

## Meeting Purpose

The new Michigan Wheat Program and MSU Extension are teaming together to bring a program to help wheat growers achieve greater profitability. This year's emphasis is on wheat establishment from a consultant's (Phil Needham) perspective. However, disease, weed and nitrogen management will also be discussed. In addition, attendees will hear from their new wheat check-off board and will have the opportunity to provide input.

This program was made possible through the contributions of the MI Wheat Program, MI Crop Improvement Assn. Project GREEN and MSU Extension.



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## Program

### Registration (9:00-9:30 a.m.)

### Welcome and introductions (9:30 a.m.)

### Michigan Wheat Program: establishing MI's check-off program

*Board representative, MWP and Bob Boehm, MFB*

### Informational resources for growers

*Martin Nagelkirk, MSU Extension*

### Wheat establishment: A key to achieving higher yields

*Phil Needham, Needham Ag Technologies*

### Fungicide use and strategies

*William Kirk, MSU Plant Pathology Dept.*

### Lunch, buffet

### Steps to improving wheat yields and profits

*Phil Needham, Needham Ag Inc, Calhoun, Kentucky*

### Weed management

*Gary Powell, MSU Research Technician*

### Nitrogen fertilization strategies

*Edwin Lentz, Ohio State University*

### Concluding remarks (2:45 p.m.)

*Martin Nagelkirk, MSU Extension*

**Preregistration Form:** mail this form and \$25 check by **Feb. 17**

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**Check one:**  **Mon, Feb.27 at Mt Pleasant**     **Tues, Feb.28 at Dundee**

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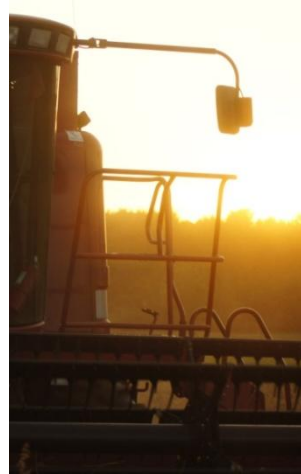
## ***Featured presenter***

Phil Needham, Owner, Needham Ag Technologies, LLC [www.needhamag.com](http://www.needhamag.com)

Phil Needham is the owner of Needham Ag Technologies, LLC., a family owned agri-business and agronomic consulting company based near Calhoun, KY. Needham is a native of Great Britain and holds a diploma in agriculture and an honors degree in agricultural technology from Cranfield University in England.

Needham grew up on his family farm where wheat yields between 130 and 200 bu/ac are common. He first visited the USA in 1989 and joined Miles Enterprises (based in Owensboro, KY) as an agronomist in 1990. Needham was promoted to Opti-Crop (a division within Miles Enterprises) Manager in 1996, where he managed a team of crop consultants and crop management projects from Texas to Manitoba and from Virginia to Washington State.

Needham has written 4 different intensive wheat management guides for winter and spring wheat. He is an energetic and thought provoking speaker who presented many of the different elements of wheat production at numerous conferences across the country and around the world. Phil also writes an agronomy column for Farm Journal Magazine.



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## **Michigan Wheat Grower Meetings 2012**



**Monday, February 27, 2012**

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
*Comfort Inn and Suites  
2424 South Mission,  
Mt Pleasant, MI*

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
*Cabela's  
110 Cabela Blvd  
Dundee, MI*

*RUP and CCA credits offered.*

*Preregistration required.  
\$25 per person.*