



Concurrent Session I
10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

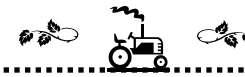
- A. **Transferring the Farm** - *Warren Schauer and Tom Bailey* - Many farmers have a goal of seeing their farm continue as a viable business after they leave the farming profession. Warren will do a quick review of basic concepts and terms one needs to consider in transferring the farm. Tom will discuss the use of conservation easements in farm estate planning.
- B. **Passive Solar Greenhouses for Season Extension and Winter Harvesting 1 : Site Preparation, Structure Selection and Construction** - *John Biernbaum and Adam Montri* - A hoophouse or passive solar greenhouse is a farm tool that can reduce the risk of crop loss due to weather extremes and can provide for year-round harvesting and marketing. The focus of the first session is on the structure including getting ready to build, deciding on the type of structure and design, and how to economically and efficiently build. Common questions that we will address include: How large a structure, how to maximize light, one layer of plastic or two, and how to ventilate?
- C. **Pasture Raised and Organic Livestock Production – Patience and Perseverance Required** - *Matt Shane* - Raising “pasture fed” livestock is not as simple as eliminating all concentrates from the diet and hoping for the best. Similarly, producing organic livestock is more involved than eliminating all medications and hormones. This session will demonstrate the opportunities and barriers associated with both pasture fed and organic livestock production using an existing farm that made the transition over several years.
- D. **Is Climate in the Great Lakes Region Changing? Some Thoughts and Projections** - *Jeff Andresen* - Global average temperatures have risen approximately 1.5°F since 1850. In the Great Lakes region, the majority of current future climate projections suggest warmer and possibly wetter conditions in the future. This presentation will cover what is known and unknown regarding climate change in our region as well as some possible impacts.
- E. **Managing Privately Owned Woodlots for Profit and Pleasure** - *Russ Kidd* - This program will focus on different ways that woodlands can be managed for both timber and non-timber forest products for commercial and personal use. The purpose is to help participants evaluate some of these options as it applies to their own woodlands and provide links to additional resources to help implement some of the options discussed.
- F. **Using Local Food** – *Eric Villegas* - Eric Villegas, a nationally recognized food advocate and host of the “Fork in the Road” public television program will address how he is using local foods in his Michigan restaurant and how producers can be successful in developing these relationships.

Concurrent Session II
1:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.

- G. **Using Local Food** – *Eric Villegas* - **Repeat Session** - See Session F for description.
- H. **Cover Crops for Michigan’s Vegetable Farms** - *Vicki Morrone* - We will discuss attributes and opportunities of growing cover crops in Michigan conditions. Ideas and recommendations will also be offered on cover crop varieties that can be mixed to maximize their return. Cover crops grown in bins (as a mono crop and mixed crop) will be used to demonstrate how the crop grows as well as a chance to compare nodules on the legume varieties (nitrogen fixers). Management of cover crops will be discussed for organic and sustainable farms including a no-till system as demonstrated by the Kellogg Biological Station crimper/flame system.
- I. **Passive Solar Greenhouses for Season Extension and Winter Harvesting 2 : Crop and Variety Selection; Recommended Schedules and Maintenance of Plant Health** - *John Biernbaum* - The focus of the second session is on profitable year-round crop production. We will draw on six years of winter and summer PSGH growing experience at the Student Organic Farm plus what we have learned from working with growers across Michigan to provide recommended crops, varieties, planting schedules and plant protection methods.
- J. **Farm Record Keeping** - *Bob Battel and Warren Schauer* - The basics of farm financial record keeping and how keeping records can help in income tax management and farm business analysis.
- K. **Why Cellulosic Ethanol is Nearer than You Think: Creating the Biofuels Future** - *Bruce E. Dale* - Discover recent developments in Cellulosic Ethanol and how your small farm can be a part of this exciting future. Your involvement in shaping this future will be critical for small farms in Michigan.
- L. **Specialty Mushroom Production for Small Scale Farms** – *Joe Krawczyk and Maryellen Kozac* - Come and learn how you can incorporate shitake and oyster mushrooms into your farming operation.

Concurrent Session III
3:15 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

- M. **Specialty Mushroom Production for Small Scale Farms** – *Joe Krawczyk and Maryellen Kozac* - **Repeat Session** - see Session L. for description.
- N. **Farm to School** - *Diane Connors, Jim Bardenhagen, and Anna Sangemino* - More than 30 schools in northwest Michigan are now serving kids at least a dozen different local farm products—from asparagus and apples to eggs and meat. They're also looking to replace the "candy sale" fundraiser with local farm products. Hear about a regional effort to link farms to schools for cafeteria and fundraiser sales, and farmers' experiences in that effort.
- O. **Keys to Organic Apple Production** - *Ron Perry* - Production of organic apples in our Michigan climate can be a challenging enterprise. Pests pose the most challenging issues to producing blemish-free product without suppression of yields of competitive product for the market place. Approaches to avoiding these challenges will be discussed in association with keys to success. Experiences and results in conducting research at the Clarksville Horticulture Experiment Station will be shared.
- P. **Organic Pork production on Small Farms** – *Jane Bush* - Learn how Jane incorporates “farrowing and raising heirloom Duroc hogs on pasture” into her organic orchard operation. Also discover how she markets these pork products throughout the year.
- Q. **What Will be in the Fields Tomorrow** – *Julie Avery* - *What will be in the Fields Tomorrow* will show you a new tool that you can use in talking about food and agriculture issues to community members, neighbors, family and friends. Through the power of civic engagement, this readers’ theater piece examines many issues facing farmers today. After the performance, there will be a facilitated talk-back discussion led by Julie Avery, who is with the MSU museum.
- R. **Weed Identification** - *Roberta Dow* - A mini-weed identification class—it familiarizes you with the appearance and characteristics of the young as well as the more mature common weeds. At the end of the presentation, you will have a chance to test yourself with real plant material.
- S. **Farmer Panel** - *Vicki Morrone* - “To be certified organic, or not to be. That is the question”. Facilitated by Vicki Morrone. This farmer panel will discuss the benefits and challenges of being certified organic. This is your opportunity to hear from producers with first hand experience, which have chosen different paths.



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Saturday, January 26, 2008
8:00 to 5:00 pm

Grayling High School
1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI

FROM I-75: Take Exit 259 toward downtown Grayling. Turn West onto I-75 BL/Hartwick Pines Road/M-93. Turn right onto Grayling Highway/Old US-27. The school is on the left.

For more directions please see the Grayling High School website at: www.casdk12.net/GHS04

Lunch featuring locally grown foods will be prepared by the Grayling High School Food Service Department with musical entertainment by Harmony and Grits

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January 26, 2008
(registration deadline January 18th)
P.O. Box 427 Bellaire, MI 49615



Keynote Speaker

Chris Bedford

Co-Founder and President
Sweetwater Local Foods Market



***The Local Food Revolution
and How it Can Rebuild
Michigan***

Michigan's economy is in crisis. By every measure - employment, household income, manufacturing - our state is in decline. If Michigan is to thrive and prosper, we need to do something different, something effective, something ecologically intelligent. To date, the public debate on "what to do" has encompassed everything except the one action that could actually transform our state right now.

If Michigan intentionally supported small farmers growing food for local consumption many of the most persistent problems facing us would diminish greatly and, ultimately, disappear. Why is local food production so critical to our future? And how could the local food revolution actually transform our state? What specific steps do we need to take to make this change happen?

Chris Bedford talks about the role Michigan's small farmers can play in regenerating our environment, our economy, and our health.

Additional information on the conference can be found on our website:
www.msue.msu.edu/antrim

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**INCREASING PRODUCTION
AND USAGE OF LOCALLY
GROWN PRODUCTS**

~ Conference Schedule ~

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-9:00 Welcome & Introductions
- 9:00-10:00 Keynote: Chris Bedford
***The Local Food Revolution and How It
Can Rebuild Michigan***
- 10:00 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 -11:45 Concurrent Sessions I
- 11:45-1:15 Lunch - vegetarian selection available
- 1:15-1:30 Announcements
- 1:30 - 2:45 Concurrent Sessions II
- 2:45-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:30 Concurrent Sessions III
- 5:00 Trade Show Closes

TRADE SHOW and LUNCH TOPIC

Exhibitors have lots of ideas to share to help your small farm stay successful. When your not eating lunch visit our many exhibit/vendor booths and see what they have to offer.

You may also choose to give your input during a special session hosted by MOFFA. The discussion will focus on a possible new "Michigan organic identity" titled the "Michigan Farmer's Pledge".

Exhibitors contact Presque Isle MSU Extension at 989-734-2168 to reserve your spot!