For professionals in the food, nutrition, and agriculture industries, VIPP offers customized workshops focused on intensive education and skill refinement. Michigan State University is known around the world as a premiere agricultural research institution, from managing its own livestock farms to finding new ways to live and grow sustainably—it’s the perfect school to expand your expertise. Combining lectures, hands-on training, on-site visits, professional meetings, and cultural excursions, VIPP workshops expose participants to cutting-edge innovation in food production, science, and management. We introduce you to unique approaches, techniques, and connect you with industry leaders to facilitate long-lasting professional connections.

**OUR EXPERTISE**

- Food and Restaurant Management
- Food Processing and Safety
- Agriculture Risk and Emergency Management
- Animal Science

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Site visits to local farms, wineries, breweries, & processing plants
- Access to MSU agricultural research resources
- Networking with established professionals
- Hands-on training
- Keynote lectures
- Case studies

**Fully Customized Programs**

We design programs that are fully customized to suit different learning outcomes, requirements, and professional backgrounds. Costs start at $350 per person per day, depending on programming location and requirements.

**Seamless Support Services**

We provide 360-degree, full support services from curriculum development to logistical support such as transportation, lodging, and meals. Our seamless service meets the needs of sponsors, as well as workshop participants.

**Unique Programming Locations**

We take you where innovation happens. At our world-class research university in East Lansing, Michigan, participants can tap into and connect with the expertise of MSU faculty. Site visits and meetings with industry leaders are arranged all over the country, with visits to major cities like Chicago, New York, Washington DC, and San Francisco.
Explore the science of agriculture and find new ways to improve its management with cutting-edge innovation, techniques, and policy. Workshops include professional visits to prominent research centers at Michigan State University and beyond, as well as farms, nurseries, and laboratories, in order to gain a thorough education on topics like animal science, food quality, and food safety. These experiences are complemented with expert lectures on innovation, law, and research practices.

Receive hands-on agriculture emergency management training from one of the world's premier agricultural research universities. Workshop participants learn about specific risks, preparation resources, and innovative emergency responses. Guided tours of relevant agricultural sites, research stations, and agri-business plants allow participants to experience emergency preparedness and strategies first-hand, with the goal of protecting people, property, and environments.

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