

### TAX POLICY

- Oppose taxation on agriculture related structures
- Continue to preserve the agriculture exemption
- Reward companies that expand business in Michigan

### ENERGY

- Support incentives for energy conservation and bio-energy conversion
- Oppose real property taxation for energy-related equipment
- Seek a fair net-metering policy
- Align Michigan with Federal environmental regulations for bio-energy use

### WATER & ENVIRONMENT

- Continue to monitor water legislation and its impact on growers
- Oppose fees for well drilling and water withdrawal and retain riparian water rights
- Participate in agricultural-water-users coalition in support of regulations based on credible, hydrology science-based models

### LABOR & IMMIGRATION

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- Oppose real property taxation for energy-related equipment
- Seek a fair net-metering policy
- Align Michigan with Federal environmental regulations for bio-energy use

### MARKETING

- Promote USDA specialty crop funding
- Revitalize interest in floriculture/greenhouse products through farm markets
- Pursue opportunities to promote floriculture/greenhouse products where grants or other funds are available

### QUARANTINE & PLANT DESTRUCTION

- Seek grower compensation for publicly ordered plant destruction events through the next Farm Bill
- Support MDARD mission to work with floriculture on industry pest issues

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Advocate that local business regulations be consistent across jurisdictions and not supersede state laws, such as Right to Farm law

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Support the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)
- Support continued communication between MGGC and the plant industry and the Pesticide Division of MDARD
- Support continuation of floriculture in National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- Seek continuation of fair appropriations for MSU AgBioResearch and Michigan State University Extension (MSUE)
- Encourage the development of a strategic plan for MSU to better serve the Michigan floriculture industry with MGGC input
- Establish MSU faculty engagement commensurate with other horticulture sectors
- Support an effective applied research and floriculture marketing research agenda at MSU