



## Call for Presentation Proposals: 2025 Michigan Manure Summit

Event Date: Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at Okemos Event Center, Okemos, MI

Presentation proposals are being sought for the 2025 Michigan Manure Summit. The target audience of the Summit is anyone who hauls and/or applies manure. The goal of the Summit is to provide relevant information on manure management and related topics to farmers and custom haulers. Proposals will be reviewed by the Michigan Manure Hauler Certification Program leadership team, which is comprised of individuals from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, Michigan Farm Bureau, and Michigan State University Extension.

**Type of presentation:** Breakout Sessions, 20–25-minute presentation, 5–10-minute Q&A

### Topics being requested:

- Manure application and compaction
- Greenhouse gas emissions and climate resiliency (focus on manure/animal agriculture)
- Public Relations (interacting with the public on social media or other forums)
- Value of manure (cost savings, nutrient value, soil health, etc.)
- Technology and manure management (use of technology, best practices, new/emerging technology, etc.)
- Manure management (Integrating manure into crop planning, managing application issues, best management practices (solid and liquid), transportation regulations, pit foam management, etc.)
- Farm infrastructure for successful manure application and spill prevention
- Workforce management (hiring, employee retention, training, etc.)

### Requirements:

- Presentations will be in-person.
- Submit a brief (less than one page) summary with an overview of your proposed presentation. Include the speaker contact information and presentation title. Farmers and manure haulers are strongly encouraged to submit proposals!
- Presentations should utilize the Microsoft PowerPoint application.
- Final presentations and short (2-3 sentences) speaker bios will be submitted **two weeks prior to the Summit**.
- Presenters must be willing to have their presentation recorded and posted online for educational purposes of the Michigan Manure Hauler Certification Program.
- Presenters from for-profit organizations/companies are welcome to apply. Presentations should be focused on the topic and should not be a sales pitch. Presentations will be evaluated upon submission to ensure an educational focus.
- Limited travel support may be provided on a case-by-case basis.

Submit your proposal to: Charles Gould at [gouldm@msu.edu](mailto:gouldm@msu.edu) by **end of day Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**.