



Left: Bruce Lewis welcomes participants to his farm.

Below: Jennifer Lewis (right) thanks participants for attending the Breakfast on the Farm event. In the middle is State Representative Ken Kurtz (R-Coldwater), at left is Bruce Lewis.



Pleasant View Dairy hosts Breakfast on the Farm

Approximately 50 people gathered at MMPA member Pleasant View Dairy operated by the Lewis Family in Jonesville, Mich. for a “Breakfast on the Farm” event designed to increase participants’ awareness of the agriculture industry. Various local, county and state elected officials and representatives from public offices in the Hillsdale County area

attended the event on June 15. Following breakfast, Roberta Osborne, former MSUE Dairy Educator and current Branch County Extension Director discussed the economic impact of the agriculture industry in Hillsdale County, the increasing role of technology and provided an overview of environmental stewardship in the agriculture industry.

Ag Task Force sets Hearings throughout Michigan

Special panel touring state to gather public policy ideas

The legislative Strategic Task Force on Agriculture has unveiled a schedule of public hearings across the state to gather grassroots ideas on how best to strengthen Michigan’s agriculture industry.

State Rep. Cindy Denby of Hamburg Township is chairing the statewide effort by Republican members of the state House to seek input from farmers and other agriculture experts on how to improve Michigan’s second largest industry and create jobs.

“We must constantly look at ways the state can better partner with the ag community to strengthen this important industry,” Rep. Denby said. “Farmers know best how we can improve agriculture, and we look forward to traveling across the state to listen to their ideas.”

Other lawmakers on the agriculture task force include Reps. Brian Calley of Portland; Kevin Daley of Lum; Geoff Hansen of Hart; and Ken Kurtz of Coldwater.

Agriculture Task Force Public Hearing Schedule

July 20 – Howell Township Office, 3525 Byron Rd., in Howell, starting at 2 p.m.

Aug. 3 – Samuel’s Restaurant, 1042 W. Main St., in Fremont, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Aug. 10 – Ionia Intermediate School District, 2191 Harwood Rd., in Ionia, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Aug. 24 – Lapeer County ISD Educational Technology Center, 690 Lake Pleasant Rd., in Attica, starting at 6 p.m.