



Michigan Agriculture Commission supports National Farm to School Month

The Michigan Agriculture Commission voted unanimously at their September meeting to support the first annual National Farm To School Month, in October 2011! The [resolution of support](#) was introduced by FSEP Executive Director and Agriculture Commissioner, Jennifer Fike. Farm to School programs bring fresh fruits and vegetables to school meals and develop partnerships between farmers, food service directors, students and the community. There are three pillars to farm to school: Cafeteria, Classroom and Community and successful programs can start under any one of the three pillars. FSEP has provided Farm to School technical assistance to nearly 30 school districts in southeast Michigan since 2007! To learn more about Farm to School and how you can get involved, visit:

<http://fsepmichigan.org/index.php/farm-to-school/> or contact Michaelle Rehmann at rehmannm@fsepmichigan.org.

Upcoming Events

September 29 - Michigan Food & Food Systems (MIFFS) Harvest Celebration Local Food Dinner and Benefit Auction - Lakeview Banquet and Event Center, Laingsburg.

Celebrate the hard work of Michigan farmers by enjoying this autumn's harvest with a bountiful five-course meal and participating in a silent auction. Opportunities to donate will support MIFFS as well as local and sustainable farms.

For registration and more information, visit <http://www.miffs.org/harvestcelebration.asp>.

October 6 - Seasonal High Tunnel: Conservation Practices Tour- Monroe Conservation District

Monroe Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service will be hosting a free informational tour focusing on lengthening the growing season by using seasonal hoop houses.

Various farming techniques offered through the USDA Farm Bill will be presented as well as marketing suggestions.

Email Catherine.acerboni@mi.nacdnet.net to register by September 30.

October 14-16 - Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Annual Conference - Marygrove College, Detroit.

The 7th Annual Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Conference will provide presentations and workshops in support of healthy, sustainable communities through ecologically sound relationships between the Earth and human networks.

Special Joe Reilly concert Saturday evening and visual art exhibit throughout the event.

For registration and more information, visit www.glbd.org.

October 19 - Making it in Michigan Conference - Lansing Center, Lansing.

The fifth annual Making it in Michigan MSU Product Center conference is Michigan's premiere specialty food trade show and conference. Check out the series of educational sessions and speakers designed to help individuals take their new business or product idea from concept to store shelves. A Marketplace trade show will take place.

Visit www.makingitinmichigan.msu.edu to learn more and to register.

November 8-11 - Equity Summit 2011 - The Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Fourth national PolicyLink Summit will meet for the first time in Detroit to share a proactive outlook on building sustainable and equal jobs, transportation, education, health, and housing for all communities.

For registration as well as information on organizing a delegation or caucus, visit

<http://www.equitysummit2011.org/>.

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