

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Michigan Agri-Business Association – Michigan Bean Shippers Association 2010 Summer Outlook Conference Grand Hotel – Mackinac Island

Friday, September 10

Arrivals & Dinner on your own

Saturday, September 11

Breakfast (*On Your Own*) – Main Dining Room

8:30 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. Business Session

Crop Outlook and The Future

Sugar Beets

**Ray VanDriesche, Michigan
Sugar Company**

Dry Beans

**Joe Cramer, Star of the West
Milling Company**

Wheat

Jim Doyle, King Milling Company

Corn

TBD

Soybeans

**Keith Reinholt, Michigan Soybean
Promotion Committee**

10:15 A.M. Break

10:30 A.M. Business Session (continues)

Crop Input Issues

Fertilizer

John Stefanelli, The Andersons Inc.

Pesticides

Elisha Modisett, Dow AgroSciences

Seed

John A. Kohr, Monsanto

11:15 A.M. Ag Credit Outlook

**Dave Armstrong, GreenStone
Farm Credit Services**

11:30 A.M. Farmland Values and Trends

**Michael Schweickert, JP Morgan
Chase Bank, NA**

11:45 A.M. Political Outlook

**Dianne Byrum, Byrum & Fisk
Communications**

12:00 Noon Lunch (*On Your Own*)

12:30 P.M. Golf (*The Jewel*)

**6:00 P.M. Reception - Grand Hotel Porch - East End
After 6:00 p.m. Dress Code will apply.**

**7:00 P.M. Dinner - Main Dining Room Reserved Section
After 6:00 p.m. Dress Code will apply.**

Sunday, September 12

Breakfast (*On Your Own*) – Main Dining Room

8:45 A.M. Business Session

What the Future Holds - Comments on
What to Expect

**Jim Byrum, Michigan Agri-Business
Association**

9:15 A.M. Dry Bean Numbers

**Bob Green, Michigan Bean
Commission**

**9:30 A.M. Dry Bean Production Expectations &
Market Update**

**Larry Sprague, Kelley Bean
Company, Inc.**

**9:45 A.M. Dry Bean Seed and Varieties – What to
Expect in the Future**

**Paul Varner, Treasure Valley
Seed Company**

**10:15 A.M. The State of the Industry - 2011 and Beyond
Joe Cramer, Star of the West
Milling Company**

10:30 A.M. How a Banker Views Dry Beans

**Dave Armstrong, GreenStone
Farm Credit Services**

**11:00 A.M. Adjourn for Recreational Activities,
Lunch and Departures, all on your own.**

11:15 A.M. Golf (*The Jewel*)

Casual resort wear is appropriate throughout the day. After 6:00 p.m. gentlemen and ladies 13 years and older are required to wear appropriate attire. Jackets and ties for men and dresses or dress pantsuits for ladies are required.

- **ACCOMMODATIONS** - *The Grand Hotel* will be the host hotel for the conference. To obtain the \$199 per night group rate, **reservations must be made prior to August 11, 2010. Call 1-800-33-GRAN, to reserve your room and let them know you are attending our conference.** Your room rate of \$199 will include breakfast daily for up to 2 guests in your room. Additional breakfast charges will apply for children. Ages 5-11: \$15; Ages 12-18: \$20. For a list of other accommodations both on and off the island, you can contact the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau at 1-800-666-0160, or visit their web site at www.mackinawcity.com.

It is suggested that non-hotel guests carry their MABA name badge or a copy of this program with them for entrance to the Hotel, or you may be charged a \$10 non-hotel guest entrance fee to enter the grounds.

➤ **AFTERNOON TEA**

In keeping with more than 100 years of Grand Hotel tradition, Afternoon Tea is served each day in the Parlor. Guests enjoy tea, sherry and champagne, petite finger sandwiches, fresh-baked scones, and an array of pastries, accompanied by a chamber music recital. Served Daily 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. \$25 per person payable at the Hotel.

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➤ **GETTING TO THE ISLAND**

Three ferryboat lines provide service to Mackinac Island, **Arnold Transit Co.**, Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry and Star Line. All three operate from Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, and docks are well marked in both cities. Round Trip tickets purchased at the docks are \$24.00/adults; and \$12.00/children 5-12. Boats operate from early morning until early evening with frequent crossings throughout the day. Luggage transfer is simple and convenient with assistance provided on both the mainland and on Mackinac Island.

For our attendees, **Arnold Transit Co.** will extend a discount, of \$4 on each adult ticket and \$3 on each child's ticket, as well as "free" parking on the mainland for the duration of your island stay. To obtain the discount inform the attendant at the ticket booth that you are attending the Michigan Agri-Business/Michigan Bean Shippers meeting. For additional information regarding **Arnold Transit Co.** call (800) 542-8528 or visit their web site, www.arnoldline.com.

Getting to Mackinaw City – (From the South) Take US 31, 23 or I-75 North to I-75. Take I-75 North to Mackinaw City Exits (317, 318, or 319). Follow exits and signs to the Mackinac Island Ferry Docks (**Arnold Transit Co.**, Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry or Star Line).

➤ **GOLF NOTES**

Informal outings will take place both days with no prizes and no pre-arranged teams. We will compile a list of those that wish to golf and provide it to others interested. Greens fees, on The Jewel, are included in your \$199 room rate. Golfers will be responsible for paying a cart fee of \$30 for 18 holes or \$15 for 9 holes. These fees will be payable at the club house. To qualify for golf both days, at the reduced rate, your room reservation must be for two nights. Otherwise regular golf rates will apply. (Hotel Guests \$75/ Non Guests \$90 for 18 Holes.) Non Hotel Guests: Greens fees for 18 holes, including cart will be \$90.