

WINTER *Poultry* SEMINAR

Friday, February 27, 2026

Watermark Country Club

1600 Galbraith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

9:00 am Registration & Meet Our Vendors Breakfast

10:00am General Session

Welcome & MAPI Update	<i>Nancy Barr, MAPI Executive Director</i>
Annual MAPI Member Meeting	<i>Bob Beekman, President, MAPI Board of Directors</i>
Managing Farm Stress	<i>Dr. Remington Rice, MSU Extension, Farm Stress Program</i>

11:30am Seated Lunch Updates

Platinum Sponsor Presentation	<i>Brian Sisco, Keystone Cooperative</i>
Michigan State University Updates	<i>Dr. James Averill, AgBioResearch</i> <i>Dr. Francine Czerniawski, Animal Science</i> <i>Dr. Mayra Tsoi, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory</i> <i>Dr. Denise Imai-Leonard, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory</i>
Gubernatorial Candidate Address	<i>Congressman John James</i>

1:00pm - 1:30pm Dessert Bar and Break

Enjoy a premium dessert selection and take a moment to relax and mingle. Our vendor booths will be open, please take an opportunity to meet with them.

1:10pm - 1:30pm Bonus Talk

REVEAL: Leveraging non-invasive NIR technology to improve body condition, lay persistency and support real time nutrition decisions.

Stephanie Hutsko, PhD, Cargill

1:30pm – 3:30pm Technology and Human Resources Track

Engagement That Performs and other HR Topics

Kristi Roelofs – Sietsema farms Human Resources

Farm Labor Adaption Strategies and Policy Preferences in the Dairy Industry

Dr. David Ortega, Professor and the Noel W. Stuckman Chair in Food Economics & Policy at MSU (virtual)

EDIE Water Treatment System

Mathew Kerstetter, Water Tech Supervisor at Best Veterinary Solutions

Thermal Dehydrator Technology - Apex

Colton Johnson, Apex Predator Mortality Disposal

1:30pm – 3:30pm Poultry Health Track

AMPv, Vaccination, and Serology Interpretation

Nicholas Newsome DVM, MS, dACPV, Regional Director of Veterinary Services, Perdue Foods LLC

HPAI Vaccination - What an HPAI Vaccine Plan Would Really Look Like

Kaitlyn St. Charles, University of Minnesota

HPAI in the U.S. and Genetic Sequencing of the Michigan Flock Cases

Dr. Mia Torchetti, USDA, National Veterinary Services Laboratory (virtual)

Wildlife Biosecurity Assessments and Bird Migration Routes

*Josh Ferrel, Wildlife Biologist, USDA Wildlife Services
Earl Kromm, District Supervisor, USDA Wildlife Services*

3:30pm-4:00pm Break

Refresh and recharge. Take this time to revisit vendor booths and engage in additional networking opportunities.

4:00pm-5:00pm Biosecurity Training

Led by Alex Strauch, DVM, MBA, Four Star Veterinary Service LLC, this session offers comprehensive biosecurity education tailored for modern agricultural challenges. Certificates for biosecurity training will be provided.

5:00pm-7:00pm Reception

Conclude the day with an elegant reception. Celebrate new connections, reflect on key learnings, and enjoy a relaxed, engaging atmosphere with colleagues and leaders in the field.