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## News and Views

I attended the Delta County Dairy Industry banquet last month and had the opportunity to meet more dairy farmers and industry professionals. It's always interesting to hear of the common challenges facing agriculture in the Upper Peninsula. Maple Leaf Farms, Ray & Larry Hughes, received special recognition for having somatic cell count less than 200,000 cells/ml. It's refreshing to see industry organizations recognizing their producers for going above and beyond when producing a safe, wholesome, high quality product.

I would also like to congratulate Diane Hanson for her appointment by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture. Diane is a seed potato grower from Cornell, MI and is already a member of the United States Potato Board having been appointed by U.S.D.A. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, in March of 2010. The Upper Peninsula agriculture community is happy to have Diane representing them and would like to offer a big thank you to her for serving.

I am really excited about this year's Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference which will be held on Tuesday, March 8th in Escanaba. The list of classes does a great job of fitting the theme of helping farmers be profitable and successful in the future. The key note speaker is Keith Creagh, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Creagh will be discussing the Department's plan to utilize agriculture to help revitalize Michigan's Economy.

On that note, Governor Snyder has spoke frequently of the roll agriculture has in improving the State's economy and the importance of utilizing the Michigan Dashboard to view the State's progress. The Dashboard is a website that tells you how the state performs in areas that affect you and your family and compares Michigan's performance with other states. It can be found at [www.michigan.gov/midashboard](http://www.michigan.gov/midashboard).

With that in mind, the Agriculture Institute of Michigan State University Extension, will be directing programs with three main objectives: creating jobs, increasing rural incomes and improving water quality. Extension staff will be evaluating programs directed at meeting those three criteria in an effort to help improve the state's performance.

We in agriculture, collectively, have an exceptional challenge in the future. We should take the challenge not as a responsibility but as an opportunity to increase profitability. In doing so we can continue to improve the State's dashboard measurement of performance by creating jobs and increasing incomes. We need to do this while producing safe, wholesome, high quality foods and protecting our environment in the process. A great challenge for great people.

- Frank

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**MARKET REPORT** (02/23/11)

By Frank Wardynski, MSU Extension Educator

**Market Ready Prices**

Choice Steers	\$105-\$111	per 100 lbs.
Holstein Steers	\$85-\$98	per 100 lbs.
Hogs	\$57-63	per 100 lbs.
Lambs	\$155-\$175	per 100 lbs.
Cull cows	\$40-\$75	per 100 lbs.

**Breeding and Feeder Animals**

Grade Holstein cows	\$1200 - 1600	per head
Grade Holstein bred heifers	\$1000 - 1400	per head
Deacon calves (Mich. Market)	\$40-\$95	per 100 #

**“Farm Account” Feed Prices across the UP**  
(2/22/2011)

	Avg. \$/cwt	Avg. \$/ton	Price Range
Corn	\$12.89	\$257.70	\$220-291
Soymeal	\$21.14	\$422.75	\$400-449
Oats	\$10.31	\$206.25	\$190-220

**Small Animal Swap and Sale**

Ontonagon County 4-H Annual Small Animal Swap and Sale will be held Saturday, May 21, at the Recreation Park in Bruce Crossing, one block north of the US-45/M-28 junction. The sale is open to the public & begins at 9:00 am EST.

The cost for vendors to sell is \$2. All poultry will be tested on site for Pullorum disease. Vendors must comply with USDA health requirements for their animals. Cages, pens or take home boxes are not provided.

4-H encourages the sale of healthy animals only; vendors who are reported to sell otherwise will not be invited to return. Ontonagon County 4-H facilitates this sale, but is in no way responsible for the transactions that take place between buyer and seller.

To participate as a vendor or for more information call the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at (906) 884-4386 or email [msue66@msu.edu](mailto:msue66@msu.edu).



**\*Please Note\***

**Fertilizer for Crops Meeting CANCELLED**

The meeting scheduled at the Greenland Township Community Center, Mass City, Ontonagon County March 18th is

**Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference**

**Tuesday, March 8th, 2011, 9:30 ~ 4:00 pm ET** at the Heirman Center, Bay College, Escanaba

The price of food and energy are going up! Should you be growing your own food, getting into the biomass/wind energy market or are you already farming and need the latest information to keep up with rising costs? The 22 educational sessions offered at the conference and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director, Keith Creagh’s, noon time update can provide you with the best and latest information you need for the 2011 growing season.

There will be experts from John Deere, Bridgestone Tire, MSU Extension, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Brillion Farm Equipment and other U.P. producers sharing their experience and expertise.

The conference brochure can be found at the MSU Extension Delta County web site at <[www.msue.msu.edu/delta](http://www.msue.msu.edu/delta)> .

**Backyard Beekeeping Workshops to be held**

Ontonagon County MSU Extension is once again teaming up with Les McBean, owner of White Birch Apiary in Bruce Crossing, to offer two Backyard Beekeeping Workshops. Both workshops will be held at the Ewen-Trout School, 144 Airport Road in Ewen.

The Beginning Beekeeping workshop will be held Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4:30 pm EST. McBean will cover a variety of topics including what equipment is needed to get started, equipment easily made at home, the latest in beekeeping news, medications, building bear fences and more. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Advanced Beekeeping workshop will be held Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4:30 pm EST. McBean will discuss the 2010 season highs and lows, testing your honey for water content, storing honey and more. A demonstration on over-winter wraps will be given. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pre-registration is required. The registration fee, \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth, 12-18 years old, includes lunch. For more information or for a registration form, contact the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at 884-4386 or email [msue66@msu.edu](mailto:msue66@msu.edu).

## **Roundup Ready Alfalfa is Approved**

*By Dr. Doo-Hong Min, Extension Forage Specialist, MSUE/UP Research Center*

Alfalfa is the major legume forage crop in the Midwest United States and is produced for on-farm dairy and livestock feed and as a cash crop. There are 1.2 million acres of alfalfa fields in the State of Michigan. Roundup ready alfalfa varieties offer a new option for weed removal during stand establishment and in established stands. Weed management systems which utilize glyphosate as the main method of weed control could have potential benefits not previously observed with traditional practices. It took almost four years to get the final approval of planting a roundup ready alfalfa (RRA) by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in late January, after several rounds of regulation, deregulation, and re-regulation without conditions. Over the past several years, lots of debate took place regarding concerns of potential gene flow into conventional alfalfa fields and adverse effects on plants and animals including threatened or endangered species. With the USDA's approval and announcement, farmers in the U.S.A. can plant RRA starting this spring. Planting RRA can be one of the tools in controlling heavy weed invasion that happens in typical alfalfa fields by using less herbicide, possibly resulting in less environmental impacts. RRA can kill grass if RRA is planted with grass in binary mixtures so that RRA should be planted as pure stands rather than alfalfa-grass mixtures. Electronic copy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Roundup Ready Alfalfa has been published and can be found at [www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/downloads/alfalfa/gt\\_alfalfa%20\\_feis.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/downloads/alfalfa/gt_alfalfa%20_feis.pdf).

## **Please help the BVD Project**

*By Ben Bartlett, Extension Educator, MSUE Alger Regional Office*

On the last week of February, we sent surveys to every cattle operation in the U.P. with more than one or two head of cattle. *If you have cattle and did not get a survey, please give us a call at 906-439-5880.* The reason for the survey is to find out what worked and what did not work with the U.P. BVD eradication project carried out over the last three years. Your feedback is VERY important, especially if you did not participate. The program was voluntary; however the goal was to benefit you and the U.P. cattle industry. If you did not participate, we really want to know how we could make the program better for you. Your opinion counts! If you did participate, we want to know how it worked and what, if any, benefits you received. Funding future disease programs will significantly depend on potential impact and your information will help put together stronger and more valuable proposals in the future.

Thank you to all U.P. beef cattle and dairy cattle producers. It has been great working with you and the BVD eradication project has been very interesting, informative, and hopefully useful. We will be sending out a project summary that includes the testing results and also the results of the survey.

**Please return the survey – we need your opinion! Ben**

## **March MDA Pesticide Exam Schedule**

The exams for pesticide recertification through the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be available at the MSU Extension office of Delta County at 2840 College Avenue, Escanaba on March 22 at 9:00 a.m. ET. It will also be offered at the Alger Co. MSU Extension Office, E9526 Prospect St. Suite 1, Munising (located near Wetmore) on March 23 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Please bring your certification renewal application that was mailed to you last October to the exam site, if you no longer have your renewal application, make sure you bring your certification card. The fee for exam is \$50 for private and \$75 for commercial use. Checks or money orders can be made payable to the State of Michigan (no cash). Applicators need to bring a photo ID.

The Core study manual is new since last October 2008 and all manuals can be purchased through MSU Extension. All certification applications will be available at the exam site. Contact your local MSU Extension to order the manuals or they can be ordered directly from the MSU Extension's portal at <http://www.msue.msu.edu/portal/> and clicking on publications.

To schedule an appointment for an exam at both sites call the MDA during business hours (8am-5pm Eastern Time) at the MDA toll-free number at 1-800-292-3939. If you have questions regarding the exams you can call the MDA number or email David White at [<whited@michigan.gov>](mailto:whited@michigan.gov).

## Getting the job done: MSU Extension announces 2011 dates for breeding soundness exam clinics for beef bulls

*By Frank Wardynski, MSUE Extension Educator*

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension educators specializing in the beef industry will be conducting a series of breeding soundness clinics across the state to help producers ensure that their beef bulls are healthy and ready for the breeding season.

Dr. Dan Grooms, professor and associate chairperson of the MSU Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine, notes that about 20 to 25 percent of all breeding age bulls do not pass a soundness exam annually. "All beef producers are encouraged to test their bulls before the start of the breeding season," he says. "By identifying potential fertility problems up front, producers can reduce their risk for a less-than-optimum breeding season, thereby saving themselves time and money."

In 2010, the program tested 286 bulls from 97 different farms. Of those tested, 51 bulls, or 18 percent, didn't pass the exam.

Producers can have their bulls checked by scheduling with their veterinarians for a herd visit or attending one of the bull breeding soundness exam clinics offered by MSU Extension. The cost to have a bull checked at one of the MSU Extension clinics is \$55 per bull. The 2011 soundness exam clinics for the Upper Peninsula are scheduled for April 18–22. To schedule a time to bring bull(s) to the clinic, owners must call Frank Wardynski at the Ontonagon County MSU Extension at 906-884-4386 or email wardynsk@anr.msu.edu for more information on locations and times.

## Foot and Mouth Disease in South Korea

*By Ben Bartlett DVM.*

We often forget how big a deal "animal disease" can be. South Korea identified the F & M disease out-break about 75 days ago. They have not been able to contain the F & M outbreak even though they are a well-developed country with good government, good communication, and good science.

Here are two newspaper clips about the current situation:

"South Korea will set up a task force to develop new foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) countermeasures to protect the country from future outbreaks, the farm ministry said Monday (14 February). The move comes as the country is grappling with the severest outbreak of the disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals, reports Yonhap. The disease has spread to six provinces and three major cities since the first case was confirmed on 29 November 2010, forcing authorities to **cull a record 3.31 million head of cattle, pigs, goats and deer.**"

"On 15 February, the government announced comprehensive measures to prevent environmental pollution in the areas where the slain cattle and pigs were dumped in the wake of the spread of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) across the country. The measures are centered on monitoring the burial sites and surrounding areas using up-to-date devices and introducing a soil contamination warning system to prevent pollution of the areas by leachate, according to Yonhap. The measures call for a systematic monitoring of groundwater quality around the roughly **4,600 burial sites.**" (bolding by Ben)

You would think we could "manage" diseases better today but whether it's TB in Michigan or F & M in South Korea, animal diseases are still a huge challenge. There's still a lot to learn.

## FSA News

*By Your local Farm Service Agency office*

### 2011 NAP COVERAGE

Producers are reminded that **MARCH 15, 2011** is the deadline to purchase 2011 NAP coverage on spring seeded crops for \$250 per crop. NAP coverage is available on crops that FCIC Crop Insurance won't cover. Make sure you cover all of your crops that are economically significant for your operation to protect program benefits.

### 2010 CROP LOANS

Need some cash to buy seed, fertilizer or fuel? Consider a nine month farm stored loan. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to request a loan on your 2010 crop small grains or honey. Loans on 2010 corn and soybeans are available until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### FARM RECORD CHANGES FOR 2011

Are you picking up new land or dropping ground that you worked last year? Now is the time to contact your local FSA to make the record change.

### ATTENTION NAP Forage or Grazing Policy Holders

Keep in mind that you must file your 2011 acreage report on pasture or hay 30 calendar before grazing or hay harvest. Call your FSA Office to make an appointment.

## Wind Farm in da U.P., Eh?

By Paul Naasz

For several years, Heritage Sustainable Energy, Traverse City, has been developing a wind farm project for the Garden Peninsula of the U.P. Heritage Sustainable Energy is a leading Michigan-based wind power company composed of longtime Michigan residents. They are committed to working closely with land owners to maximize the productivity of their leases, minimize the intrusiveness, and realize the ultimate goal of providing Michigan with clean, renewable power for years to come.

Rick Wilson, V.P. of Operations for Heritage, will be the guest speaker at the Growing U.P. Agriculture Association (GUPAA) annual meeting on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Rick is Heritage's Project Manager and will discuss the status of the wind farm in the Garden and aspects involved in developing wind farms. Rick has a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Denison University and a Masters in Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning from North Carolina State University. Prior to working with Heritage, Rick was integrally involved in the farmland and natural area conservation efforts of Michigan. From 1993 to 2004 he worked with the Little Traverse, Leelanau and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancies in addition to the Michigan Farm Bureau. He facilitates and implements all aspects and phases of Heritage's business.

The GUPAA Annual Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> will be held in Room 962 of the Heirman University Center at Bay College in Escanaba with registration beginning at 10:30 am ET. GUPAA will begin their annual business meeting at 11:00 am and Mr. Wilson will deliver his presentation at approximately 1:30 pm. GUPAA serves as an umbrella organization for UP agriculture and is currently responsible for developing the Research Priorities for the U.P. as well as being an advisory group to MSU Extension and the U.P. Experiment Station. We hope you will join us on April 1<sup>st</sup> to hear Rick's interesting presentation on the prospects of wind energy production in the UP. For more information, please call 906-439-5114.

### MSU Experiment Station name changes to MSU AgBio Research

Please note, the previously named MSU Experiment Station is now MSU AgBio Research. Their new web site can be found at [www.agbioresearch.msu.edu/uprc](http://www.agbioresearch.msu.edu/uprc)

Available on this site are past issues of the U.P. Ag Connections newsletters and the current U.P. phone guides and forage research trial results.

UPDATE-UP Ag Connections Phone Guide change: Artificial Insemination, please remove John Summer as the contact for Genex Cooperative and replace with:  
 Jeff Fischer, Peshtigo, WI 715-923-1798  
[jfischer@crinet.com](mailto:jfischer@crinet.com)

### Wanted & For Sale



For Sale: 2009 John Deere 338 Square baler. No kicker, only 2,700 bales put through, still under warranty. *Merv Lahaie 906-886-2730*

For Sale: 3rd crop alfalfa silage bales. 21% protein.  
*Jerry Folcik 906-466-2699*

For Sale: 5,000 bales good green hay. No rain.  
*John Talsma 906-827-3827*

For Sale: Dairy quality individual wrap 4x4 round alfalfa silage bales. We load you haul. *Bergdahl Farm, Skandia 906-942-7344*

Wanted: Dutch belted dairy heifer or bull. (not a belted Galloway)  
*Deb Dix at 906-884-2866 or email: legcie@jamadots.com*

For Sale: Hay-silage bales 2nd cut, small square bales 1st & 2nd cut, round bales 1st and 2nd cut stored inside. Call for more information. *John Miron 906-384-6541 or 384-6530*

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### REMINDER!

Plan now for FFA Alumni consignment auction!

Get that equipment out from behind the barn now— plenty of time to do a little fix-up/tune-up!

**Date: Sunday, April 10 starting at NOON**

Location: Havelka's Construction on Hwy 41 just south of Wallace, MI.

Call 906-753-4192 for more information.



**BUY OR SELL!**

## **2011 Bay de Noc Gardening Conference** *By Warren Schauer, MSUE Regional Extension Educator*

A conference for gardeners will be offered on Saturday, April 9. The all day event will be held at Bay College, Escanaba. Fifteen classes will be offered. Participants will be able to choose to attend three.

This year's conference will feature keynote speaker Melinda Myers, nationally known gardening expert. She is best known for her gardener friendly and practical approach to gardening and has more than 30 years of horticulture experience in both hands-on and instructional settings. She has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. She has received recognition and numerous awards.

The title of Myers presentation will be, "Affordable Eco-Friendly Landscape Makeovers". Add sparkle, drama or a bit of flare to your landscape. Whether you have a large lot, small city space or just a balcony we'll look at eco friendly renovation ideas. Everything from screening, garden art, containers and new plantings will be explored; plus new and old plant favorites that can provide year round interest attract wildlife or create the needed focal point in your landscape.

There are fifteen other sessions offered at the conference. Topics include: orchids, vegetable gardening, weed control in vegetables, garden paths, willow, moss terrarium, ponds, pruning, herbs, daylilies, roses, season extending, and clematis. The program is open to anyone with an interest in gardening and qualifies for Master Gardener educational credit.

The cost of the program is \$35 per person. This includes morning refreshments, lunch and up to three classes plus the keynote presentation. Registration deadline is March 18. Only pre-paid registrations will be accepted. For a registration brochure and more information contact the Delta County MSU Extension at 906-786-3032. The brochure can also be found at the MSU Extension Delta County web site at <[www.msue.msu.edu/delta](http://www.msue.msu.edu/delta)>.

## **Michigan Department of Agriculture Announces Specialty Crop Grant Opportunity** *Proposals due to MDA by April 1, 2011*

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Keith Creagh and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry today announced new opportunities for Michigan businesses thanks to the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Ag Marketing Services. The program is designed to enhance the competitiveness of Michigan's specialty crops. Grant proposals must be received by MDA no later than April 1, 2011.

"This grant program provides a unique opportunity for our state's specialty crop producers to enhance their profitability by expanding their domestic and international markets," said Creagh. "We appreciate Senator Stabenow's continued support of Michigan's agriculture industry and look forward to continued partnerships in the future."

Because of Senator Stabenow's work, the 2008 Farm Bill (Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008) was the first one in history to recognize the importance of specialty crops – fruits, vegetables, nursery products, and floriculture.

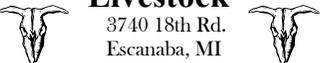
"I authored this grant program during the most recent Farm Bill so our growers can continue to make significant investments in Michigan's specialty crop sector," said Senator Stabenow. "These grants support the men and women who grow fruits and vegetables – and create thousands of jobs throughout Michigan."

The grants, ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000, enhance the competitiveness of the state's specialty crops, including, but not limited to: research, promotion, marketing, nutrition, trade enhancement, food safety, food security, plant health programs, education, increased knowledge and consumption, increased innovation, improved efficiency and reduced costs of distribution systems, environmental concerns and conservation, product development, good agricultural practices, good handling practices, and good manufacturing practices.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, local, state, and federal government entities, for-profit organizations, and universities. The organizations must be legal entities recognized by the IRS, and applicants must reside and/or conduct their business or organization in Michigan. Applications should demonstrate how the project will potentially produce measurable impacts for the specialty crop industry as a whole and not-for-profit to a specific product, single organization, institution, or individual.

For program information, application form, or submission criteria, please visit [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda) or contact Mike DiBernardo at [dibernardom@michigan.gov](mailto:dibernardom@michigan.gov) or 517-373-9144. Proposal must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2011.

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***Meetings & Events Calendar***

**March**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference, 9:30 – 4 pm, Bay College, Escanaba contact the Delta County MSU Extension office at 786-3032
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rays Feed Mill Open House & Seed Day call 800-832-1822
- 9<sup>th</sup> Environmental Management on the Farm, 10-3 pm, Escanaba, contact Natalie Rector, MSU Extension at 269-967-6608
- 12<sup>th</sup> Beginning Backyard Beekeeping Workshop, Ewen-Trout Creek School in Ewen, 10-4:30 pm, contact the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at 884-4386
- 18<sup>th</sup> **PLEASE NOTE MEETING IS CANCELLED** Fertilizer for Crops that was to be held at the Greenland Township Community Center, Mass City, Ontonagon County is **Cancelled**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Advanced Backyard Beekeeping Workshop, Ewen-Trout Creek School in Ewen, 10-4:30 pm, contact the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at 884-4386

**April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> GUPAA Annual Meeting, 11:00-3:00, 962 Heirman University Center, Bay College, Escanaba call 439-5114 for more information
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bay de Noc Gardening Conference Bay College, Escanaba, contact the Delta County MSU Extension office at 786-3032
- 10<sup>th</sup> FFA Alumni consignment auction, Noon, Havelka’s Construction, Hwy 41, Wallace, MI contact Berry Wehner at 906-753-4192

**May**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Ontonagon Small Animal Sale & Swap, Bruce Crossing, contact the Ontonagon County, MSU Extension at 884-4386

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