



# Research and Grower Outreach *FY2019-20*

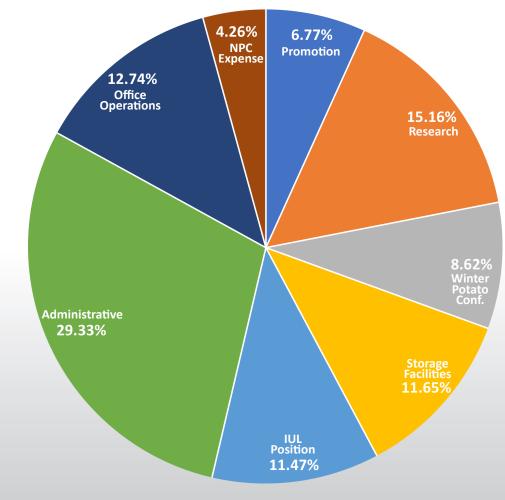




*31 Trials at 19 Operations* 

## **Budget Allocations - FY2019-20**

PUTTING GROWER DOLLARS TO WORK



## **Grants**

Grants help MPIC leverage grower dollars to increase focus on important issues and target audiences.

2019-20 - *\$97,967* 

Sustainable Management of Potato Early Die Complex With Custom Compost Blends

2019-20 - **\$45.000** 

Expanding Consumer Awareness and Consumption of Michigan Potatoes

## **Education & Communications**

#### **Industry Communications**



**40** Communications sent to growers throughout the year including Weekly Industry Update, timely industry news and MPIC events.

#### **Consumer Website**



Launched in January 2019 the new Michigan Potatoes consumer website continues our success in reaching new consumers. Along with effective promotions and unique content the site has resulted in **103,693 unique visitors** in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

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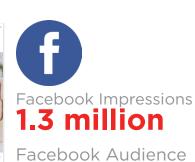
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326% Increase

#### 2019-20 Specialty Crop Block Grant Marketing Project



### 4.5 million

Michigan Potatoes Branded Kwik Loks distributed to Meijer, Walmart, Kroger, Costco, Spartan-Nash, Aldi and more. Over 48,000
Free Grocery Contest Entries

Over 31,500 Consumer Email Signups

Over 43,000 Consumer Website Visits

#### **Events**

- Ag Day at the Capital
- Michigan Restaurant Show
- Michigan Grocers Fall Conference
- Michigan WIC Conference
- Potato Day at the Capitol
- School Nutrition Association of MI Conference
- National Restaurant Show Chicago
- Snaxpo



