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Don't Forget to Register for the Michigan Corn Growers Association Golf Outings

DEWITT, Mich. – The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) would like to remind its members that if they are ready to step out onto the green, time is running out to register for one of MCGA's annual golf outings.

On August 5, members will tee off at Centennial Acres in Sunfield at the MCGA Central Michigan Golf Outing. On August 12, Woodland Hills golf club in Sandusky will host the fifteenth annual MCGA Thumb Area Golf Outing.

Check-in for both outings begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The format is a scramble, making it fun for golfers of all skill levels to play. Participants will enjoy lunch while on the course and will conclude the day with dinner and a short awards ceremony.

"The great thing about the MCGA golf outings is they are centered on our grower members," said Tom Durand, MCGA president and a corn grower from Croswell. "You do not have to be a pro to participate in the outings. All you have to do is be willing to come out and enjoy a day of golf with other MCGA members from across the state."

All MCGA members and supporters are welcome to attend, however, pre-registration is required. Space is limited to the first 144 participants for each location. Those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available, allowing industry professionals to interact with the state's corn growers while on the course.

Participants will receive the following with their registration:

- 18 holes of golf with a cart
- Doughnuts & coffee, lunch and dinner
- Awards
- Chance to win door prizes
- A day filled with fun and networking
- A package of degradable, corn-based golf tees

In addition to these benefits, participants in the Thumb Area golf outing, who register by the early registration deadline of July 24, will receive a free practice round at the course the week prior to the event. All golfers who play in the Thumb Area golf outing will receive a 2 for 1 gift certificate for a round of golf at the course after the tournament, good through October 31, 2009. (These rounds do not include cart fees).

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The early registration cost is \$40 per person for MCGA members, and \$75 per person for non-MCGA members. Early registrations for the Central outing must be postmarked by July 17 and for the Thumb outing must be postmarked by July 24. 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 golfer registered with every foursome. Registration information was mailed to MCGA members and is available online by visiting www.micorn.org.

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 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 representing the state's corn farmers' political interests. Since the 1970s, the MCGA has been looking out for the state's corn farmers 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, new uses and market development. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at www.micorn.org.

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