

**Recommendations of the
MFB Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee
From the July 29th, 2021 Meeting**

Recommendation No. 1 MAEAP Certification

The Michigan Farm Bureau Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee recommends that the following language be added to Policy #81 Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, after line 48:

We support Michigan Farm Bureau and their staff to work with MDARD to investigate barriers as to why MAEAP certifications have not been completed. We further support advocating for avenues for grant funding to address all measures that are barriers to certification completion and include possible exemptions to be made, such as water well set-backs from greenhouses.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No. 2 MAEAP Certification

The Michigan Farm Bureau Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee recommends that the following language be added to Policy #81 Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, after line 43:

We support the marketing of the MAEAP program to consumers using MAEAP funds.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No. 3 Farm Bill

The MFB Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee recommends that the recommends the following language be added to Policy #28, Nursery, Floriculture, Sod, and Greenhouse Industry, after line 12.

We support maintaining language for the 2023 Farm Bill that is in the current 2018 Farm Bill that refers to greenhouse and nursery crop insurance programs and the indemnification of plants after a disease or pest outbreak. We further support action to be taken to develop and complete these programs.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No. 4 **Farm Bill**

The MFB Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee recommends that the recommends the following language be added to Policy #28, Nursery, Floriculture, Sod, and Greenhouse Industry, after line 12.

We support adding language to the 2023 Farm Bill to support funding for researchers, research infrastructure, and grant funding through USDA's Specialty Crops Research Initiative and Specialty Crop Block Grants to support the nursery and greenhouse industry. Issues of importance include mechanization (due to labor shortages), development of new pesticides to replace any that have been or will be de-regulated, and advanced technologies to propagate and grow plants.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No. 5 **Local Zoning Ordinances**

Due to the viability of Michigan's Agriculture, we oppose any current local ordinances that remove any existing classification of agriculture, the Michigan Farm Bureau Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee **reaffirms** the language in Policy #80 Land Use, under "We Oppose" lines 105-107.

Rezoning agricultural zones if the use has not changed and the landowners have not requested the zoning change.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No. 6 **State Emergency Health Orders**

The MFB Nursery and Greenhouse Advisory Committee recommends the following language be added to Policy #69 Streamlining Michigan Government, at line 50. This Advisory Committee strongly feels that a small legislative committee should be formed to review Orders.

We support enacting a legislative review process after 28 days of any State Emergency Health Orders are issued. The legislative review process would include a small legislative committee. We encourage this committee to work with the agricultural industry, and other affected industry segments, to establish and follow scientifically validated workplace protocols.

For Policy Development