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Michigan Corn Growers Association Annual Meeting to be Held

LANSING, MICH. – If you want to hear the latest information and learn more about the issues affecting the Michigan corn industry, plan on attending the Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) 2010 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2, at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in downtown Lansing. Registration, including a full breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the program to follow at 9:30 a.m.

Join your neighbors and industry leaders from across the state for a day full of information, networking, and much more. “This year’s program includes information that will keep Michigan’s corn growers informed of important issues and new opportunities,” said Jody Pollok-Newsom, MCGA executive director. “It is important for corn growers to remain well informed on the issues that will affect them throughout the next year, so they can make more informed decisions that will benefit their farming operations.”

This year’s line up of speakers include:

- Kip Cullers, a national corn yield contest winner who will be discussing production strategies to achieve more than 300 bushel yields
- Bart Schott, National Corn Growers Association first vice president, who will be providing a year in review from the national perspective
- Jerry Gulke (*invited*), editor of the *Top Producer* Marketing Strategy column to discuss marketing and risk management strategies
- Mark Hollis (*invited*), Michigan State University Athletic Director, who will be speaking on leadership, engaging the community, and “dreaming big” in an effort to increase exposure

The MCGA Annual Meeting will also include legislative updates, updates on the MCGA and its membership activities, and an update on the feral swine and sandhill crane issues in regards to corn production. Again this year, roundtable discussions will be held during lunch with the state’s legislators.

“Since we are a grassroots association, focused on corn-friendly policy development, we are holding the meeting in Lansing again this year, so it is easy for legislators and their staff to attend,” said Tom Durand, MCGA president and a corn grower from Croswell. “During lunch, we will be holding roundtable discussions with legislators in order to provide MCGA members with the opportunity to speak directly with elected leaders about issues affecting their farming operation. We encourage our members to get to know their legislators and our roundtable discussions provide an additional outlet for increasing communication.”

In addition to the legislative and educational session, MCGA members will elect directors to the Board for the upcoming year; conduct the annual business meeting; and recognize the state Corn Yield

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Contest winners, Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) verified farms, and the 2009 MCGA scholarship recipients. The 2010 Annual Meeting will conclude with an ice cream social at 3:00 p.m.

MCGA members may attend the Annual Meeting free of charge and non-MCGA members may attend at a cost of \$20 per person. If you would like to become a member and vote during the business session of the Annual Meeting, please contact the MCGA office at 1-888-323-6601. Membership in the MCGA is \$60 for one year, \$155 for three years or \$500 for a lifetime. Students may join the association at a cost of \$20 for a one-year membership.

MCGA members will be mailed registration materials for the Annual Meeting in January. If you are not a member and would like to register for the Annual Meeting, contact the MCGA office or visit www.micorn.org for a registration form. The registration deadline is January 22.

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association representing the state's corn growers' political interests. Since the 1970s, the MCGA has been looking out for the state's corn growers and working to keep them on the cutting edge. 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, market development and new uses. For more information, visit the MCGA and CMPM at www.micorn.org

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