

GROWER EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Oceana, Mason-Lake & Manistee Conservation Districts

- 8:45 **Sign in & Refreshments**
- 9:00 **MAEAP Introduction & Cost Share Program:**
Jamie VanDerZanden, Mason-Lake & Manistee CDs
- 9:10 **Water Use Reporting & Emergency Planning Update:**
Lynda Herremans, Oceana CD
- 9:25 **Cover Crops - Cover crop mix, soil preservation, soil health and pest management; cover crops' fumigation properties kill pests:**
Mary Harris, Ceres Solutions
- 9:45 **NRCS Cover Crop Cost Share/EQIP:**
Jake Crawford, Mason-Lake CD
- 9:55 **Break**
- 10:10 **MAEAP Farmer Panel:** Gary Dittmer & Art Lister Jr (*Mason County*), Caleb Herrygers & Tim Vinke (*Oceana County*), Kurt Shindler & Summit View Farms (*Manistee County*)
- 10:40 **Pesticide Drift Management/Case Studies:** Scott King, MDARD
- 11:20 **Michigan Produce Safety - Risk Assessment, post-harvest and tool and equipment sanitation, & water system inspection:**
Jordan DeVries, Newaygo CD
- 11:40 **Lunch**
- 12:00 **Lunch Presentation: Farm Energy Efficiency, LED lighting fixtures/retrofits & Consumers Energy EE incentives:**
Duane Watson, Jessica Martin & Tom Gallagher, Consumers Energy
- 12:45 **Improving the health of pollinators: a focus on bloom-time risk mitigation.**
Dr. Kelsey Graham, MSU Dept. of Entomology
- 1:25 **USDA Pollinator Programs:** Mark Kelly and Dayna McCoy, NRCS
- 1:35 **MAEAP: Forest, Wetlands and Habitat; Forest pests:** Josh Shields, Manistee & Mason-Lake CDs
- 2:05 **Invasive Species - Introducing available programs to offset the cost of invasive species removal:** Jenna Johnson, North Country CISMA
- 2:15 **Pesticide Safety- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) demonstration:** Seth Earl, NRCS
- 2:35 **Adjourn/Turn in RUP Bubble Sheets/MAEAP Phase I Forms**

Please feel free to join us all day to receive RUP credits, or just come for the topics you're interested in!



Wednesday Feb. 13th

8:45 am - 2:35 pm

Mason County
Reformed Church

45 S. Amber Rd.
Scottville, MI 49454



**Agenda Approved For
MAEAP Phase 1 Credit**

**4 RUP credits have been
applied for this meeting
3.5 CCA-CEU's also available**

**Please RSVP by
Friday February 8th
by calling:**

Oceana CD
231-861-5600 x5
or
Mason-Lake CD
231-757-3707 x5

Suggested \$5 donation to
cover lunch expenses