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Chris Bardenhagen, a farm industry appointee, is part owner and operator of a sixth generation, 80-acre family farm that produces apples and table grapes for local and regional sales, as well as a variety of tree fruit for the farm stand. Mr. Bardenhagen has decades of experience as a farm advocate, producer, and researcher. His recent PhD at Michigan State University allowed him to gain expertise on regional value chain business development. He has an extensive knowledge of cooperative farming systems, specialty crop marketing, and farmer-led decision-making processes. He is a former board member of the Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance and the East Lansing Food Cooperative and has served as a grant reviewer for NCR-SARE.