



76TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Agenda

Friday, November 17

6:30 p.m. Minnesota Farmers Union & Farmers Union Insurance Agency Joint Reception
(Ballroom)

Saturday, November 18

6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members (ends at 8:30 a.m.)
8 a.m. Registration opens
8:30 a.m. Parliamentary procedure refresher course
8:45 a.m. Door prizes
Convention convenes
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Present & adopt proposed convention rules and bylaws
Adopt minutes of 2016 convention
9:15 a.m. Gary Wertish, MFU President – welcome
Brita Moore, MFU Public Relations Director – social media
Thom Petersen, MFU Government Relations Director – policy
Rodney Allebach, FUJA President
10 a.m. Rob Larew, National Farmers Union Senior Vice President of Public Policy and
Communications
10:30 a.m. Policy discussion
11:30 a.m. Lunch break with Minnesota-grown food
12 p.m. Gubernatorial candidates
1 p.m. Reconvene
Bryan Klabunde, MFU Vice President
1:30 p.m. Policy discussion
3:25 p.m. Credentials report
3:30 p.m. President and Vice President nominations
(3:30 registration closes; opens Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.)
3:45 p.m. Torchbearer's ceremony
4 p.m. NFU Convention delegate election caucusing (**time certain**)
4:30 p.m. MNFARMPAC reception
6 p.m. Banquet
Paul Douglas, meteorologist – keynote address: “A Rapidly Changing Climate: Threat –
and Opportunity”
8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser auction

Sunday, November 19

6:30 a.m. Free omelet breakfast for MFU members (ends at 8:30 a.m.)

- 7:30 a.m. Informational breakout sessions (Farmers Legal Action Group, Food Safety and Modernization Act, Energy, Dairy, Health care)
- 8:30 a.m. Registration
Door prizes
Interactive survey – Young Farmers Advisory Council
Call to order
- 8:45 a.m. Membership & Education Committee report
Kirsten VanDerPol and Hunter Cardinal – National Youth Advisory Council report
Aaron & Jill Chervestad – FUE Leadership Couple report
Bruce Miller, MFU Membership and Outreach Director – Membership and Outreach report
Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson
- (9:30 a.m. registration closes – time certain)**
- 9:55 a.m. President and Vice President Elections
- 10 a.m. Policy discussion
- 11:10 a.m. Credentials Committee report (final count of registered delegates)
- 11:15 a.m. Introduction of NFU convention delegate nominees
- 11:45 a.m. Election of delegates to NFU convention (*time certain*)
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Reconvene
Ron Hennen, 2016 audit and financial report
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion
Special orders
Election results
Old business
New business
Announcements
Door prizes
Grand door prize drawing for a drone
Adjournment

Most agenda times are subject to change

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