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Michigan Corn Growers Invited to Step Out of the Fields and Onto the Green

LANSING, MICH. – Dust off your clubs and find those golf shoes because registration for the annual Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) golf outings will soon begin!

Once again, golfers have the option of participating in two golf outings. The MCGA Central Michigan Golf Outing will be held at Centennial Acres in Sunfield on August 4. The sixteenth annual Thumb Area Golf Outing will be held at Woodland Hills in Sandusky on August 11.

Check-in for both outings begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Both outings are a scramble format (hit from the best team shot) so golfers of all skill levels will have a great time. Participants will enjoy lunch while on the course and will conclude the day with dinner and a short awards ceremony.

“The golf outing is a fun way for growers and our industry supporters to enjoy a round of golf together,” said Ed Breitmeyer, MCGA president and a corn grower from Buckley. “It’s not very often people in this industry have the opportunity to get together and have fun for a day. It’s our way of saying thank you to our members for the work they do the entire year.”

All MCGA members and supporters are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required as space is limited to the first 144 participants for each location. Interested participants are encouraged to reserve a spot early. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, allowing industry professionals to interact with the state’s corn growers while on the course.

The early registration cost is \$40 per person for MCGA members and \$75 per person for non-MCGA members. Early registration for the Central outing must be postmarked by July 16 and for the Thumb outing must be postmarked by July 23. After the early registration deadline the cost is \$60 per person for MCGA members and \$100 for non-MCGA members. There must be at least one MCGA member registered with every foursome. Registration information will be mailed to MCGA members and is available online by visiting www.micorn.org.

“The annual golf outings are an excellent opportunity for MCGA members, supporters and sponsors to network in an informal environment and enjoy a great day of golf,” said Tom Durand, MCGA chairman and corn grower from Croswell.

Participants will receive the following with their registration:

- 18 holes of golf with a cart
- Donuts & coffee, lunch and dinner
- Awards

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- Chance to win door prizes
- A day filled with fun and networking
- A package of degradable, corn-based golf tees

If you would like to golf, but are not a member, now is the perfect time to join the MCGA and receive the member rate for the golf outings. The cost is \$60 for a one-year membership, \$155 for a three-year membership or \$500 for a lifetime membership. Students enrolled in an accredited agricultural program may also join the MCGA at a reduced rate of \$20 for a one-year membership.

For additional information, to register for the event, join the MCGA, or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact the MCGA at 1-888-323-6601 or visit www.micorn.org.

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association that has represented the state's corn growers' political interests since the 1970s. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively-established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education, new uses and market development. 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.

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