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# Michigan Family Farms 2007 Conference



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*"21st Century Practices for Sustainable Family Farms"*

**SAVE THE DATE!** We invite you to join us on January 13, 2007 at Lakeview High School, 15060 Helmer Road, in Battle Creek to discuss issues facing limited resource farmers and the family farm. Learn about government programs to help farmers, environmental stewardship, marketing tactics, and value-added production practices. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) certification credits are available.

## **Conference sessions include:**

Pricing My Product, Farm Transition, Producing Year-Round in Unheated Hoop Houses, Preparing for USDA Programs, Value-Added Possibilities, Transition to Organic, Preparing for USDA Conservation Security Program, Marketing your Farm Products - Web, farm stands & farmers' markets, Starting a CSA, Environmental Stewardship and Composting.

Keynote speakers are Dr. John Pierre, Vice Chancellor of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Ms. Johari Cole of Iyabo Farms, a certified organic farm south of Chicago.

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**Partners to date:**

- Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Potawatomi RC&D Council
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