

AGRICULTURE FOR TOMORROW CONFERENCE



Tuesday, March 13th, 2018

9:15 – 3:30 EST

Bay College, Escanaba

Heirman University Center

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Session A 10:10-11:05

A-1

Controlling Weeds in U.P. Crop Rotations

Weeds are still a big issue in U.P. crops. Bring your questions and tune up your weed control program for annual crops and forages.

Dr. Erin Burns, Weed Science Asst. Professor, MSU

A-2

Beef Quality Assurance, Cows and Bulls

The 2016 National Beef Quality Audit on market cows and bulls was recently released. This session will report the results and compare industry progress since 2007 with recommendations for cow-calf producers to improve beef quality.

Paola Bacigalupo-Sanguesa, Extension Dairy Educator

A-3

Dealing with Farm Stress 1

Farmers know how to take care of their animals and crops, taking careful steps to ensure that they are healthy and safe. Unfortunately, farmers don't take the same care in monitoring and managing their own mental and physical stress and fatigue. Suzanne will share proven tips on stress management for farmers.

Suzanne Pish, Extension Social and Emotional Health Educator

Session C 1:30-2:25

C-7

Baleage – Made Tight, Made Right

Our Upper Peninsula weather can be uncooperative in allowing hay to cure properly, especially during the early summer. Baling hay with elevated moisture and wrapping to exclude oxygen can greatly enhance success rates of making high quality feed. Learn the critical points of making baleage right.

Dr. Wayne Coblenz, USDA ARS Forage Researcher

C-8

So, You Want to Hire Farm Labor?

This session will be directed towards farm managers with limited experience in hiring and managing employees. Topics to be covered will include a comprehensive checklist, recruiting, hiring, and how to be a good employee manager.

Stan Moore, Extension Dairy Educator

C-9

Developing Your U.P. Brand

This session will discuss developing a brand for your farm and/or products and considerations in marketing locally to restaurants, retail and institutions (including schools). This also includes a discussion about developing a UP brand for local food producers to enhance marketing.

Michelle Walk, Extension Community Food Systems Educator

Session B 11:15-12:10

B-4

Northern Michigan Soybean Management

Explore the feasibility and agronomic practices of growing soybeans in a northern climate.

Mike Staton, Extension Soybean Educator

B-5

Controlling Weeds in U.P. Pastures

Good management and control measures can reduce weed pressure in pastures and improve grazing. Dr. Burns will apply her background in range management to pasture weed management in upper Michigan. Bring your questions.

Dr. Erin Burns, Weed Scientist, MSU Dept. of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences

B-6

Dealing with Farm Stress 2

Why is stress management useful to farmers? What is the true cost of stress? This second session gives more helpful advice about getting through stressful times. Attendance at session 1 is not required.

Suzanne Pish, Extension Social and Emotional Health Educator

Session D 2:35-3:30

D-10

MSU Crop Research in the U.P.

Get the latest updates and results from MSU crop research and demonstration around the U.P. Projects include: forages, potatoes, organic grains, malting barley, cover crops, paper mill residual composting, and Western Bean Cutworm monitoring.

Jim Isleib, Extension Crop Production Educator

D-11

Baling Dry Hay Too Wet

Baling hay for dry storage at higher than recommended moisture levels will result in nutrient degradation. This session will address the impact of baling hay that is too wet for optimal storage, and examine the consequences of allowing rain damage while waiting for dry down.

Dr. Wayne Coblenz, USDA ARS Forage Researcher

D-12

Local Food Hub and Processing

As partners move forward in planning for a light produce processing facility in Marquette, data collection from the first portion of the project will be shared. Discussion will include why consider selling locally, communicating with a buyer and the importance of a farm profile. A larger buyer has also been invited to be part of this session to discuss what they look for in sourcing local products.

Michelle Walk, Extension Community Food Systems Educator

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9:15-9:45 (EST)	Registration & Educational Exhibits		
9:45-10:00	Welcome: Jim Isleib, MSU Extension U.P. Crop Production Educator Opening comments: "Dealing with stress on the farm", Suzanne Pish, MSU Extension		
10:10-11:05	A1 Controlling Weeds in U.P. Crop Rotations	A2 Beef Quality Assurance, Cows and Bulls	A3 Dealing with Farm Stress 1
11:15-12:10	B4 Northern MI Soybean Management	B5 Controlling Weeds in U.P. Pastures	B6 Dealing with Farm Stress 2
12:10-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-1:30	Visit Exhibits		
1:30-2:25	C7 Baleage - Made Tight, Made Right	C8 So, You Want to Hire Farm Labor?	C9 Developing Your U.P. Brand
2:35-3:30	D-10 MSU Crop Research in the U.P.	D-11 Baling Dry Hay Too Wet	D-12 Local Food Hub and Processing

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost of attendance is \$25 pre-registration

(Due by March 2 - no phone registrations accepted)

After March 2, the registration fee will be \$35 per person at the door

Fee includes lunch and Materials

Number of attendees _____ x \$25 = _____

For more information contact: Jim (906) 387-2530, isleibj@anr.msu.edu

Please indicate by session number which four sessions you plan to attend:

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C _____ D _____

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