MiFOOD2012

Michigan Food Processing & Agribusiness Summit

Event Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	**Registration and Breakfast**
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	**Welcome Remarks**
	Rick Chapla, VP Business Development, The Right Place, Inc.
9:10 – 9:30 a.m.	**Opening Remarks**
	Keith Creagh, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	**OPENING KEYNOTE: Michigan Turkey, the Teenage Years**
	Dan Lennon, President/CEO, Michigan Turkey Producers Cooperative
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.	**Supply Chain Food Safety Strategies – Panel Discussion**
	Katherine Cahill, Managing Director, Global Product Risk Practice, Marsh
	Robert Prevendar, Director Supply Chain Food Safety, NSF International
	David Frayer, Director Executive Development Programs, The Eli Broad College of Business, Michigan State University
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	**Break**
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	**Employee Development and Training Opportunities**
	Jodi Gruner, Business Development Specialist, The Right Place Inc./MMTC-West
	Diana Carpenter, Agriculture Market Talent Director, Workforce Development Agency at State of Michigan
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	**Financing Alternatives for Growth**
	GreenStone
	Michigan Economic Development Corporation
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch**
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	**Ground Water Discharge Permit Update**
	Kurt Koella, Senior Project Manager, Lakeshore Environmental
	Matt Eugster, Partner, Varnum
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	**A Buyer's Relationship with their Supply Chain – Panel Discussion**
	John Cocuzza, Manager, Strategic Procurement, Gordon Food Service
	Colleen Wickering, Supply Chain Strategies Director, Meijer Inc.
	Larry Vanderkolk, Purchasing Manager, Request Foods Inc.
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	**Break**
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	**CLOSING KEYNOTE: From Farm to Spoon: Gerber Grows in Michigan**
	Christina Lawrence, Head of Corporate Affairs and Communications, Nestle Nutrition
	Terry Johnson, Factory Manager, Gerber Products Company
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	**Networking Reception**