

**DIRECTIONS TO  
HORIZONS CONFERENCE CENTER  
6200 State Street (M-58)  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-799-4122**



**LOOK FOR THE RED  
ELECTRONIC READER BOARD!**

**From I-75 North or South**

Take I-75 to I-675 Downtown Saginaw.  
Take Davenport exit and continue until  
merge with State Street (2-way).  
Proceed through three stoplights.

**From US-10 East or West**

Take US-10 to M-47 Freeland Exit South;  
Follow M-47(Midland Road) through  
Freeland. Continue South until M-47 merges  
on left with M-58 (State Street).  
Continue East on State St. 1/8 mile;  
Horizons is on the left.

**From MBS Airport**

Take Garfield Road South (5 miles) to M-47  
(Midland Road). Continue South until M-47  
merges on left with M-58 (State St.)  
continue East on State St. 1/8 mile;  
Horizons is on the left.

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## 2016 Bean & Beet Symposium & Trade Show



**Horizons Conference Center  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
8 am - 4 pm**



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## WHAT IS THE BEAN & BEET SYMPOSIUM?

**The Bean & Beet Symposium and Trade Show** has been held every year for almost 30 years. This event is sponsored by the Michigan Bean Commission and MSU Extension with support from REACh (Michigan Sugarbeet Research & Education Advisory Council).

Dry bean and sugarbeet growers looking for research based information on improving production, marketing and quality are encouraged to attend the 2016 Bean and Beet Symposium Tuesday, January 19 at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw, Michigan.

After so many years, this high quality event continues to enjoy success and the spacious and accommodating Horizons Conference Center provides the perfect setting. Over 400 agriculture producers, agribusiness people, and university researchers travel from throughout the Midwest, Canada and all of Michigan to attend this outstanding trade show and symposium of **over 100 vendors**. Producers of all commodities are welcome to attend.

If you're a first time visitor, we believe you'll be very pleased with the variety of exhibitors and the quality and expertise of the speakers.

**For inquiries about the  
2016 Bean and Beet Symposium,  
Contact Steve Poindexter or Karlie Witkop at the  
Saginaw County MSU Extension office  
989-758-2500 or by email at  
vanpopp8@msu.edu.**

## 2016 Bean & Beet Symposium Agenda

8:00 am	<b>Trade Show Opens</b>  <i>Morning Moderator – Steve Poindexter, Senior Sugarbeet Extension Educator, MSU</i>
9:30 am	<b>Sugarbeet Cyst Nematode, Cover Crops and Soil Health Learning from Decades of Research</b> Dr. George Bird, Nematologist Emiratis, MSU
10:10 am	<b>Research Update and Challenges in the Sugarbeet Industry Summarizing Current Red River Valley Research</b> Dr. Mohamed Khan, Sugarbeet Researcher, North Dakota State University
10:50 am	<b>Bio-Technology Now and Projections for the Future Understanding Current Issues, Industry Trends and Future Strategies</b> Douglas Rushing, Director of Industry Affairs, Monsanto
11:30 am	<b>Adjourn for Lunch &amp; Viewing of the Trade Show</b>  <i>Afternoon Moderator – Greg Varner, Research Director, Michigan Bean Commission</i>
1:30 pm	<b>El Nino-La Nina- Effect on Weather Big Impacts on Michigan and Corn Belt Growing Season</b> Mark Torregrossa, Owner/Meteorologist, Farmerweather.com
1:50 pm	<b>What's New in Desiccants and Weed Control? Research Related to Beans and Beets</b> Dr. Christy Sprague, MSU Weed Science
2:15 pm	<b>World Dry Bean Production and Trade. 2016 UN International Year of the Pulse (Beans)</b> Randy Duckworth, US Dry Bean Council International Activities
2:45 pm	<b>Dry Bean Variety Research Efforts What Can We Expect?</b> Dr. Jim Kelly, MSU Dry Bean Breeding
3:10 pm	<b>Dry Bean Market Outlook</b> Larry Sprague, Kelly Bean Company
3:30 pm	<b>End of Program</b>