



Annual Meeting February 22, 2020
Holiday Inn & Suites Marlborough • Address
265 Lakeside Avenue, Marlborough, MA 01752

8:30 Check In & Walk in Registration (save money - register by Feb 14)

9:15 Welcome

9:30 - 11:15 Session 1. Glyphosates Use in Agriculture & Potential Alternatives

Overview of the most common uses of glyphosates in MA agriculture, potential alternatives and regulatory updates. The regulatory review presentation will provide an overview of the registration history and use of glyphosate, environmental fate and toxicity, ecological and human health risk assessments, and recent regulatory reviews and updates. Speakers Randy Prostack of UMass and [Hotze Wijnja](#) MDAR Chemist

Speaker [Randy Prostack](#) joined UMass in 1994 and has been a [UMass Extension](#) Specialist since 2000 where he specializes in weed management. He is a member of the UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Team and is an active contributor to the Crop Dairy Livestock Equine, Turf and Pesticide Education Extension Programs. He currently serves on the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group. Randy is an active member of the [Weed Science Society of America](#) and has served as president of the Northeastern Weed Science Society. In February 2013, Randy received the Northeastern Weed Science Society's Outstanding Educator Award. The 2020 growing season will mark Randy's 32nd year working in weed science. 50 Minutes for each speaker to enable (2 Pesticide Credits)

11:30 - 12:15 Session 2. "REAL" Local Produce, a Conversation on Produce Traceability

Updates from MDAR's [Mike Botelho](#) on Produce Safety, Commonwealth Quality Program, Food Safety Modernization and a discussion with MAAC Vice President Mike Pineo on MAAC's new "REAL" Farmer's Market, CSA and Farm Stands Initiative.

During the Annual Meeting Business session at lunch, MAAC Vice President Mike Pineo will be asking for MAAC Voting Ag Com members to join the MAAC Farm Stand Committee that was started by Mike Pineo and the MAAC County Directors of Bristol Val Souza and of Norfolk Ed Lawton. The Committee will be expanding to come up with a plan to acknowledge farmers that go above and beyond to ensure traceability, transparency in sourcing and compliance, in MAAC's new "REAL" promotional program.

12:15 - 1:30 Lunch & Annual Meeting

Special guests MDAR's Assistant Commissioner [Ashley Sears Randle](#) who is also a dairy farmer and MAAC's First President Dick Ward from Carver who is also a cranberry grower, an Ag Com member and all around community leader.

1:30 - 2:45 Session 3. Hemp Updates, Regulations and Legislation

This session will have the latest information on the growing and processing of hemp in Massachusetts, plus an over view what is happening with hemp in nearby states, MA regulations and legislation. Heritage Hemp has been contracting with MA growers and has great information for those considering growing it.

MDAR's [Jessica Burgess](#), [Dan Smith of Vicente Sedberg LLC](#) and Josh Turner of [Heritage Hemp CBD](#)

3:00 - 4:00 Session 4. Working with Municipalities

MAAC has been advocating for a better working relationship with municipalities. This session will discuss methods to work with local governments, M.G.L Chapter 40 Section 8L and review pending legislation. [Frank DiLuna](#) of Smolak and Vaughn and Council to [Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation](#).

Email your questions for any of the sessions to massagcoms.maac@gmail.com and we will forward them to our speakers in advance of the meeting.

Payment Options for the Meeting

The [Registration link](#) goes directly to credit card option, but there are additional methods to register outlined below.

If you wish to pay by check, please email massagcoms.maac@gmail.com and list out the name(s), email(s) and the Ag Com that they are representing (if they are on an Ag Com) and include a phone number, so that we can count you for meals and seating. If the email is sent in by February 14th (MAAC will confirm) the rate is \$35 per person.

If your municipality is paying your tickets by check and we have the email by February 14th (MAAC will confirm), then you can bring the check to the meeting and MAAC will accept the lower rate of \$35.

Checks should be payable to the Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions, Inc. and if mailed, send them to the MAAC Treasurer Randy Johnson, 120 Middleton Rd., Boxford, MA 01921. Post marked no later than February 14th for the early registration rate at \$35 per person and after that the rate is \$40 per person.