



# Minnesota Farmers Union

## 80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

#MFU2021

### Agenda

#### Friday, November 19

- 1 p.m. Panel discussion: Building a Direct-to-Restaurant Business: Considerations for Food Safety (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 2:15 p.m. Panel discussion: Carbon Markets: What's Fair for Farmers and the Public? (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 3:30 p.m. Panel discussion: Corporate Control: Opportunities for Action on Anti-Trust (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 4 p.m. Rules & Bylaws meeting (Stillwater Room)
- 4:45 p.m. County officer leadership session led by Bill Hogseth, Wisconsin Farmers Union Organizing Director (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 6:30 p.m. Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) & Farmers Union Agency (FUA) Reception (Twin Cities 400 Tavern)

#### Saturday, November 20

- 6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members, ends 8 a.m. (Twin Cities 400 Tavern)
- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens (Foyer)
- 7:30 a.m. Member Education Committee meeting (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
- 8 a.m. Childcare opens
- 8 a.m. Auction item check-in begins (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 8:30 a.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)  
Convention convenes (Minneapolis Ballroom)  
Welcome – Gary Wertish, President  
Prayer – Deacon Gene Paul  
Pledge of Allegiance – Kory Cheverstad, Pennington County President  
Present & adopt convention rules  
Present & adopt minutes of 2020 convention – Anne Schwagerl, State Secretary  
Greeting – Carol Anderson, Executive Committee Chair  
Communications update – Janet Kubat, Communications Director; Kyle Hoffman, Legislative & Communications Coordinator  
Insurance update – Josh Vickerman, FUA President  
Remarks – Bryan Klabunde, Vice President  
Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership Couple report – Hannah Bernhardt & Jason Misik  
Legislative update – Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director
- 10:30 a.m. Remarks – Governor Tim Walz  
Policy discussion
- 11:20 a.m. Remarks – Representative Angie Craig
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)  
Remarks – Anna Euerle, Princess Kay of the Milky Way
- 12:15 p.m. Meat processing panel

- 1 p.m. Remarks – Speaker Melissa Hortman, MN House Representative  
Remarks – Jim Gleb, President United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1189  
Policy discussion
- 2:30 p.m. Remarks – Senator Tina Smith
- 2:45 p.m. Credentials report  
Nominations for President and Vice President  
Policy discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Delegate registration closes, re-opens Sunday at 8:00 a.m., closes at 9:30 a.m. (time certain)**
- 3:30 p.m. NFU Convention delegate election caucusing **(time certain)** (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 4:30 p.m. MFUPAC reception (Twin Cities 400 Tavern)
- 6 p.m. Banquet (Minneapolis Ballroom)  
Prayer – Deacon Gene Paul  
FFA State Officers Address  
Torchbearer recognition  
Awards  
President’s address – Gary Wertish  
Keynote speaker – Rob Larew, NFU President  
Silent auction closes 10 minutes after end of banquet (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 8:30 p.m. Live auction fundraiser (Minneapolis Ballroom)

### **Sunday, November 21**

- 6:30 a.m. Free omelet breakfast for members, ends 8 a.m. (Twin Cities 400 Tavern)
- 8 a.m. Childcare (closes after policy discussion ends)
- 8 a.m. Registration re-opens (Foyer)
- 8:15 a.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)  
Call to order  
Farmers Union Industries (FUI) report – Dan Hildebrandt, CEO  
Green View report – Mike McShane, Executive Director  
Youth activities report – Darrin Williamson, Torchbearer  
Membership Education Committee report – Harmon Wilts, Chair  
Introduction of New Leader Academy – Glen Schmidt, Education Director  
Minnesota Cooks report – Claudine Arndt, Program Director; Katie Cannon, Photographer & Creative Collaborator, and Anne Schwagerl, Program Consultant
- 9:30 a.m. Policy discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Delegate registration closes – time certain, deadline for alternates to upgrade to delegates if needed**
- 9:45 a.m. Credentials report (Final count of registered delegate) – LeAnn VanDerPol, Chair
- 9:45 a.m. President & Vice President Elections
- 10:30 a.m. Remarks – Attorney General Keith Ellison  
Policy discussion
- 11:15 a.m. Introduction of NFU convention delegate nominees
- 11:45 a.m. Election of delegates to NFU convention **(time certain)** (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Lunch (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12:30 p.m. 2020 audit and financial report
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion  
Special orders  
Old business  
New business  
Announcements  
Election results  
Grand door prize drawing  
Adjournment

*Most agenda times are subject to change*