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Senator Whitmer Applauds Governor's Decision to Preserve MSU Extension, MSUAES

Program to restructure, focus on state's promising green industry

LANSING-Senator Gretchen Whitmer (D-East Lansing) today announced that Governor Granholm will preserve funding for the Michigan State University Agricultural Extension and Experiment Station programs under the agreement that the programs will reorganize and focus more on the renewable energy industry in Michigan.

"The preservation of these valuable programs is great news for Michigan and our emerging green economy," said Whitmer. "As we work to re-engineer state government and look to the future, it makes sense to create a vision for MSU that will help promote the renewable energy industry in Michigan while creating jobs and bolstering investment."

A strong MSU Extension and MSUAES will help move Michigan forward by building on the strengths of our diverse and economically important agricultural sector. The Extension offices will give local communities access and support to take advantage of new agriculture technologies in our state and the local offices will also continue to help communities develop initiatives that strengthen both our rural and urban communities like regional food systems where Michigan residents buy Michigan grown and processed products.

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