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**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
Agriculture and Rural Development**

DATE: February 16, 2017

Chairman Victory called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand were present.

The Subcommittee heard a presentation by Jamie Clover Adams, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The presentation provided an overview of MDARD programs and accomplishments as well as a description of the Governor's proposed FY 2017-18 budget. A copy of the director's PowerPoint presentation, and other handouts, are included in the official minutes in the House Fiscal Agency files.

In response to a questions from members, the director discussed Michigan's advantages over other states with respect to agriculture and food processing, Bovine TB program, Chronic Wasting Disease, farmland and soil conservation, and the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

Chairman Victory adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM without objection.