



## *Facts about Michigan Agriculture*

- ☛ Agriculture is Michigan's second largest industry contributing over \$71 billion annually to our state's economy.
- ☛ Michigan is home to over 56,000 farms averaging 179 acres.
- ☛ Michigan agriculture employs more than 1 million people.
- ☛ Over 200 commodities are produced on a commercial basis in Michigan making our state second in the nation in agricultural diversity.
- ☛ Michigan vegetable producers grew over 841,280 tons of fresh market and processing vegetables in 2009.
- ☛ Michigan is second in the nation in dry bean production and accounts for 13.8% of our national total production.
- ☛ Michigan leads the nation in the production of cranberry beans, black beans and small red bean production.
- ☛ Michigan ranks first in the nation in blueberry production and cucumbers for pickles and is second in the nation for carrot, celery and dry navy bean production.
- ☛ Michigan ranks third in the nation in apple production.
- ☛ And Michigan is fourth in the nation in the production of sugar beets.



*Representative Miller joins Ray VanDriessche, Representative Bob Goodlatte and Tom Zimmer to discuss the U.S. Sugar Program and its impact on Michigan sugar beet growers*

