

# Michigan makes 'em all—for export

If you think cars, foot-in-the-mouth politicians, and apples for the teacher are Michigan's sole border-crossing products, think again.

The list of goods stamped "Michigan-made" is almost limitless, ranging from edibles such as butter, wine, cheese and fudge, to shoes, canoes, archery equipment and automobiles.

Many of the state's manufacturers have extended tourists standing invitations to view their operations.

To see how white-hot steel is molded into the family automobile, take an auto plant tour. Contact Ford Motor Co., 313-323-0034 in Dearborn, or go through any of several General Motors plants in Flint, Saginaw, Kalamazoo and Lansing by calling its Detroit headquarters at 313-556-4444.

Visitors to Frankenmuth can get a taste of chicken or German food and then enjoy Christmas in July at Bronner's, home of America's largest year-around yuletide decoration display. For operating hours, call 517-652-9951.

What began as Dr. John H. Kellogg's health food sanitarium in the late 1800s made Battle Creek the nation's cereal capital. Visitors to the Kellogg Co. complex can see how tons of grain are transformed into corn flakes, bran and rice krispies and get a free sample by calling 616-966-2000.

Food for younger palates is made at Gerber Products Co. in Fremont, the country's top baby food producer. Visitors are given free juice and product samples on tours, arranged by calling 616-928-2614.

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nac Island knows of its most famous export, fudge. Each summer tourists jam main street fudge shops to watch as the sweet treat is ladled, scooped and kneaded into loaves.

VISITORS CAN taste free samples of Michigan's home-grown wines at any of eight West Michigan wineries. Those offering samples with tours include Lakeside Winery near Harbert (616-469-6700); Tabor Hill Vineyards near Buchanan (616-422-1161); Bronte Winery near Hartford (616-621-4119); and Penn Valley Vineyards near Pennville (616-521-2355).

Three wineries offering tours in the Paw Paw area are Warner Vineyards (616-657-3165); St. Julian Wine Co. (616-657-5558); and Frontenac Vineyards (616-657-5551).

Only two years old, Traverse City's Leelanau Wine Cellars (616-946-1653) presently offers no tours, but has a tasting room.

What goes better with wine than cheese, except the made-in-Michigan variety produced fresh from the wheel at Pinconning, the state's cheese-making capital since 1915. Free sam-

ples of various cheeses are offered at all cheese stores.

Michigan also is famous for its farm products. It is the nation's top blueberry producer, with most productive fields in southwest Michigan near South Haven, site of the annual National Blueberry Festival in July. The five-county region around Traverse City also is tops in the country in tart cherry production. The harvest is celebrated each July during the National Cherry Festival.

The state also is among the top 10 producers of plums, apples, celery, pears, sugar beets, peaches and dairy products.

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Michigan's forests produce more by

volume now than in the 1800s, when lumbering was the state's biggest industry. Most trees now are harvested for paper production.

To see how paper is made, tour the Brown Co. in Kalamazoo (616-383-5071). It produces folding cartons, parchment and specialty papers. Muskegon's S.D. Warren Co. (616-755-3761) turns out glossy printing paper.

For other forest products, visit Grand Rapids, the nation's major producer of school, church and theater seating. The site of the world's only museum devoted exclusively to furniture is in nearby Holland. The Baker Furniture Museum here (616-392-8761) offers daily tours.

While other plants can't be toured, they contribute much to the state's economy. A Hastings plant turns out Pro-Line archery equipment while thousands of canoes used by families and wilderness campers alike are produced by Osoda's Sawyer Canoe Co.

Reglers across the country know of Brunswick bowling equipment but not many know it's made in Muskegon. Niles is home of Simplicity Pattern Co.'s clothing patternmakers and municipal castings are manufactured by the East Jordan Iron Works in East Jordan.

A Consumers Power Co. plant at Marysville changes gas too dangerous for home use into safer natural gas while Alma is home of the Total Petroleum Corp., the state's largest oil refinery.

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## Oakland lawyers elected to bar posts

Oakland County attorneys recently elected incumbent Daniel Devine of Bloomfield Hills and Burton Shifman of Southfield to the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners.

They will serve three-year terms beginning in September. Re-elected to the bar's Representative Assembly from the Oakland County 6th Judicial Circuit were Henry Baskin, Paul Sherr and Ralph Sosin of Birmingham and Sandor Gelman of Troy.

Elected to new three-year terms were Stephen Cooper, S. Gerald Gercyca, David Lawson, Jack Schen and Lynn Sheeter of Southfield and Timothy Fusco of Troy.

Norman Zemke of Southfield was elected to fill the balance of a one-year term.

The Representative Assembly, which includes elected attorneys from the state's 52 judicial circuits, is the policy-making body of the bar.

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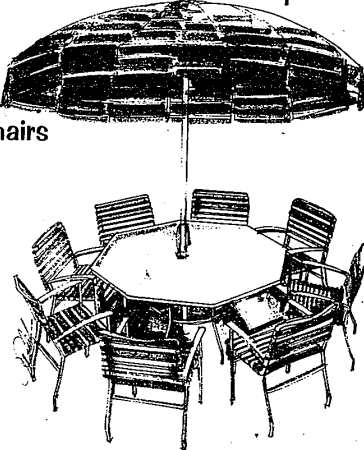
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