



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES

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## TAX DEADLINE RAPIDLY APPROACHING

The April 15, 2008 tax filing deadline is rapidly approaching and filing assistance is only a click away.

The State of Michigan Department of Treasury web site offers a variety of online assistance.

Find tax forms, answers to frequently asked questions, access your personal tax information and file your taxes online at Michigan e-file.

Just visit [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes).



## MICHIGAN.GOV NEWS RESOURCES

Are you looking for a place to find up to date news on State of Michigan departments and initiatives?

If so, visit [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov). There are two great news resources available here. First, at the top of the site, click on the podcast link. Here you can download and listen to podcasts from Governor Granholm, First Gentleman Dan Mulhern, Attorney General Mike Cox and more.

Also visit [www.michigan.gov/minewswire](http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire). Here you can read and look for press releases sorted by State Department.

Next time you are online take a minute to check out these news resources!

## 2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- April 8 1:30 p.m.
- April 9 1:30 p.m.
- April 10 12:00 p.m.

### SENATE

- April 8 10:00 a.m.
- April 9 10:00 a.m.
- April 10 10:00 a.m.

## SENATE BILL 1244 TO REINSTATE VALUE-ADDED GRANT PROGRAM

Senator Michelle McManus recently introduced Senate Bill 1244 amending the Julian-Stillle Value-added Act. The act's purpose is intended to continue to accelerate the growth of Michigan's \$63.7 billion agriculture industry. The program will continue to establish, retain, expand, attract or develop value-added processing in Michigan.

The key amendment in this bill is to change the program back to a grant program after the modification to a loan program in 2006.

To date, 16 projects have been successfully completed with the assistance of the original grant funds. Categories for grant awards included: Technical Assistance, Facility Improvements, Market Research/Development, Business Plan Development, and Facility/Land Purchase or Construction.

To watch the bill as it moves through the legislature, visit [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).

## MICHIGAN EQUINE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

All equine industry enthusiasts are invited to attend the Michigan Equine Partnership annual meeting and legislative reception April 15, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Lansing.

The reception's goal is to continue building the equine industry's relationships with members of the Michigan legislature.

Through MEP's legislative activities and events, members have had the opportunity to meet and discuss equine industry issues and initiatives with Michigan legislators. The legislative reception hosted by MEP will allow MEP members and non-members to bring attention matters affecting their aspect of the equine industry. The reception will be held immediately following the annual meeting.

At the annual meeting, MEP members will elect leadership for the 2008 MEP Board of Directors. Board positions are available for serious, dedicated individuals in the equine industry.

If you are interested in a position, please contact President Aaron Rice at (269)317-9745 or the MEP office at (517)372-1500.

Please set aside a few hours to attend these very important functions.

**Join Michigan Equine Partnership for our Annual Meeting,  
April 15, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Lansing.**

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| 4:00 p.m. | Annual Meeting                      |
| 5:00 p.m. | Legislative Reception               |
| 5:45 p.m. | Michigan Equine Survey Presentation |
| 6:30 p.m. | Presentations                       |
| 7:00 p.m. | Silent and Live Auctions            |

Don't miss the Michigan Food & Petroleum Trade Show April 28-29, 2008 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. To register to be a vendor in the Select Michigan Pavilion, contact Jeanne Lipe at 517-335-0628 or by email at [lipej@michigan.gov](mailto:lipej@michigan.gov).

**"He who does not get fun and enjoyment out of every day... needs to reorganize his life."**

*~George M. Adams*

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