388.1863.added Project GREEEN.

Sec. 263. (1) Included in the appropriation in section 236 for agricultural experiment and cooperative extension activities is $5,628,100.00 for project GREEEN. Project GREEEN is intended to address critical regulatory, food safety, economic, and environmental problems faced by this state's plant-based agriculture, forestry, and processing industries. “GREEEN” is an acronym for generating research and extension to meet environmental and economic needs.

(2) The department of agriculture and rural development and Michigan State University, in consultation with agricultural commodity groups and other interested parties, shall develop project GREEEN and its program priorities.

(3) By September 30, 2012, Michigan State University shall submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on agriculture and on higher education, the house and senate standing committees on agriculture, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director for the preceding school fiscal year regarding expenditures and programmatic outcomes of the agricultural experiment station and cooperative extension service. The report shall include, but is not limited to:

(a) Total funds expended by the agricultural experiment station and cooperative extension service identified by state, local, private, federal, and university fund sources.

(b) The dollar amount of each project GREEEN project and a review of each project's performance and accomplishments.

(c) The dollar amount of each bioeconomy research and development project and a review of each project's performance and accomplishments.

(d) The dollar amount and description of all other individual programs and services provided by the agricultural experiment station and cooperative extension service and a review of each project's performance and accomplishments.

(e) The number of businesses created or that had increased employment and the number of patents generated as a result of work conducted by the agricultural experiment station and cooperative extension service.