



MSU Extension and AgBioResearch State Advisory Council Current Members

MSU Extension District Representatives

Bob LaFave, MSU Extension District 1 Representative (2023-2026)
Village Manager, Village of L'Anse

Seth Hoopingarner, MSU Extension District 2 Representative (2023-2026)
Middle/High School Principal, Ishpeming Public Schools

Leah Bagdon McCallum, MSU Extension District 3 Representative (2023-2026)
Owner, Blue Orange Consulting

Joseph Sowmick, MSU Extension District 4 Representative (2023-2026)
Public Relations Manager, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Allen Pung, MSU Extension District 5 Representative (2023-2026)
Regional Sales Manager, Ceres Solutions Cooperative

Bridget Silvernail, MSU Extension District 6 Representative (2023-2026)
West Central Regional Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau

Allen Robinette, MSU Extension District 7 Representative (2024-2027)
Manager, Robinette's Apple Haus and Winery

Saturnino Rodriguez, MSU Extension District 8 Representative (2022 to 2025)
Vice president, Lansing School District Board

Mary Kelpinski, MSU Extension District 9 Representative (2023-2026)
MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2017-2022)
Chief Executive Officer of Michigan Pork Producers Association

John Mossner, MSU Extension District 10 Representative (2023-2026)
MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2016 to 2022)
Farmer

Jean Persely, MSU Extension District 11 Representative - Macomb County (2023-2026)
MSUE Master Gardener, D11 District Council member

Loren King, MSU Extension District 12 Representative (2024-2027)
Digital Marketing Specialist, MorganMyers

Rose Florian, MSU Extension District 13 Representative (2023-2026)
Food Hub Manager, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Brian Bates, MSU Extension District 14 Representative (2023-2026)
Owner/Producer, Bear Creek Organic Farm



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AgBioResearch Representatives

John Tilt, MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2023-2026)

General Manager, Vita Plus Corporation

Michigan Agri-Business Association Board Member

Gordon Wenk, MSU AgBioResearch Representative (2019 to 2024)

Retired director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Members-at-Large

Julius Buzzard, Member-at-large (2024-2027)

Executive Director, Growing Hope

Marguerite Cotto, Member-at-large (2023-2026)

MSU Extension District 3 Representative (2018 to 2022)

Vice President for Lifelong and Professional Learning at Northwestern Michigan College

Christine Hammond, Member-at-large (2018 to 2024)

Past president of Mid-Michigan College

Phil Knight, Member-at-large (2023-2026)

Executive Director, Food Bank Council of Michigan

Doug Lewis, Member-at-large (2024-2027)

Director of Student Legal Services at the University of Michigan

Barbara Rose, Member-at-large (2023-2026)

MSU Extension District 13 Representative (2018 to 2022)

Retired township supervisor

CARET

The **Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching** is a national grassroots organization of volunteers created in 1982 by the Board on Agriculture Assembly of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). CARET seeks to enhance national support and understanding of the land-grant university system's food and agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs that enhance the quality of life for all people.

Glenn Preston, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching

Owner, Preston Farms

Char Wenham, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching

Partner and consultant at Wood, Wenham & Henderson Consultants LLC

