



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
P.O. Box 30014  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-7514

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015      10:30 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Courser, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.**

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of March 25, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Ken Nobis and Sheila Burkhardt, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) reviewed the following topics with the Committee: Michigan's dairy industry; the top 20 commodities cash receipts in 2013; dairy's economic impact; the top ten dairy states; milk production per cow; number of dairy cows and total annual production in Michigan (2000-2014); state milk production; the Michigan advantage; the Michigan Milk Producers Association; milk marketed by MMPA (2014); MMPA locations; MMPA product customers total member milk production; MMPA expansion-Ovid; MMPA butter churn; U.S. per capita consumption (1980-2012); whole milk powder; MMPA expansion – Constantine; safe quality foods; U.S. dairy export markets; export market's importance; percentage of U. S. milk exported and export growth; current trade policy key issues; MMPA All-Milk Price (2014) and price projection for 2015; MMPA Member SCC averages; that MMPA members capture nearly half of national dairy quality awards; the national dairy farm program; and dairy foods from farm to table.

Val Vail-Shirey, representing the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, provided a presentation to the Committee and discussed: the Michigan egg layer industry; the Michigan turkey industry; the Michigan broiler industry; the national poultry improvement plan; poultry health; poultry health partners; social issues; laying housing research; and economic issues.

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:50 a.m.

---

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538