



Performance Audit

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Environmental Stewardship Division (ESD)

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ESD's mission is to enhance commercial agricultural activities in Michigan, while protecting the environment and public health. ESD provides assistance to soil and water conservation districts, drain commissions, and land users to enable them to carry out programs that maintain economically viable and environmentally friendly land uses. Also, ESD is responsible for licensing and inspecting migrant labor housing camps. As of April 2014, ESD had 51 employees. For fiscal years 2012 through 2014, ESD had expenditures of \$26.7 million.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #1: To assess the effectiveness of ESD's efforts to monitor conservation districts' compliance with the terms of technical assistance grant agreements.			Effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
None reported.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Objective #2: To assess the effectiveness of ESD's efforts to inspect and license migrant labor housing timely and in accordance with administrative rules.			Moderately effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
ESD did not ensure that the Migrant Labor Housing Database contained accurate and complete inspection data to assist ESD with monitoring migrant labor housing inspections (<u>Finding #1</u>).		X	Agrees
ESD did not ensure that migrant labor housing violations identified during a previous inspection were corrected prior to issuing a new license (<u>Finding #2</u>).		X	Agrees

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Objective #3: To assess the effectiveness of ESD's efforts to ensure the restricted use and development of land in accordance with Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program agreements.			Effective
Observation Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Limitations exist regarding the monitoring of farmland development rights agreements (<u>Observation #1</u>).	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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