



## MSU Extension and AgBioResearch State Advisory Council Current Members

### MSU Extension District Representatives

**Bob LaFave**, MSU Extension District 1 Representative (2023-2026)  
Village Manager, Village of L'Anse

**Seth Hoopingarner**, MSU Extension District 2 Representative (2023-2026)  
Middle/High School Principal, Ishpeming Public Schools

**Leah Bagdon McCallum**, MSU Extension District 3 Representative (2023-2026)  
Owner, Blue Orange Consulting

**Joseph Sowmick**, MSU Extension District 4 Representative (2023-2026)  
Public Relations Manager, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

**Allen Pung**, MSU Extension District 5 Representative (2023-2026)  
Regional Sales Manager, Ceres Solutions Cooperative

**Bridget Silvernail**, MSU Extension District 6 Representative (2023-2026)  
West Central Regional Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau

**Matthew Channing**, MSU Extension District 7 Representative (2023-2026)  
Agricultural Preservation Specialist, Kent County

**Saturnino Rodriguez**, MSU Extension District 8 Representative (2022 to 2025)  
Vice president, Lansing School District Board

**Mary Kelpinski**, MSU Extension District 9 Representative (2023-2026)  
MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2017-2022)  
Chief Executive Officer of Michigan Pork Producers Association

**John Mossner**, MSU Extension District 10 Representative (2023-2026)  
MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2016 to 2022)  
Farmer

**Jean Persely**, MSU Extension District 11 Representative - Macomb County (2023-2026)  
MSUE Master Gardener, D11 District Council member

**Rose Florian**, MSU Extension District 13 Representative (2023-2026)  
Food Hub Manager, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

**Brian Bates**, MSU Extension District 14 Representative (2023-2026)  
Owner/Producer, Bear Creek Organic Farm

### AgBioResearch Representatives

**Michael Philip**, AgBioResearch Representative (2023-2026)



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Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

**John Tilt**, MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2023-2026)  
General Manager, Vita Plus Corporation  
Michigan Agri-Business Association Board Member

**Gordon Wenk**, MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2019 to 2024)  
Retired director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

### Members-at-Large

**Marguerite Cotto**, Member-at-large (2023-2026)  
MSU Extension District 3 Representative (2018 to 2022)  
Vice President for Lifelong and Professional Learning at Northwestern Michigan College

**Christine Hammond**, Member-at-large (2018 to 2024)  
Past president of Mid-Michigan College

**Phil Knight**, Member-at-large (2023-2026)  
Executive Director, Food Bank Council of Michigan

**Doug Lewis**, Member-at-large (2024-2027)  
Director of Student Legal Services at the University of Michigan

**Barbara Rose**, Member-at-large (2023-2026)  
MSU Extension District 13 Representative (2018 to 2022)  
Retired township supervisor

### CARET

The **Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching** is a national grassroots organization of volunteers created in 1982 by the Board on Agriculture Assembly of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). CARET seeks to enhance national support and understanding of the land-grant university system's food and agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs that enhance the quality of life for all people.

**Glenn Preston**, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching  
Owner, Preston Farms

**Char Wenham**, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching  
Partner and consultant at Wood, Wenham & Henderson Consultants LLC

