

# MSU's Land Policy Institute continues its work to make farming more viable in Michigan

"What makes a farm viable?" asks Dr. Soji Adelaja, John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy and Director of the MSU Land Policy Institute (LPI). "It's a seemingly straightforward question, but with a complex answer. It involves state and local policies, historic and new land uses, generational attitudes, changing global and local markets, and the biggest unknown of them all, where Michigan's economy is going."

For several years, the LPI's research and outreach has sought to identify the best ways to preserve farmland and to support

innovative agriculture. It is urgent work: More than half of Michigan farms are losing money, according to the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

In carrying out its mission, LPI's research has helped the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Food Policy Council, Michigan Commission of Agriculture, and West Michigan Strategic Alliance, among others. LPI has made farmland preservation a priority, recognizing it represents not only an economic imperative for the state, but an environmental and social one as well.

The Land Policy Institute is conducting a survey at our booth at Ag Expo. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete and seeks to understand what activities are helping farmers survive and thrive in the current economic environment. This research will identify opportunities for farmers, help develop an agricultural viability plan for regions, and inform policy makers and educators of the critical needs of the farming community.

Read more about the Land Policy Institute's work at [www.landpolicy.msu.edu](http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu).



PJ trailer, 20,000 GVW, 8 1/2' x 25', 5' Dove with 3 ramps and toolbox ..... **\$8,325**



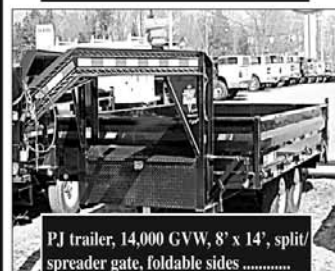
PJ trailer, 14,000 GVW, 83" x 20', 2' Dove w/ 2 ramps, adj coupler..... **\$4,160**



PJ trailer, 2 speed Jack, 21,000 GVW, 8 1/2' x 30' 5" dove w/2 ramps ..... **\$7,785**



PJ trailer, 24,000 GVW, 8 1/2' x 32' 5" dove w/ ramps, Toolbox, 2 speed Jack ..... **\$10,340**



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PJ trailer, 20,000 GVW, 8 1/2' x 28' 5" dove w/2 flips, 2 speed Jack..... **\$8,730**



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