

Specialty Crop Committee Meeting
Traverse City, MI
August 28-30, 2017

August 28, 2017		Hotel Indigo, Rooftop
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Meet and Greet Reception with New and Returning Members (in the event of inclement weather, reception will be held in the Board Room) <i>Light Hors d'oeuvres for members, speakers, and invited guests</i>	
August 29, 2017		Tour Day
6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast On Your Own - Hotel Indigo	
8:00 am	Depart Hotel Indigo (Members will carpool)	
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Stop #1 – Sunblossom Orchards , Jim Nugent 10266 Revold Road, Suttons Bay, MI	
9:30	Depart	
9:45 am – 10:30 am	Stop #2 – Send North Pollinator Block just north of the Research Station (address: 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City, MI)	
10:30 am	Depart	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Stop #3 – NW Research Station -- <i>Issues and Challenges for Tree Fruit Growers</i> 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City, MI	
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch – sponsored Phil Korson, SCC Member and President, Cherry Marketing Institute	
12:45 pm	Depart	
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Stop #4 – Cherry Bay Orchards -- <i>Issues and Challenges</i> 2801 N Jacobson Road, Suttons Bay, MI	
2:30 pm	Depart	
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Stop #5 – Tandem Cider – <i>Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities with Hard Cider</i> 2055 N Setterbo Rd, Suttons Bay, MI	
3:45 pm	Depart	
4:20 pm – 5:45 pm	Stop #6 – Bel Lago Winery – <i>Issues and Challenges with MI Wine Production</i> 6530 S Lake Shore Dr. Cedar, MI	
5:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Public Comment	
6:00 pm	Group Dinner in Historic “Fishtown” – sponsored by Dr. Greg Buhler, MSU Bluebird Restaurant, 102 River St, Leland, MI	
8:00 pm	Walk to Fishtown/Depart to Hotel Indigo, Traverse City, MI	

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Hotel Indigo, Ballroom A

8:30 am – 8:40 am	Welcome and Overview of the Day <i>Michele Esch, Executive Director</i>
8:40 am – 8:50 am	Welcome from the Chair <i>Chalmers Carr, Chair, Specialty Crop Committee</i>
8:50 am – 11:30 am	SCRI Project Director Presentations <i>The SCRI Project Directors will provide 15 minute presentations on the goals of their research projects and accomplishments to date. There will be 5 minutes after each presentation for questions.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebecca Grumet, Michigan State University• Matt Grieshop, Michigan State University• Ian Kaplan, Purdue University• Eric Hanson, Michigan State University• Heping Zhu, Agricultural Research Service• Paul Mitchell, University of Wisconsin• Phil Simon, Agricultural Research Service
11:30 am – 11:45 pm	Specialty Crop Research Initiative Presentation <i>Dr. Tom Bewick, National Program Leader, NIFA</i>
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Discussion with SCRI National Program Leader
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch <i>(for members, speakers and invited guests)</i>
1:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Working Session – review and draft recommendations <p>To be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make Comments on the SCRI Grants Awarded in FY2017• Discuss the Relevancy Review Process and Establish Recommendations for the FY2018 Program <p><i>The Specialty Crop Committee is charged to provide an assessment of the procedures and objectives used by USDA for the relevancy review of SCRI grant proposals; make recommendations for the SCRI relevancy reviews for the future year; and provide comments on SCRI grants awarded in the previous fiscal year.</i></p>
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Closing Comments and Discussion – next steps and future programming <i>Chalmers Carr, Chair, Specialty Crop Committee</i> <i>Michele Esch, Executive Director</i>
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Public Comment
5:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns