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**Updated data on MABA Ag Mapping Tool provides
resource for farmers, businesses, policymakers**
*With new crop information, online map allows analysis of
climate impacts, infrastructure needs and beyond*

LANSING – The **Michigan Agri-Business Association** today announced new updates to its Agricultural Mapping Tool, incorporating the latest cropland data for Michigan. Originally launched in 2014, the online resource was developed in partnership with the **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development** and allows comparisons of publicly-available data affecting agriculture – from crops planted on Michigan farms, to infrastructure like rail, roads and ports, to weather and climate.

“Our industry is driven by information, and the ability to compare and visualize data from a wide variety of sources provides an immeasurable resource for anyone involved in agriculture,” said **Jim Byrum**, president of **MABA**. “This week’s update enables users to see how cropland has shifted in Michigan and visualize that information alongside key factors that affect our industry – for example, climate change impacts, rail service, natural gas availability, soil type and much more.”

The new data is available [by visiting this link](#), and prior year data remains available – allowing for year-over-year planting comparisons. The recently-updated crop data provides information for alfalfa, cucumbers, cherries, blueberries, apples, winter wheat, sugarbeets, potatoes, soybeans, dry beans and corn.

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