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## **MABA: Energy efficiency reduces cost, provides certainty for agricultural businesses**

### *Updated MPSC report demonstrates significant savings with energy efficiency*

LANSING – The **Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA)** today highlighted the [annual update](#) from the **Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)** showing that Michigan’s energy efficiency mandates have exceeded targets by 20 percent and saved Michigan ratepayers more than \$5 billion over the past seven years.

“Michigan’s energy efficiency mandates have sparked action on the part of our utilities, created new partnerships with agriculture, and ultimately saved our members hundreds of thousands of dollars every year,” said **Jim Byrum**, president of **MABA**. “Michigan has some of the highest electric rates in the nation, making energy efficiency a huge opportunity.”

**Byrum** also noted that for agribusinesses, which are highly seasonal energy users and tend to increase energy consumption during the fall harvest, cutting down on the energy they use provides predictability throughout the year.

“Thanks to Michigan’s energy efficiency standards, utility companies have learned about agriculture and are helping us find solutions to be more efficient, reduce costs and save our business money,” said **Bruce Sutherland**, president of **Michigan Agricultural Commodities**, who worked with DTE Energy to conduct an energy efficiency study – a process sparked by Michigan’s energy efficiency standards. “MAC and many others have benefited from the strong energy efficiency provisions currently in state law.”

“At the end of the day, the cheapest energy is energy we don’t use, and the MPSC report tells that story in spades,” **Byrum** said.

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