

MSU Extension presents...

## Conserving Beneficial Insects for Pest Suppression and Crop Pollination



September 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

Sept. 2nd, 4-6pm at The Bardenhagen Farm, 7881 E. Pertner Rd, Suttons Bay.  
Contact Nikki Rothwell at the Northwest Station: (231) 946-1510.

Sept. 9th, 3-5pm at Trevor Nichols Research Complex in Fennville.  
Contact Carlos-Garcia Salazar from Ottawa Co. Extension: (616) 994-4580.

CALL THE NUMBERS ABOVE BY AUG 31 TO REGISTER FOR THESE FREE MEETINGS

These meetings will highlight ongoing MSU research funded by the USDA-SARE program to measure natural enemy and native bee response to flowering plants in beneficial insect habitat on Michigan fruit farms. The meeting in Suttons Bay will highlight two year-old habitat seeded next to an organic cherry orchard. The meeting in Fennville will highlight two-year old plots planted with plugs (small plants) compared with one-year old plots seeded with annual and perennial native seeds. Presentations will include:

- Identifying native bees and natural enemies (MSU Extension)
- Establishment and maintenance of wildflower plantings (Native seed supplier)
- Research results update – SARE project (MSU researchers)
- Cost sharing opportunities to establish beneficial insect habitats (NRCS/FSA)

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