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### **Last Chance to Register for the 2010 Michigan Corn Growers Association Annual Meeting**

LANSING, MICH. – The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) would like to remind the state’s corn growers that the 2010 MCGA Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at its new location, Thomas M. Cooley Law School in downtown Lansing.

The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration, including a full breakfast. This year’s meeting will feature several outstanding speakers including:

- Jerry Gulke, author of the Marketing Strategy column in *Top Producer* and principal owner of The Gulke Group, a research and information analysis firm providing marketing strategies for agribusiness.
- Kip Cullers, a national corn yield contest winner who will be discussing production strategies to achieve more than 300 bushel yields (*Cullers is attending courtesy of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.*)
- Bart Schott, National Corn Growers Association first vice president and corn grower from North Dakota, who will be providing a year in review from the national perspective

Attendees will have lunch with Michigan’s legislators, providing a forum for discussion regarding the top issues and top priorities for Michigan’s corn industry. “The MCGA is a policy-driven association focused on obtaining corn-friendly legislation both in Lansing and Washington, D.C.,” said Tom Durand, MCGA president and a corn grower from Crosswell. “As corn growers, it is vital that we remain actively involved in the political arena as decisions made by our lawmakers effect our everyday farming operations.”

The MCGA will also be recognizing the state winners of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Corn Yield Contest, members who have environmentally verified farms through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), and the recipients of the 2009 MCGA scholarship. The 5th annual *Friend of Corn* award will also be presented. “The award was started as a way to honor individuals or companies who have been avid supporters of the corn industry,” added Durand. “We present the award to individuals or companies who have gone above and beyond throughout the past year to assist the corn industry.”

Registration is required and needs to be submitted to the MCGA office before Jan. 29. 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. Registration can be completed online at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org) or by calling (517) 668-2676.

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Without the generous support of industry leaders, this event would not be possible. The MCGA would like to thank the following sponsors for their contributions to this year's meeting: Agrotain International, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, Greenstone Farm Credit Services, the Michigan Milk Producers Association, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., and Pioneer Hi-Bred – Pat Feldpausch Agency. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available by calling Betsy Braid, director of communications and programs, at (517) 668-2676.

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, new uses and market development. For more information, visit the MCGA and the CMPM website, [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org).

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