

Michigan Agri-Business Association

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Public Policy Intern, Summer 2025

Organization Overview

Based in Lansing, MI, the Michigan Agri-Business Association is a strong voice and dedicated advocate for Michigan agriculture. MABA represents nearly 300 businesses spanning ag retail, seed, fertilizer, and crop protection businesses; grain handlers; feed suppliers and food processors; truck and rail transportation providers, utility services and beyond. We offer a range of networking events in the agricultural industry, support our members with continuing education, and advocate for our member businesses before the Michigan Legislature, departments of state government, Congress and federal agencies.

MABA will host at least one Summer 2025 Intern to assist our team with a range of membership support, advocacy and communication activities. This is a unique internship opportunity tailored for emerging leaders interested in agriculture and related industries, Michigan government, and state/federal agricultural policy.

Position Description

Objective: To help advance the Michigan Agri-Business Association and Michigan's agriculture industry, while gaining critical communication and public policy skills.

Functions:

- Assist MABA staff with general administration and event execution duties.
- Join MABA leadership, staff and members at events in Lansing and across the state, providing staff support for our member engagement activities.
- Learn about and interact with the other organizations active in developing agricultural policy in Michigan (commodity/farm organizations, farm credit, conservation NGOs, etc.)
- Support MABA's legislative engagement. When the Legislature is not actively in session, support MABA efforts to analyze policy proposals.
- Additional projects will be tailored to your interests.

Schedule: 20 to 40 hours weekly dependent upon your schedule, with 35-40 hours weekly preferred. Start and end dates to be determined alongside your schedule. A minimum of 12 weeks is required.

Compensation: This is a paid internship at an hourly rate of \$17.00.

Qualifications & Skills

- Must have completed two full years of post-high school education by the time the internship starts and bring a demonstrated interest in agriculture, related industries and/or Michigan government.
- Experience with all Microsoft Office products is required.
- Database and data organization experience is ideal but not required.
- Prior employment/internship experience in the agriculture sector, or volunteer/intern experience related to government or political campaigns, is ideal but not required.

How to Apply

Submit a resume and short cover letter by email to maba@miagbiz.org. Please clearly state your goals for an internship at MABA and your career goals following higher education. Include your availability (including any Summer 2025 dates you are unavailable) and potential start date in your cover letter. For more information, contact Kara Boring at kara@miagbiz.org. Applications will be accepted until December 6, 2024. Due to the high volume of applications we receive, MABA will endeavor to respond to all applicants but cannot guarantee a reply. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.