



**March 25-29, 2019
Stand-Up for Grain Safety Week**

WHEREAS, Michigan Agricultural Commodities (MAC) locations will be participating in the 2019 Stand-Up for Grain Safety Week. As one of the largest grain handlers in the state of Michigan, safety at MAC remains a top priority. MAC intends to keep their employees safe, as well as share information that can help their customers do the same; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, locations across the nation will be focusing on worker protection and ways to reduce injuries and prevent fatalities from activities related to working in the grain industry; and,

WHEREAS, a week devoted to grain safety provides an opportunity to conduct site activities, provide outreach, and offer training information. Agriculture ranks among the most dangerous industries. However, injuries and fatalities are preventable. There are numerous OSHA and industry resources available to assist in preventing incidents; and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., all MAC facilities will host a Safety Stand-Up. This Stand-Up will have two purposes: to remember all those who have lost their lives working in the grain industry, and to talk directly about the importance of safety in our workplace. All work activities will cease for a practice safety event, with a mock drill simulating the emergency action plan related to a fire at each MAC facility; and,

WHEREAS, MAC invites all farmers and any others interested to join them for this Safety Stand-Up and training at their local facility. All activities will begin in the office followed by the on-site fire drill activity. MAC asks for your patience as work activities are put on hold briefly for this important safety activity. MAC is eager for the opportunity to have you join them for this critical task; and,

WHEREAS, the following organizations are working together to raise awareness of resources available to identify and reduce potential hazards at grain, feed and processing facilities. This event is sponsored by the National Grain and Feed Association, Grain Elevator and Processing Society, Occupational Safety and Health Administration through the Alliance Program, Grain Handling Safety Coalition, and the North American Millers' Association; and,

WHEREAS, more information about the Safety Stand-Up can be found at <http://www.standupevents.org/grain/index.cfm>.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Gary McDowell, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, do hereby proclaim support for MAC's participation in Stand-Up for Grain Safety Week from March 25-29, 2019.

Gary McDowell, Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development