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UPCOMING EVENTS

**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF
PROFESSIONAL**

**PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS
- SEIC Fall Conference
Nov. 6-7, Atlanta, GA**

**SAGINAW VALLEY AG CLUB
MEETING**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009
LUMBER BARONS GRILL &
PUB - BAY CITY**

**WEST MICHIGAN AG CLUB
MEETING**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009
SW MICHIGAN RESEARCH
& EXTENSION CENTER**

**LANSING AG CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
RADISSON HOTEL,
DOWNTOWN LANSING**

**Weather forecast for
tonight: dark.**

~George Carlin

2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- TBD- Tuesday, October 27
- TBD - Wednesday, October 28
- TBD - Thursday, October 29

SENATE

- 10:00 am - Tuesday, October 27
- 10:00 am - Wednesday, October 28
- 10:00 am - Thursday, October 28

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE UNDER ASSAULT

The chaos is mounting in Lansing in order to fully resolve the 2010 Budget that was supposed to be in place by September 30. You may recall that state government shut down briefly on October 1 before the Legislature passed a one month continuation budget. This action left things in play throughout this month as the Governor has received the remainder of the full year budgets. Meanwhile the Governor is also advancing her agenda to consolidate state government through Executive Orders. Many of these actions are being taken to initiate discussions on revenue or new taxes.

It does appear through this activity that agriculture is under attack. First the Governor issued Executive Order 2009-45 that eliminated all oversight functions of the Department of Agriculture from the Agriculture Commission; secondly, the Governor line item vetoed several critical agricultural programs with a stroke of the pen late last week; and third, the Governor has indicated that funding for Agriculture Experiment Stations and Extension is a low priority and she may veto all funding in the coming week.

Scores of Michigan State University Extension offices and research stations across the state are jeopardized by a potential funding cutoff, if Gov. Jennifer Granholm blocks appropriations from reaching them.

That's the assessment of Jeffrey Armstrong, dean of MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who faces shutting down 82 Extension offices, 15 agricultural and biological research stations and other bioeconomy-based research and Extension programs.

If a gubernatorial line-item veto is issued for state funding of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and MSU Extension, the two programs will no longer receive federal matching dollars or millions of dollars in grant funding, he said, and will cease to exist.

"The Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station system and MSU Extension are providing the research, development and education for Michigan's emerging 'green' economy," Armstrong said. "If funding is eliminated or withheld, we destroy our ability to build the one economic sector in which Michigan has an advantage."

Call your Senator, Representative and Governor and tell them to restore funding to agriculture.

MCSA'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING A SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Michigan Contract Security Association for a successful membership meeting held Wednesday, October 21. MCSA Vice President, Don Grant presented proposed changes to PA 330 to the current and potential new members that were in attendance.

The MCSA executive board and membership committee members have been working diligently at increasing their membership. According to past President, Al Cavasin, there is strength in numbers.

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