



JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



FEBRUARY 27, 2009



COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

SENATE

Agriculture

March 4, 2009

3:00 pm

Room 405 Capitol Bldg.

Chair: Rep. Cameron

Brown

HOUSE

Higher Education

March 3, 2009

9:00 pm

Room 352 House

Appropriations, 3rd Floor

Capitol Bldg.

MICHIGAN FARM MARKETING & AGRI- TOURISM ASSOCIATION

10:00-3:00 pm

March 3, 2009

Room 424 Capitol Bldg.

100 S. Capitol Ave.

RIGHT TO FARM AND STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE MEETINGS

7:00-9:00 pm

Tuesday - March 3, 2009

Oakland County Fairgrounds

12451 Andersonville Road

Davisburg, MI 48350

2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1:30 pm - Tuesday, Wednesday March 3-4
- 12:00 pm - Thursday March 5

SENATE

- 10:00 am - Tuesday-Thursday March 3-5

Experience A Taste of Michigan

Enjoy a delicious meal prepared from Michigan food products during the 2009 CHOICES Conference, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Michigan State University (MSU) University Club.

All-natural, steroid-free and grass-fed chef-carved beef tenderloin will be served along with a vegan dish of pecan-crusted Michigan whitefish topped with a maple glaze drizzle. For dessert, guests will enjoy MSU Dairy Store ice cream with sautéed apples and topped with brown sugar, whipped cream and dark chocolate shavings. A cash bar will also feature Michigan wine and beer.

Several specialty stations will be available to offer guests a small sample of featured entrées and their accompaniments. The menu will emphasize locally produced foods. For a view of the complete dinner menu, visit: <http://web7.anr.msu.edu/choices/Agenda/Menus.aspx>.

Please visit the following MI Agriculture Food producers:

-www.kingsorchard.com

-<http://safiespecialtyfoods.com/home.html>

-www.achatzpies.com

Good Economic News for Michigan Ag Sectors- *Livestock Industry Experiences Highest Growth*

Growth in Michigan's livestock industry gave a much-needed shot in the arm to the state's economy, increasing 22 percent from \$2.2 billion in 2006 to \$3.5 billion in 2007. This good news came in conjunction with news that Michigan's agri-food industry expanded at a rate more than five times the growth rate of the general economy between 2006 and 2007, according to numbers released last week by Michigan State University (MSU) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The total economic impact of Michigan's agri-food and agri-energy industries is estimated to be \$71.3 billion, an increase of approximately \$7.6 billion (11.9 percent), according to the report "Second Interim Update on the Economic Impact of Michigan's Agri-Food and Agri-Energy System." The study considers economic contributions from agriculture, food and related industries, including nursery, turfgrass, ethanol, ornamental plants and food processing, between 2006 and 2007, the year the study was conducted.

The study report is available online at www.productcenter.msu.edu under the tab for Market Reports. It can also be downloaded from the Animal Agriculture Initiative site: www.animalag.msu.edu.

"The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." ~Jonas Salk

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