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Michigan's first kitchen incubator is in business!



The Starting Block team gets ready for business in the Oceana County regional kitchen incubator. From left are Jim Henley, kitchen manager, Jane Dosemagen, office administrator, and Ron Steiner, director.

The Starting Block, Inc opens for business in Hart, Mich.

By: Emily Buckham
Communications Specialist

The Starting Block, Inc., Michigan's first kitchen incubator, is open for business in Hart, Mich.

The building houses a commercial, USDA-certified kitchen designed for innovating and developing agriculture and natural resources products. Other businesses involved in food systems are also located in the incubator to help entrepreneurs get started.

"We're incubating new entrepreneurs, or just as importantly, new ideas or new products for existing businesses," said Ron Steiner, the Starting Block director.

For a small kitchen rental fee, anyone within a 90-mile radius of Hart can come in and test out their latest idea, from jams and jellies to herbal

seasonings, from jerky to baked goods.

A lot of people are interested and already knocking on the door, said Steiner. Twelve entrepreneurs are currently renting space in the commercial kitchen. The building has been open for office services for several months, and five businesses are now set up to help with product startup and promotion.

The project has been a long time in the making but is finally up and running in full. Michigan Food & Farming Systems – MIFFS received a USDA Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant and contributions from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2003 to research and develop a kitchen incubator to help farmers turn their ideas into successes.

"It's a lot of work, but it's been a labor of love," said Steiner.

For more information about The Starting Block, Inc., contact them at (231) 873-1432 or tsbi4@verizon.net. To learn about the this project and its origins, visit www.miffs.org.



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Director's Report: November 2006

A Season to Reflect

By Elaine Brown
Executive Director

Another quarter has gone by, and winter has already arrived for a couple of days! It is time to give thanks for the year's harvest and to plan for a more abundant harvest next year.

MIFFS has had a great harvest this year from the crop of new employees and the new grants we have received. Both the development of the Michigan Farmers' Market Association and the construction of hoophouses on nine farms across Michigan have gone well thanks to great collaborative work with partners and colleagues on these projects. Our team managing these efforts is doing outstanding work. Their updates are on pages 3 and 8.

We have also received a new grant from the USDA Farm Service Agency which we will use to provide technical assistance and training for Spanish-speaking and Native American farmers. The training will focus on construction and management of unheated hoophouses and using compost to improve soil quality. This grant will be implemented by our Multicultural Farmers Program team in cooperation with Bay Mills Community College and Dr. John Biernbaum and his team at Michigan State University.

Additionally, the Fremont

Cooperative received a Julian-Stille grant to better understand and strengthen the supply chain for fruit crops in west Michigan. MIFFS is partnering with the Coop to understand the barriers and opportunities for establishing value chains for more Michigan produce. This six month study will include a pilot program to get additional Michigan fruit into the supply chain. Read more on page 3.

Our move to Agriculture Hall at MSU impacted a few tasks. We are working to get the membership database system up and operational in the new office. So if you have been wondering where your MIFFS membership renewal form is and how to contribute to the Tom Guthrie Annual Fund, those materials will be in the mail soon. We appreciate your on-going support and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming events. Our membership information is also available at www.miffs.org.

MIFFS will be participating in several events over the next few months. We will assist with the Farmers' Market program at the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo on December 7, 2006, as well as being an exhibitor December 5-7 at the Expo. Keep checking the Calendar of Events on our Web site for more updates on great opportunities.

UPDATE on the 2007



Michigan Family Farms Conference. The conference is now set for one day, Saturday, January 13, 2006, at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Mich.

This change will allow us to keep costs down so that more small farmers can attend. The workshop sessions will focus on business management, small scale marketing and production with a Spanish-speaking series as well. General Session speakers are Dr. John Pierre and Ms. Johari Cole. Read more on page 14. Brochures with more details about the program will be coming out soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

As we enter the winter season and the holidays that end the year, we take time to reflect on the gifts and opportunities we have been given. May we all have much to celebrate—good harvests, dear friends, and great memories!



MIFFS' purpose is to advance and sustain food and farming systems in which agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship and profitability reinforce each other for the benefit of Michigan's rural and urban communities.

MIFFS Organization Updates

Fremont Cooperative will partner with MIFFS on value-added grant

By: Emily Buckham
Communications Specialist

Consumers will soon be seeing more local food from Michigan farmers on shelves and menus around the state. The Fremont Cooperative Produce Co. will partner with Michigan Food & Farming Systems – MIFFS on a Julian-Stille Value-Added Agriculture Fund grant to strengthen food supply chains in Michigan.

Michigan produces more than 125 varieties of agricultural products and services. However, those products don't always find their way to food distributors, restaurants and institutions in Michigan where demand for local food is growing.



MDA awards the Julian-Stille Value-Added grant to the Fremont Cooperative to strengthen supply chains.

Currently, Michigan-based food service distributors purchase large quantities of fruit from outside the state and United States. In many cases, Michigan fruit farmers growing apples, cherries and blueberries, representing 6% of

Michigan farms, have the capacity to supply fresh, local fruit to food service distributors. But Michigan growers have been passed by as potential suppliers due to weak links along the food supply chain.

Washington apples or California

cherries are easily found in institutional cafeterias or on restaurant menus. The supply chain for high volumes of fruit from across the country and world is currently more adept at delivering those large quantities to retailers. However, quality of food, equitable grower compensation and economic sustainability appear to get lost in transit.

Through this grant, MIFFS and the Fremont Cooperative will work to link local fruit growers to food distribution organizations and customers, getting more Michigan produce into the food supply chain and bringing more value to farmers and consumers.

For more information, please contact the MIFFS office at miffs@msu.edu or 517-432-0712.

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Or, if you're already a MIFFS member, contact the MIFFS Office at (517) 432-0712 or email miffs@msu.edu to get an electronic copy of the Memo in color!

Stakeholders envision Michigan Farmers' Market Association

By: **Dru Montri**

MIFMA project manager

On September 11, 2006, MIFFS held a day-long visioning session at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI, to launch the new, statewide Michigan Farmers' Market Association (MIFMA). Sixty people attended representing farmers, farmers' markets, neighborhood centers, downtown development authorities, foundations, nonprofit organizations, municipalities and state entities.

Participants identified key strategies and activities as well as elements for MIFMA's mission and vision. "There is a great need for this," said Pat Roush, Market Master at the Kalamazoo Farmers' Market. Development of a statewide association to address needs of Michigan farmers' markets is very timely. More than 150 farmers' markets are active across the state and the number is growing. MIFMA will contribute to the expansion and



Participants sign up for task forces at the Michigan Farmers' Market Association visioning session on Sept. 11 in DeWitt, Mich.

improvement of these farmers' markets.

The September 11th gathering allowed stakeholders to interact with one another and to define the needs of the stakeholders that MIFMA will serve by identifying the scope of issues faced at farmers' markets. Melissa Palma, Market Master for the Ypsilanti Downtown Farmers' Market, said, "Bringing us together is a great

start!" Monday was the beginning of many conversations among farmers' market stakeholders.

"Overall, I believe the session was very effective in helping the association answer key questions about who MIFMA should serve, the needs MIFMA should address, and the necessity for a statewide association," said Dru Montri, project manager for MIFMA. "We left the session with clear

elements of our mission and vision as well as an action register for accomplishing those tasks." At the close of the session, most participants indicated their intent to participate in MIFMA.

Elaine Brown, Executive Director of MIFFS, sent the group on their way with a closing statement charging each one to reach one. This is a chance for those involved with farmers' markets to come together and have their collaborative voice heard.

Since the visioning session, the Project Leadership Team has met to draft the elements of the mission and vision into statements and five task forces have been organized addressing organization identity and governance, professional development, community outreach, information and education resources, and member benefits. Please contact Dru Montri at dnmontri@msu.edu if you are interested in getting involved or joining a committee.

MIFFS builds evaluation capacity

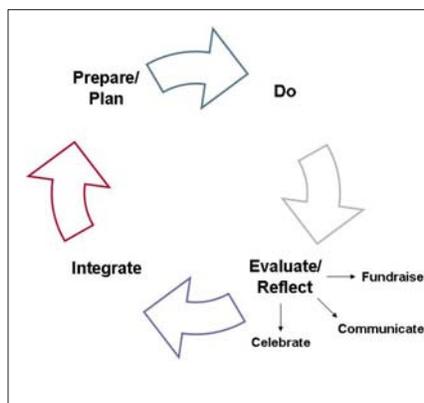
By: **Kristine Ranger**

Internal Evaluation Champion

Yuk! This three-letter word says it best. When asked to evaluate programs and progress, most people would rather dress as Santa and solicit donations in front of Kmart! It's not exciting, it's not easy, and it's often not well understood, but doing proper evaluation is essential to organizational growth and development.

Over the past year, staff and consultants at MIFFS have been learning, discussing and experimenting with tools and techniques to enhance their skills in both process and outcome evaluations. A grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation allowed MIFFS to fund an innovative position known as Internal Evaluation Champion, currently filled by Kristine Ranger.

The Internal Evaluation Champion has a unique role, ranging from teaching and coaching staff or consultants, to leading



The MIFFS team uses this cycle to evaluate their projects and communicate their lessons learned.

conversations and institutionalizing evaluation practices, or "habits".

Everyone who works for MIFFS is expected to engage in evaluation practices

and embrace newly established habits such as walking meetings, scheduled evaluation discussions at staff meetings, and most importantly, identifying communication opportunities and organizational impacts from a common project reporting form. A major objective of the project entails linking evaluation to fundraising and communication efforts, a relatively new concept for non-profits.

Reshaping the culture to increase trust and understanding among all staff has been critical to the success of this initiative, and Kristine guides the reshaping process. JoAnne Berkenkamp, an external evaluator, provides oversight to the task. Their story of building evaluation capacity, including the approach, tools and lessons learned will be captured in a practical handbook, tentatively available in mid 2007.

So you still think evaluation isn't glamorous? Just remember that "Yuk" makes you stronger!

Assisting Family Farmers

Southwest Michigan farmers participate in risk management workshops

By: Morse Brown
*Multicultural Farmers Program
Manager*

Southwest Michigan farmers recently participated in a series of workshops on risk management in agricultural production. Larry Swain, certification and IPM manager for Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) and Antonio Castro-Escobar, manager for worker protection standards for MDA, along with yours truly, continued our efforts to provide programs that farmers need to reduce the risk of loss on their farms.

The latest workshops raised farmers' awareness of pesticide use and safety. These workshops, held on September 9 and 23, were aimed at those farmers who wish to become Private Pesticide Applicators but are not yet certified. The two workshops yielded a dozen farmers.

One of the side benefits was that one of the participants, Arnold Baber, requested a field visit as a result of a new job responsibility due to the recent passing of his brother, Harold Baber, who was the farm manager for the Hawkins' Blueberry farm. Arnold will now be the Farm Manager and wanted to visit a couple of fields to look at some specific pest problems.

This field visit resulted in us scheduling a "Post Harvest Blueberry Workshop" and a field visit for all of the farmers in the multicultural farmers program. This workshop took place on October 19, at Steve and Paula Hawkins' Maggard farms in Covert, Mich. This workshop, like all of the multicultural farmers programs, was open to all, regardless of race, gender, religion or national origin.

On September 30, 20 farmers participated in a Risk Management and Financial Records Workshop. This workshop aimed at teaching farmers the value of risk management insurance, especially federal crop insurance. Morse Brown introduced the program and answered the question, "Why Risk Management Insurance?" Only three of the 20 farmers in attendance indicated that they had crop insurance. Morse decided that he was talking to the right group.

This workshop included a presentation



From left are: Dan White, Loretta Bryant, Arnold Baber, Lillie Watson, Antonio Castro-Escobar, Larry Swain and Estella Rodriguez, multicultural farmers Spanish-speaking assistant identify an insect pest on a blueberry branch.



From left against the wall: Juan Marinez, MSUE specialist, Morse Brown, and Lynn Farmer. The farmers are seated at the table for the Risk Management Financial Records Workshop.

by Lynn Farmer, State Farm Insurance agent from Bangor, Mich., and provider of risk management insurance for farmers. The presentation by Morse and Lynn let the farmers know why they needed crop insurance and good insurance for their farms, period. Morse indicated that the "why" of his presentation was for the following reasons:

- Loss would result in economic hardship.
- Sufficient number/quality of crop units must be exposed to the same peril.
- A definite event in time/place and measurable with reasonable accuracy.

This workshop also addressed record-keeping. Tim Perry, specialist with the USDA

Farm Service Agency (FSA), presented record-keeping to the farmers and provided each farmer with a nice record book for keeping track of their farm operations. He also provided a PowerPoint presentation and a three-ring notebook with the complete presentation. This showed FSA's business plan format as well as how to become a participant on their Web site's "Web Equity Manager" record-keeping system.

The farmers indicated by their responses that they learned a lot from the programs and would like more on record keeping and plan to participate in Risk Management Insurance's Federal Crop Insurance Program in the future.

Informing and Influencing Public Policy

Lansing consumers enjoy local food at Capitol farmers' market

By: **Emily Buckham**

Communications Specialist

The Capitol lawn buzzed with activity as hundreds Lansing shoppers enjoyed a farmers' market there on September 14, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This special market celebrated the 2nd annual "Buy Fresh, Buy Local – Select Michigan Day" and encouraged Michiganders to benefit from the great taste and community impacts of local food.

This event, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) and Michigan Food & Farming Systems (MIFFS), brought 17 farmers from the Lansing area and beyond to the Capitol to sell their goods. Agricultural products, like fresh-cut and potted flowers, fruits and vegetables, cheese, honey, maple syrup, eggs, sausage, jams and jellies, baked goods, grains and herbal soaps, brought only a fraction of Michigan's harvest bounty into the public eye.

"The event helped state policy makers see the opportunity for farmers and response of citizens to local farmers' markets," said Elaine Brown, executive director of MIFFS. "And people got to eat great food, meet the farmers who grew it and really make a connection about how important local food is to Michigan."

Great taste is only the beginning of what local food does for Michigan's consumers, farmers and economy.

"Michigan's growing food and agriculture industry generates \$60.1 billion every year for our economy," said Mitch Irwin, director of the MDA. "Selecting Michigan food keeps those dollars circulating in our communities, adding value to our family farms, and improving our

quality of life."

Many of the vendors couldn't believe the response they got or the sales they made. Some ran out of product early, and others had to call in for reinforcements.

"We had to call in more trucks," said Sandra and Jane Feltzke of Feltzke Farms in DeWitt. They sold fresh flowers and produce, but the raspberries were the biggest hit. Buyers waited in lines up to 15 people deep just to get them.

The shoppers loved it so much, they wanted the farmers' market to come back every month, or even every week! While that schedule might not be possible yet, MDA and MIFFS handed out directories of where to find local food, including u-picks, farm and farmers' markets and other ag tourism hot spots. Visit www.michigan.gov/mda or www.farmersmarkets.msu.edu to see these lists.

"The farmers' market on the Capitol lawn was a great opportunity to distribute information on more than 150 farmers' markets across the state," said Dru Montri, project manager of the Michigan Farmers' Market Association. "We wanted to recognize the markets that each of the farmers in attendance ordinarily sell at and encourage shoppers to regularly visit their local farmers' market."

Other events around the state also celebrated the "Buy Fresh, Buy Local – Select Michigan Day" and the September 10-16, 2006 "Selecting Michigan Week" recently proclaimed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. For a list of participating communities and more information, visit www.miffs.org/selectmich.



Lansing citizens, farmers, vendors, media and legislators celebrate "Buy Fresh, Buy Local - Select Michigan Day" on Sept. 14 on the lawn of the Capitol.



Dru Montri, project manager of the Michigan Farmers' Market Association, talks with vendors before the crowds arrive.

Detroit Pistons all-star Rip Hamilton lends big assist to Michigan Harvest Gathering

Auburn Hills, MI – Palace Sports & Entertainment CEO Tom Wilson and Mrs. Karen Davidson, co-chairs of the 16th annual Michigan Harvest Gathering (MHG), held a “half-time” report at the Palace to announce the progress of this year’s campaign. With a little more than a month remaining, the campaign is about one-third of its way to reaching its goal of raising \$350,000 and 500,000 pounds of food to help feed Michigan’s hungry individuals and families.

“It is surprising and alarming to know that 1 in 10 people in Michigan will need to use a food bank this year, which is unacceptable in a state and nation as abundant as ours,” said Wilson. “When we visited the Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit and learned of their issues, we immediately got the entire Palace Sports & Entertainment family involved.”

Davidson, wife of Pistons owner Bill Davidson, introduced a new program at the Monday event: Hoops for the Harvest. With the help of Detroit Pistons guard Richard “Rip” Hamilton, the Hoops for the Harvest program hopes to raise more than \$30,000 for the MHG.

The program is simple: for every point that Rip scores during the month of November, sponsoring companies will contribute \$100 per point to the MHG. Rip, who lends his image and celebrity to the 2006 MHG, will play 15 games in November. Last season he averaged just over 20 points per game. Businesses are being asked to sponsor one game during the month of November and contribute based upon Rip’s scoring.

Kara Braxton, representing her teammates and coaches from the 2006 WNBA Champion Detroit Shock, was the first to take up the challenge. Braxton announced the Shock’s sponsorship of the first Pistons game of the season on November 1 against the Milwaukee Bucks and presented the MHG with a check that will be filled in after the game.

Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) was the second sponsor to step up, and MIFFS representative Marty Gerencer also presented Davidson with a blank check, to be filled in after the November 24 game when the Pistons play the Charlotte Bobcats.

Since 1991, MHG has raised nearly \$5 million and gathered more than 7 million pounds of food. Judge Bill Schuette, the



Supporting the Michigan Harvest Gathering and Hoops for the Harvest are, from left to right, Jane Marshall, Marty Gerencer, Karen Davidson and Bill Schuette.

original founder of MHG, along with his wife Cynthia, stated that: since 1991, the MHG has been a way to offer hope and help to people in need. We are so excited to see new corporations and organizations join in the effort. We have a generous and caring state which is evidenced by our new honorary chairs and donors this year.”

The MHG campaign is the centerpiece of the Food Bank Council of Michigan’s public effort to end hunger in the state. As of October 20, \$115,550 and 35,000 pounds have been raised. Donations come from corporations, foundations, local businesses, farmers and individuals. The donations received during MHG have become a major source of food and funds for Michigan’s regional food banks. Campaign funds raised are used to purchase food and transport donated product into and around all 83 counties in Michigan.

Jane Marshall, Executive Director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan, explained that this year, 1 in 10 people in Michigan will need to use a food bank because they don’t have resources to get enough to eat.

“When people learn this, they are shocked and want to know what they can do to help their neighbors. We are always in need of food, funds and volunteers. Most people want to be a champion against hunger because they know it is wrong for children, seniors



and families in our communities to go to bed hungry,” she said.

For the past 16 years, statewide and local corporations and organizations have joined the fight against hunger through the Michigan Harvest Gathering. Again this year, groups like the Outdoor Advertising Association of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Broadcasters have offered their help to publicize Michigan Harvest Gathering across the state.

Individuals can also be involved by donating food, money and time. For more information about MHG, visit www.feedmichigan.org or call the Food Bank Council of Michigan at 800-552-GIVE (552-4483).

Visit www.miffs.org for updates.

What's Cooking: Upcoming Events

November 10-12, 2006: 'Raising Vegetables and Civic Values: CSA in the 21st Century' Conference for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI. For more information, email csafarm@jackpine.net or call 231-889-3216. Visit www.csafarms.org.

November 13, 2006: "Designing Healthy Livable Communities: A Study in Best Practices," Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI. Visit www.miffs.org for more information.

November 16, 17, 20 & 21, 2006:

Farmers' Market Workshops in Frankenmuth, Kalamazoo, Royal Oak and Traverse City, MI (respective to dates above). Contact Lanea Miller at 517-432-4608 or product@msu.edu or visit www.productcenter.msu.edu for more information.

December 5-7, 2006: Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. See page 13 or visit www.glexpo.com for more information.

December 10-13, 2006: 3rd Annual National Conference on Grazing Lands, St. Louis, MA. Visit www.glci.org for more information.

January 13, 2007: 4th Annual Michigan Family Farms Conference, Lakeview High School, Battle Creek, MI. See page 14 or contact MIFFS at 517-432-0712 or miffs@msu.edu for more information.

January 27, 2006: Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference, Grayling High School, Grayling, MI. Contact Stan Moore at 231-533-8818, or msue05@msu.edu for more information or visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/iac/farmconf/>

January 30, 2007: "Agriculture's Conference on the Environment: Managing Today for Tomorrow," Lansing Center, Lansing, MI. See page 9 or visit www.maeap.org for more details or to register.

February 8, 2007:

"Seeds of Prosperity Conference," Lansing Center, Lansing, MI. For exhibit or sponsorship information, contact Janice Benson at the Michigan Land Use Institute at 231-941-6584, ext. 21 or at janice@mlui.org, or visit www.mlui.org/sop to register.

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