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### **Corn and Soybean Winter Research Meeting Rescheduled for Feb. 15**

LANSING, MICH. – Due to the massive snow storm which blanketed the state the first week of February, the Corn and Soybean Winter Research meeting on February 2 in Plainwell was rescheduled. This meeting is one of many held each year by the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM), the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee and Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) to bring check-off funded research results to farmers across Michigan.

“By partnering corn and soybean check-off dollars, we can leverage funds while at the same time provide our farmers with the cutting edge information they need. The check-off programs are led by farmer boards which are faced with the tough decisions every year of choosing which research projects should be funded. These meetings are just one way the check-off programs are working to keep our farmers up-to-date on our activities including the results of our research programs,” said Jody Pollok-Newsom, CMPM executive director. “We accomplish a great deal each year and it is important to disseminate all of the information to the state’s farmers. By hosting these meetings, we can share research project results with farmers through one-day programs across the state.”

This is the eleventh year check-off funded research has been presented at the Corn and Soybean Winter Research meetings. The information from Michigan State University research projects, funded through the corn and soybean check-offs, will be highlighted. Topics include:

- Western bean cutworm in the Great Lakes Region
- Local and regional corn and soybean research
- Michigan corn performance trials
- Market prospects for 2011
- Check-off program updates
- CMPM board nominations

“The CMPM knows it’s imperative farmers stay on the cutting edge of technology to remain competitive in today’s tight markets,” explained Pollok-Newsom. “The winter meetings are an opportunity for farmers to learn about new production information, as well as new corn markets made possible by their check-off investments. These meetings provide information to farmers that could potentially improve their production practices, as well as their bottom line,” added Pollok-Newsom.

Please join the CMPM at the Corn and Soybean Winter Research Meeting on February 15, 2011 at the Comfort Inn in Plainwell. This meeting is scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and registration is required. Please contact Dan Rajzer, Cass County MSUE at (269) 445-4438 to register. Nominations for the CMPM board of director’s position for District 2 will also be secured at this meeting. The CMPM board of director’s District 2 position is open to any farmer who grows corn in Barry, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ottawa or St. Joseph county. For more information about serving on the CMPM board of directors, please contact the CMPM office at 1.888.323.6601.

Headquartered in Lansing, the CMPM is a legislatively-established statewide program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold. Investments are made in the areas of research, education, market development, and new uses in an effort to enhance the economic position of Michigan corn farmers. The CMPM works cooperatively with the Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA), a grassroots-membership association representing the state’s corn grower’s political interests since the 1970’s. Michigan’s corn industry adds more than one billion dollars to the state’s economy annually and in 2009, Michigan’s corn farmers harvested a record setting crop of more than 309 million bushels. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org).