



# Field Crops Winter Meeting Schedule 2025

This calendar is an attempt to summarize upcoming field crops-related educational meetings of interest to those in southwest Michigan. Updated 11/26/24. For a more complete list of events, visit the MSU Extension Event Calendar website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/events>

**Jan 7-8** **MABA Winter Conference.** Lansing, MI. Michigan Agri-Business Association conference and tradeshow. <https://miagbiz.org/events/>

**Jan 9-10** **Ohio Organic Grains Conference.** Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH. Registration by Dec 6 is \$140, after Dec 6 is \$175, includes 2 days of programming, meals, materials and access to all exhibitors-sponsors.



**Jan 10** **Purdue's Top Farmer Conference.** 8am-4pm. Beck Agricultural Center, 4550 US-52, West Lafayette, IN *or* online. Surrounded by farm management, farm policy, agricultural finance and marketing experts, and a group of your peers, the conference will stimulate your thinking about agriculture's future and how you can position your farm to be successful in the years ahead. Cost is \$150 regardless of format, register online.



**Jan 13** **In-Person Core Pesticide Review and Core Testing.** 8am-5pm. Allegan County Human Services, Allegan. Cost is \$25 for morning training payable to MSU, cost for testing dependent on license type. Morning training session is required before afternoon testing, only core and standards exams (no commercial categories) offered. Other locations and dates available. Register online. **4 RUP**



**Jan 21** **Michigan Soybean On-farm Research Program Update.** 8:30am – 1pm. GreenMark Equipment, Three Rivers. 9am - 1pm. Results of the 2024 soybean on-farm research projects will be presented. Participants will also learn about historical climate trends that are impacting our growing season in Michigan. Lunch provided by the Michigan Soybean Committee. Cost is free. **2 RUP**



**Jan 21** **2025 Farm Bill Commodity Program #1 – Farm Policy and Risk Management Series.** 1-2:30pm. Online via Zoom. These sessions will help agricultural producers explore their options for 2025 Farm Bill commodity programs. *Note: these sessions are contingent on existence of commodity programs based on passage of a new Farm Bill or extension of the 2018 Farm Bill.* No cost.



**Jan 22** **Michigan Soybean On-farm Research Program Update.** 9am – 1pm. Zeeland Farm Services, Zeeland. Results of the 2024 soybean on-farm research projects will be presented. Participants will also learn about historical climate trends that are impacting our growing season in Michigan. Lunch provided by the Michigan Soybean Committee. Cost is free. **2 RUP**



**Jan 22** **Michigan Manure Summit.** 9:30am – 4pm. Okemos. Updates on the science and best practices of manure management. Cost for farms and for-hire manure application firms: \$50 for one person or \$20/person for multiple. Non-farm or for-hire manure applicators: \$100 for one person or \$75/person for multiple. Lunch provided.



**Jan 24, 31** **Planning for Profit: Marketing and Production Budget Workshop.** 9am-3pm. Kalamazoo Valley Community College Culinary and Allied Health Building Room CAH223, 418 E. Walnut Street, Kalamazoo. Learn tools to maximize your profit by choosing the crop and market mix that works best for your farm.



- Jan 29-30** **Great Lakes Crop Summit.** 9am-3pm. Soaring Eagle Casino and Hotel, Mt. Pleasant. **RUP, CCA**  
<https://www.greatlakescropsummit.com/>
- Feb 5** **SW MI Crop and Pest Management Update.** 9am-3pm. Dowagiac Conservation Club, 54551 M-51 North, Dowagiac. Cost is \$40, includes 2025 MSU Field Crops Weed Guide. **3 RUP, 4.5 CCA requested**
- Feb 11** **2025 Farm Bill Commodity Program #2 – Farm Policy and Risk Management Series.** 6:30-8pm. Online via Zoom. These sessions will help agricultural producers explore their options for 2025 Farm Bill commodity programs. *Note: these sessions are contingent on existence of commodity programs based on passage of a new Farm Bill or extension of the 2018 Farm Bill.* No cost.
- Feb 17** **Branch County Farmers Day Educational Sessions.** 8am-12pm. Branch Area Career Center, Coldwater. These sessions will focus on different aspects of field crops management. Up to **3 RUP** credits. No cost.
- Feb 17** **In-Person Core Pesticide Review and Core Testing.** 8am-5pm. Branch Area Career Center, Coldwater. Cost is \$25 for morning training payable to MSU, cost for testing dependent on license type. Morning training session is required before afternoon testing, only core and standards exams (no commercial categories) offered. Other locations and dates available. Register online. **4 RUP.**
- Mar 2-4** **Commodity Classic.** Denver, CO. <https://commodityclassic.com>
- Mar 5** **Michiana Irrigated Corn and Soybean Conference.** 8am-4pm. Elkhart County Fairground. More information to come. **RUP, PARP**
- Mar 26** **In-Person Core Pesticide Review and Core Testing.** 8am-5pm. GreenMark Equipment, Three Rivers, MI. Cost is \$25 for morning training payable to MSU, cost for testing dependent on license type. Morning training session is required before afternoon testing, only core and standards exams (no commercial categories) offered. Other locations and dates available. Register online. **4 RUP**
- Apr 11** **In-Person Core Pesticide Review and Core Testing.** 8am-5pm. SW MI Research and Extension Center, Benton Harbor, MI. Cost is \$25 for morning training payable to MSU, cost for testing dependent on license type. Morning training session is required before afternoon testing, only core and standards exams (no commercial categories) offered. Other locations and dates available. Register online. **4 RUP**

