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Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members!

Kevin Sportel, Kurt Elders and Dale Buist

Legislative Update

Farm Bill:

The Farm Bill is expected to be agreed upon and passed prior to the year end. MGGC has also been advised that the MGGC requested language for greenhouses will be included in the final version.

Paid Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Improvements Sent to Governor

Both issues were re-introduced since the November election to correct some of the points to the minimum wage increase and the requirements on paid sick time. These issues are controversial but did make their way through the Senate and House and await the Governor's signature.

For complete details the Michigan Chamber has a great overview:

<https://www.michamber.com/good-news-paid-sick-leave-and-minimum-wage-improvements-sent-governor>

2019-2020 Legislative Session Leadership

For your information, the list of the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate Leadership roster, Michigan Statewide and Congressional Officials is provided below. This list will be useful for communication during the next to years. Those elected in November will take office on January 2, 2019.

Legislative Session

2019-2020

State of Michigan Leadership

Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D)

Lt/Governor Garland Gilchrist II (D)

Attorney General Dana Nessel (D)

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D)

Michigan Senate

Senate Republican Caucus

- Majority Leader – Senator Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake)
- Majority Floor Leader – Senator Peter MacGregor (R-Rockford)
- President Pro Tem – Senator Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton)
- Senate Appropriations Chair – Senator Jim Stamas (R-Midland)
- Majority Whip – Senator Pete Lucido (R-Shelby Township)
- Majority Caucus Chair – Senator Curt VanderWall (R-Ludington)
- Assistant Majority Leader – Senator Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City)
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader – Senator Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Township)
- Assistant Majority Whip – Senator John Bizon (R-Battle Creek)
- Assistant Majority Caucus Chair – Senator Jim Runestad (R-White Lake)
- Assistant President Pro Tem – Senator Lana Theis (R-Brighton)
- Caucus Dean – Senator Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan)

Senate Democratic Caucus:

- Minority Leader – Senator Jim Ananich (D-Flint)
- Minority Floor Leader – Senator Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit)
- Senate Appropriations Minority Vice Chair – Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. (D-East Lansing)

Michigan House of Representatives

House Republican Caucus:

- Speaker of the House – Representative Lee Chatfield (R-Levering)
- Majority Floor Leader – Representative Triston Cole (R-Mancelona)
- Speaker Pro Tem – Representative Jason Wentworth (R-Clare)
- Associate Speaker Pro Tem – Representative Pam Hornberger (R-Chesterfield)
- Associate Speaker Pro Tem – Representative Jim Lilly (R-Park Township)
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader – Representative Mary Whiteford (R-Casco Township)
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader – Representative Michael Webber (R-Rochester Hills)

- Majority Whip – Representative Jason Sheppard (R-Temperance)
- Deputy Whip – Representative Diana Farrington (R-Utica)
- Caucus Chair – Representative Eric Leutheuser (R-Hillsdale)
- Caucus Vice Chair – Representative Graham Filler (R-Dewitt)

House Democratic Caucus:

- Minority Leader – Representative Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills)
- Minority Floor Leader – Representative Yousef Rabhi (D-Ann Arbor)

Michigan Congressional Delegation

Michigan US Senators:

Senator Debbie Stabenow (D)

Senator Gary Peters (D)

US House of Representatives:

- 1st District Jack Bergman (R)
- 2nd District Bill Huizenga (R)
- 3rd District Justin Amash (R)
- 4th District John Moolenaar (R)
- 5th District Dan Kildee (D)
- 6th District Fred Upton (R)
- 7th District Tim Walberg (R)
- 8th District Elissa Slotkin (D)
- 9th District Andy Levin (D)
- 10th District Paul Mitchell (R)
- 11th District Haley Stevens (D)
- 12th District Debbie Dingell (D)
- 13th District Rashida Tliab (D)
- 14th District Brenda Lawrence (D)

Plant Inspection Fee Increases for 2019

MDARD's plant inspection fees will increase beginning on January 1, 2019. Hourly fees will increase from \$60/hour to \$61/hour. Acreage fees will increase from \$54 to \$56 for the first acre and will remain unchanged at \$33 for each additional acre.

Download [official letter](#) for details.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meeting - Thursday, December 13, 9:00 am in East Lansing
Member Meeting - Tuesday, January 15, 9:00 am Location to be determined

Plants for Planting Manual

The Manual has just released update 1/2016-24. View the [Plants for Planting Manual](#). Revisions, indicated by a black change bar in the left margin of each revised page, are as follows:

Pages 3-17, 3-18: Corrected *Guizotia abyssinica*, *Lathyrus*, *Lens* seed treatments listed in Table 3-2 to align with those listed in the *Treatment Manual*

Page 6-511: Corrected *Guizotia abyssinica* seed treatment to align with Table 3-2 and the *Treatment Manual*

Page 6-569: Added *Lathyrus* spp. seed treatment to *Lathyrus sylvestris* and replaced all propagules with seeds for FSA-A

Page 6-572: Corrected *Lens* spp. treatment

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