Recommendations of the MFB Direct Marketing & Agritourism Advisory Committee From the March 31, 2022 Meeting

Recommendation No.1 Meat Sales

The Committee recommends an addition to MFB #27 Michigan Meat Processing Industry policy after line 29.

We support the ability for meat processed at a licensed custom-exempt facility be eligible for retail sales.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No.2 PFAS

The Committee recommends an addition to MFB #83 Nonpoint Source Pollution and Watershed Management policy after line 5. This is the same language that the Livestock and Poultry Advisory Committee recommended except for the addition of the words "legally and."

In the event that the state or federal government seize a farmer's assets and/or interrupt a farmer's ability to operate on a normal basis due to PFAS or other contaminants; we support the acting agency be held <u>legally and</u> financially liable for current and future losses and expenses; including but not limited to, loss of value of commodities, loss of land, loss of business, etc. and for complete indemnification of everything a farm loses when the state decides a farm's soil, water, crops, or livestock is contaminated. We urge Michigan Farm Bureau to be proactive in holding state and federal agencies accountable for their actions when farm operations are impacted by agency action when no regulatory standard has been established.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No.3 Double Up Food Bucks

The Committee recommends an addition to MFB #26 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development policy after line 108. Currently, Double Up Food Bucks can only be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

We support all raw Michigan agricultural commodities; including meat, eggs, maple syrup and honey being allowed for purchase directly from a farmer with Double Up Food Bucks.

For Policy Development

Recommendation No.4 GAAMPs

The Committee recommends an addition to MFB #31 Right to Farm policy at line 88.

We support the creation of a Greenhouse GAAMP that provides nuisance protection for permanent and temporary greenhouse structures and is exempt from the 100,000 population level exemption, regardless of zoning or tax classification.

For Policy Development