

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division
Administrative Rules for Seed Potatoes
Rule Set 2019-33AC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, December 19, 2019

09:00 AM

Greenstone Farm Credit Services

3515 West Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Seed Potatoes rule set.

The proposed rules are to regulate distribution and planting of seed potatoes that meet the requirements of certified seed in 1959 PA 221, MCL 286.71 et seq., and the rules promulgated under that act. Furthermore, these rules will regulate exceptions that would allow farmers to plant uncertified seed in instances when there are insufficient volumes of any cultivator of certified seed potatoes on lots of 1 acre or greater.

These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by Section 7(b) of Act 94 of 2018, the Seed Potato Act.. Jurisdiction pursuant to MCL 460.10ee(1) and MCL 460.55. These rules will take effect 1/1/2021 after filing with the Secretary of State. The rules are published on the Michigan Government web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and in the Michigan Register in the 12/1/2019 issue. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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Comments on the rules may be made in person at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail until 12/19/2019 at 05:00PM.

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, in accessible buildings with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearings due to disability may call 517-284-5730 to make arrangements.