 AND PROPOSE NEW MANDATES MORE FAVORABLE TO RENEWABLE FUELS. “Now that EPA has outlined its timeline, we urge you to direct EPA to craft a new rule that supports growth for existing and new biofuels technologies and lives up to the original intent of the bipartisan law,” industry leaders say. In 2013, the agency proposed waiving the overall mandate of 18.15 billion gallons contained in a 2007 energy law (PL 110-140) that expanded the Renewable Fuel Standard. The preliminary proposal for 2014 marked the first time the EPA indicated it was prepared to reduce the overall mandate. The bulk of the renewable fuel production is ethanol made from corn starch, and would drop to 13 billion gallons from the 13.8 billion gallons in 2013 and 14.4 billion gallons set for 2014 under the 2007 energy law.

U.S. SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW AND CONGRESSWOMAN CANDICE MILLER HAVE INTRODUCED BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO STOP ASIAN CARP AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES FROM ENTERING THE GREAT LAKES. The Defending Our Great Lakes Act will give federal agencies broad authority to take immediate actions to stop the spread of Asian carp and other invasive species. This legislation will also require key agencies to work with regional stakeholders to institute long-term measures to stop the spread of invasive species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The legislation gives the Army Corps of Engineers authority to take short-term and long-term actions to prevent the spread of invasive species at a critical control point near the western end of the Chicago Area Waterway System—the Brandon Road Lock and Dam. Recent reports have called for the construction of an engineered channel to put control technologies in place at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam, such as additional electric barriers, carbon dioxide bubble screens, underwater sound cannons, and pheromones. The Army Corps of Engineers announced in December that they are evaluating which technologies will be most effective at keeping invasive species out of the Great Lakes Basin. This bill gives the Corps the flexibility to choose from all of their available options prior to making a decision.

RECENT POLLING BY THE DES MOINES REGISTER HAS SHOWN A MAJORITY OF IOWA RESIDENTS SUPPORT THE LEGAL ACTION THE DES MOINES WATER WORKS IS TAKING AGAINST UPSTREAM DRAINAGE DISTRICTS REGARDING WATER QUALITY. 71% of urban residents support the lawsuit, though support drops to 63% in small towns. Rural residents are split, with 44% saying Water Works is right, 42% saying the utility is wrong and 14% unsure.

THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (MPCA) HAS RELEASED A STUDY FINDING FEW STREAMS IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE MEETING ACCEPTABLE WATER QUALITY LEVELS FOR FISHING OR SWIMMING. The study said of 93 streams tested, just three could fully support aquatic life, and only one should be used for recreation or is swimmable. The five lakes studied all failed to meet aquatic recreation standards of E.

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coli concentrations. Forrest Peterson of the MPCA said, "Improving water quality will require changes on the land draining to the basin, especially reducing pollutants from farming practices." The report specifically blames high levels of bacteria, nitrates and sediment as the cause of the poor water quality.

THE PORT OF MUSKEGON HAS RECEIVED FUNDING TO EXPLORE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE MICHIGAN SHIPPING. The \$125,000 grant from the newly formed West Michigan Prosperity Alliance will examine infrastructure and logistics needs, as well as organizational structure requirements. Development of Muskegon's port has been identified as the Alliance's top priority for 2015. The grant comes on the heels of \$1.4 million in proposed funding for the dredging of Muskegon Harbor in President Obama's 2015 budget.

CONGRESSMEN JOHN CONYERS AND EARL BLUMENAUER HAVE REINTRODUCED THE SAVING AMERICA'S POLLINATORS ACT OF 2015. The act requires the administrator of the environmental protection agency (EPA) to suspend the use of certain insecticides, known as neonicotinoids, until the agency can review the registration and declare that such insecticides do not cause adverse effects upon honey bees and other pollinators.

A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR MONTHS TO DETERMINE WHAT LED TO THE POISONING DEATH OF 50,000 TURKEYS ON A WEST MICHIGAN FARM LAST AUGUST. The details of what went wrong, and how far-reaching the problem may be, have not yet been explained by the FDA or USDA, the lead agencies investigating the matter. Rick Sietsema, with Sietsema Farms told the Kalamazoo Gazette that entire flocks of turkeys at five of the farm's locations died on the same weekend, before any of the birds went to market. Because feed was the only common denominator between the birds, that was the prime suspect. Hogs that had been fed similar feed were held off the market for 28 days, but no trace of contamination was found in meat samples later submitted for testing. Until the investigation is finished, officials have declined to comment on what happened. Sietsema said he is anxious to learn from federal investigators exactly how tainted grease intended for industrial uses was instead shipped to his farm as a feed additive. Details of what the FDA's trace-back revealed were not immediately available, but an Ohio company issued a voluntary national recall due to the "death of turkeys" including a "load sold on or before September 17, 2014, with a geographic distribution of the United States." No quantity or source was specified.

SCHOOL MEAL DIRECTORS CLOGGED CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES LAST WEEK TO DELIVER A MENU OF CHANGES TO FEDERAL NUTRITION POLICY AND USDA PROGRAMS THAT ARE AIMED AT ADDRESSING CHILD HUNGER AND POVERTY. There is widespread confusion, concern, and displeasure at some of the USDA's new regulations and requirements.

USDA'S ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) IS WITHDRAWING ITS 2008 PROPOSED RULE THAT WOULD HAVE AMENDED THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION (IMPORTATION, INTERSTATE MOVEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASE) OF CERTAIN GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS. APHIS received over 88,300 comments on the proposed rule. Based on those comments, experience over the past 28 years in the marketplace, and continuing advances in biotechnology, APHIS has decided to withdraw the rule and begin fresh stakeholder engagement aimed at exploring alternative policy approaches. For related documents and more info, [click here](#).

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A NEW SURVEY ON DATA SECURITY AND USAGE IDENTIFIES CHALLENGES FOR PRODUCERS LOOKING TO USE FARM MANAGEMENT DATA WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE SECURITY OF THEIR OPERATION.

The survey, sponsored by Case IH, includes responses from 331 producers with 1,000 acres or more in production. Of those surveyed, 76% said they currently use a data system. The survey shows 21% either believe their supplier owns the data from their system or they don't know who owns the data. Less than half of the producers claim to have agreements limiting the amount of data providers can share. When asked to provide definitions for terms such as "personal data," "machine data" and "agronomic data," nearly 40% said they did not have one. The survey also revealed producer concerns about their ability to share data among brands of equipment. While 39% said they could transfer data among brands of equipment, 36% said they didn't know whether they could, and 25% said they could not transfer the data.

THE NUMBER OF U.S. GRAIN ELEVATORS, MILLS AND FEEDLOTS THAT WILL BUY CORN PRODUCED FROM SYNGENTA AG'S AGRISURE DURACADE TRAIT HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE JULY, AFTER THE CHINESE GRANTED APPROVAL OF THE TRAIT.

The number of locations accepting corn containing the trait increased to 1,652 from 672 in the past seven months, which is important with planting right around the corner. Syngenta declined to estimate how many acres will be planted with Duracade seed because the company is still accepting orders.

SYNGENTA HAS INTRODUCED THE ENOGEN VALUE TRACKER, A NEW TOOL FOR ENOGEN CORN GROWERS DESIGNED TO SIMPLIFY GRAIN TRACKING.

Beginning this year, the Enogen Value Tracker - a naturally derived, non-GMO purple tracer trait - will be included in select bags of Enogen hybrids. Syngenta intends to include the Enogen Value Tracker in all bags of Enogen seed over time. During the growing season, the Enogen Value Tracker will appear as randomly dispersed purple plants across an Enogen field (inside the border rows) and will represent up to 5% of the plants in a given field. The grain produced from these purple (and neighboring) plants will be comprised of both yellow and purple kernels to make visually tracking Enogen corn easier from harvest through storage and processing. The purple kernels will also help make sure this high value grain is delivered to its intended destination. The Enogen Value Tracker will reinforce good stewardship practices and help growers more easily manage border rows and visually track Enogen grain from harvest through delivery to the ethanol plant, where it is intended. Enogen growers are required to follow specific, yet simple, stewardship guidelines to receive a 40 cents per bushel (on average) premium.

DUPONT'S JAMES BOREL, SPEAKING AT THE BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH 2015 GLOBAL AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTED NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PIONEER PLATFORM.

He mentioned the launch of Optimum Leptra corn hybrids in the southern United States in 2014, and the recent Chinese import approval of the Agrisure Viptera trait. DuPont Pioneer plans to expand its U.S. lineup of Optimum Leptra corn hybrids in 2015 and also expects to launch in Brazil during the 2015/16 Safrinha season, pending field testing and regulatory reviews. DuPont Pioneer anticipates the approaching launch of DP 4114 will help enable it to develop higher yielding corn hybrids and expand its triple-stack offerings to about half of its North American corn volume mix in the years following introduction. DP 4114 received cultivation approval in the United States and Canada in 2013 and will be tested in Pioneer's IMPACT trial system in 2015. It is anticipated to launch in a stack configuration early in the second half of this decade.

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MONSANTO PLANS TO EXPAND ITS TRAINING AND EDUCATION EFFORTS TO REACH MORE GROWERS AND A BROADER GEOGRAPHY WITH THE PENDING LAUNCH OF ROUNDUP READY 2 XTEND SOYBEANS LATER THIS YEAR. The USDA deregulated Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans in January, and the company anticipates the new technology will be available to growers in 2016, pending regulatory approvals. In-field training for growers and retailers will include Roundup Ready Learning Xperience sites and the Ground Breakers program.

GREG ARMSTRONG, GENERAL MANAGER OF BATTLE CREEK FARM BUREAU RETIRED THIS PAST FRIDAY AFTER 35 ½ YEARS OF SERVICE.

Also retiring were Diane Armstrong (Greg's wife) after 12 years of service, and Larry Martz after 30 years of service as Manager of the Battle Creek location. Ron Balowski, who has worked for BCFB for 20 years as an Agronomist and Custom Spray Applicator, was named the new General Manager and Barb Winkler, who has 7 years experience, was named the new Manager of the Battle Creek location.

PINNACLE AGRICULTURE HAS LAUNCHED A NEW RETAIL LOCATION IN NEW CASTLE, INDIANA. The new location will focus on all aspects of agronomy supply, and has a full complement of experienced, local staff.

A DEVELOPMENT AS A RESULT OF A MEETING WITH USDA DEPUTY SECRETARY KRYSTA HARDEN ARE PLANS FOR A WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE FORUM IN MICHIGAN. With more and more women in the agri-business sector, this seems very timely. If you or anyone on your staff is interested in helping plan this event, contact Kara Kyser in the MABA Office at kara@miagbiz.org. For more info on USDA's new Women in Ag program, [click here](#).

MABA IS SPONSORING A GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL ON JUNE 3 AT THE USDA-GIPSA-FGIS – TOLEDO/MAUMEE FIELD OFFICE. Lynn Thomas, Assistant Field Office Manager will cover procedures and the interpretive line for Corn, Wheat and Soybeans, with time spent performing hands-on picking of various samples. If you have a specific sample that you would like graded please feel free to bring it. The session will begin at 7:30 A.M. and adjourn at noon. Registration fees will be \$20 for MABA members and \$30 for non-members. [Information & Registration](#). This class is limited to 20 participants. If you attempt to register and get a message that the meeting is closed please email maba@miagbiz.org with the number that would like to attend and we will see if we can set-up a 2nd session on a different day.

MABA WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED MABA'S 82ND ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW THIS JANUARY! Planning has already begun for the 83rd Conference in 2016. We welcome and would appreciate feedback and suggestions for our planning process. If you have ideas for potential sessions or speakers you'd like to see on the agenda, let us know. Please email comments or feedback to maba@miagbiz.org. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

CCA EXAM REGISTRATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2015 exam will be accepted May 4 - June 26, 2015. To register [Click Here](#). Study guides for the Michigan Exam are available from the MABA office, [click here](#) for information. For those planning to take the Michigan exam, we are working on organizing a full-day Study Session in July. The location will be in East Lansing at the MABA office and the cost will be \$135.00, which includes the Michigan Study Guide. Please send an email to maba@miagbiz.org if you are interested in attending and we will make sure you receive additional information as it becomes available.

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THE 2015 EDUCATIONAL TRUST 30-WEEK RAFFLE DRAWINGS WILL BEGIN ON JULY 2ND. To purchase tickets [Click Here](#). The MABA Educational Trust is also selling raffle tickets for a Pine Portage Lodge Fishing Trip for Two! Donated by Watson's Algoma Vacations Ltd. Pine Portage Lodge, this trip for two features a 3 Day American Plan or 4 Day Housekeeping Plan Fishing Vacation for Two. Depending on the plan selected, package could include meals, accommodations, boat, motor/gas and return charter flights from Wawa, Ontario to PINE PORTAGE LODGE on beautiful Kabinakagami Lake, Ontario, Canada! The raffle drawing will be held on June 30, 2015 at the MABA Educational Trust Golf Outing. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$20.00. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets! [Click here](#) for more info.

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MOLINE CO-OP IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER. Moline Co-op, a full service west Michigan Co-op with grain, feed, petroleum, agronomy and all the related services is seeking applicants for the position of General Manager. This position requires the ability to plan and direct all aspects of the co-op, including personnel management, sales and marketing, day to day activities, regulation compliance, and the ability to work with area producers. Experience preferred, but on the job training is possible. To apply, send resume with work history to: Moline Co-op, ATTN: Board President, P.O. Box 290, Moline, MI 49335. Email davetroost@hotmail.com for more information.

A NEW MALT HOUSE IN MICHIGAN IS LOOKING FOR A GRAIN CLEANER/SEED CLEANER FOR THEIR OPERATION, SPECIFICALLY A CLIPPER M2B WITH SACKING ATTACHMENT OR A CTI ELIMINATOR 224 WITH SACKING ATTACHMENT. Please call Dan Bailey at 248-835-7639 if you have one for sale.

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THE WINNER OF LAST WEEK'S CONTEST WAS MARK MUELLER WITH ABIS ONLINE! The photo shown last week was taken in **Sparta of the Sparta Elevator**. Congrats Dan!