



# The Urban-Rural



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## Welcome to the second expanded edition of the Urban-Rural Connection!

Welcome to the second electronic, expanded version of *The Urban-Rural Connection*. It is our goal to gain enough membership support to distribute hard copies of each quarterly newsletter; however, until that time, two issues per year will be hard copy and two issues will be electronic. We received a great deal of positive feedback from the summer 2004 edition. United Growth and the newsletter committee are committed to providing educational information on local land use issues.

The theme of this edition is *The Harvest Season*. We have collected some excellent articles on the health and history of the local agricultural industry, recipes for enjoying fall produce and other ways you and your family can experience the harvest season. Also included are some articles on United Growth's work to promote land use through public service announcements, the new ITP transportation center – the subject of last edition's photo contest, and the relationship of state funding and sprawl. You won't want to miss the web site of the quarter and the land use book review. Don't forget to submit your guess for this edition's photo contest, a bit harder this time!

At this time, we are making our electronic versions available to the public at no charge. We hope you will take a few moments to pass it along to your friends and colleagues. Thank you to United Growth Coalition members, Michigan State University's Land Policy Program, and Urban Cooperation Board for supporting this publication. For information on becoming a member, please see the membership form included on the last page.

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