



JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MICHIGAN FARM MARKETING & AGRI- TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
August 11, 2009
1:00 PM

MICHIGAN EQUINE PARTNERSHIP

Board Meeting
August 18, 2009
6:30 PM

MICHIGAN CONTRACT SECURITY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
August 19, 2009
Time TBD

MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS

Quarterly Membership
Meeting
September 24, 2009
Lansing Lexington Hotel
Lansing, MI

*“Coming together is a
beginning. Keeping
together is progress.
Working together is
success.”*

~Henry Ford

2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- No Session

SENATE

- 10:00 am - Tuesday-Thursday, August 11-13

CORRECTION :

Governor Granholm Requests Federal Disaster Assistance for Michigan

CORRECTION: There was an error in the date range in the earlier release. The impacted date range should have read “From November 1, 2008 to July 24, 2009 - NOT November 1, 2009 to July 24, 2009” as was previously issued. MDA apologizes for any inconvenience.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 3, 2009

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Governor Granholm Requests Federal Disaster Assistance for Michigan Farmers Frost/freeze conditions damaged state crops in 27 counties

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today officially requested federal disaster assistance from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack for farmers in 27 Michigan counties who are facing fruit, vegetable, and other frost-sensitive crop losses because of severe frost, freeze, snows, and cold weather this spring. The requests were based upon 30 percent or more in loss estimates calculated locally in each county.

From November 1, 2008 to July 24, 2009, 27 counties experienced frost/freeze conditions that particularly affected fruit and vegetable production such as apples and cherries. The impacted counties are in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

Federal, state, and local agencies are working together to quickly and effectively assess crop losses and expedite the process to obtain a federal agricultural disaster declaration. The Michigan Department of Agriculture is working with the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) to compile crop damage estimates due to Michigan’s current extreme weather conditions. USDA-FSA is the agency responsible for compiling the official crop loss statistics and administering the federal emergency farm loan programs.

In order for Michigan to receive federal disaster status, the original crop loss estimates must be verified from harvest yield data. If losses of 30 percent or more are confirmed, and the disaster request is granted, eligible state producers will have access to USDA-FSA’s low-interest emergency loan program for up to 100 percent of their weather-related agriculture production losses.

For more information on the federal emergency farm loan programs, please visit the USDA-FSA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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