



JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



FEBRUARY 6, 2009

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

HOUSE

Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

February 10, 2009

10:30 AM

Room 521, House Office Bldg.

Chair: Rep. Joel Sheltroun

HB 4155, HB 4156, HB 4164,

CCW Related Legislation.

Appropriations, Joint Senate and House

February 12, 2009

11:00 AM

3rd Floor, House Appropriations

Room, Capitol Bldg.

Chair: Senator Ron Jelinek

FY 2010 Executive Budget.

SENATE

Agriculture

February 10, 2009

10:30 AM

Room 521, House Office Bldg.

Chair: Senator Gerald

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Legislation.

Michigan Council of Private Investigators -

Board Meeting/PI 101

February 10, 2009

Sheraton Hotel, Lansing, MI

800.266.6274

www.mcpihome.com

Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Association -

Board Meeting

February 10, 2009

10-3 PM - Michigan Farm

Bureau, Lansing, MI

www.michiganfarmfun.com

2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1:30 pm - Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 10-11
- 12:00 pm - Thursday, Feb. 12
- 1:30 pm - Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 17-18
- 12:00 pm - Thursday, Feb. 19
- 1:30 pm - Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 24-25
- 12:00 pm - Thursday, Feb. 26

SENATE

- 10:00 am - Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 10-12
- 10:00 am - Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 17-19
- No Session - Tuesday, Feb. 24
- No Session - Wednesday, Feb. 25
- No Session - Thursday, Feb. 26

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS - [HTTP://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/GOV/0,1607,7-168--184537--,00.HTML](http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168--184537--,00.html)

USDA AG CENSUS SHOWS GROWTH IN MICHIGAN'S SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRY

\$2 billion increase in farm gate sales, 40 percent increase in female operators in last five years. The value of sales was \$5.75 billion, up nearly \$2 billion from 2002. Farm employment totaled 86,000, with a total payroll of \$607 million.

The top commodity sectors in Michigan were: grains, oilseeds, and dry beans; milk and dairy products; nursery, floriculture, and greenhouse. 87 percent of farms were family operated; 8 percent were partnerships; 4 percent were corporations; and 1 percent were estates.

FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AHEAD WHEN CONSIDERING PRODUCTION FOR BIOECONOMY

Farmers interested in growing crops to supply bioeconomy-related businesses can learn about lessons from the past and impending possibilities by attending a Michigan State University (MSU) Extension program called "Energizing your Future: Opportunities in Michigan's Bioeconomy," set for four Michigan locations.

Sessions are scheduled for Charlotte (Feb. 24), Frankenmuth (Feb. 25), Mt. Pleasant (Feb. 27) and Dowagiac (March 13). Each will run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Additional topics include energy policy programs and grants, anaerobic digesters, biomass feedstocks, agronomic considerations, the sustainability of energy crops and woody biomass. Speakers include MSU Extension specialists and educators.

The \$15 registration fee is due one week prior to the meeting. It includes lunch and all materials. To register, contact the following MSU Extension offices toll-free at 888-MSUE-4MI (888-678-3464).

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE MEETING

Geagley Laboratory, Gordon Guyer Room

1615 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

February 18, 2009 starting at 8:00 AM

"It's not enough that we do our best; Sometimes we have to do what's required."

-Sir Winston Churchill

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