

The Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association's

2025-2026



# Legislative Priorities

*Our Mission: United to advocate professionalism, integrity and growth for Michigan's Green Industry.*

**Legislative Priority #1:** Alleviate roadblocks to hiring and retaining a skilled workforce by reforming unemployment benefits for seasonal workers, expanding training and educational opportunities and partnerships, establishing a Green Industry Workforce Committee, and other workforce development initiatives.

**Legislative Priority #2:** Ensure all state licensing procedures required of Green Industry professionals are fair, reasonable, timely, and accessible.

**Legislative Priority #3:** Protect state law that makes state Agencies the sole regulator of pesticides and promote uniform, statewide regulations over a patchwork of local ones.

**Legislative Priority #4:** Support legal liability reforms that will protect our members from frivolous lawsuits.

**Legislative Priority #5:** Oppose any effort put forward that would force our members to compete against state or non-profit funded entities.

**Legislative Priority #6:** Support proper funding for the Department of Agriculture, Project GREEN, AgBioResearch Department at MSU, and MSU Extension.

## Michigan's great, Green Industry!

The Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA), established in 1922, is the statewide trade association that represents the over 4,500 licensed Green Industry firms in Michigan.

**#1**

Specialty crop in Michigan

**#3**

Floriculture production state in the nation

**4<sup>th</sup>**

largest nursery state in the nation.

**36,162**

Number of individuals employed in Michigan's Green Industry. According to U.S. Census Data, this equates to 1 out of every 170 Michigan citizens between the ages of 18-65.

**\$5.715 billion**

The combined economic impact of Michigan's nursery, perennial plant production, Christmas tree, sod producers, landscaping & lawn care industries.

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