



Minnesota Farmers Union

81ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

#MFUConvention22

Agenda

Friday, November 18

- 12:45 p.m. Childcare Opens
- 1 p.m. Panel discussion: Meat Processing: Update on MFU's efforts to build a system that is more distributed, resilient and fair (Minneapolis Ballroom Salon D)
- 2:15 p.m. Panel discussion: Carbon Markets: An introduction to a farmers' guide on navigating the 'wild west' of carbon markets (Minneapolis Ballroom Salon D)
- 3 p.m. Credentials & Elections Committee meeting with Velde (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
- 3:30 p.m. Registration opens (Foyer)
- 3:30 p.m. Panel discussion: Women in Leadership: How elevating women into leadership positions strengthens membership organizations (Minneapolis Ballroom Salon D)
- 4 p.m. Rules & Bylaws Meeting with Velde (Stillwater Room)
- 4 p.m. Education Advisory Group meeting (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
- 4:45 p.m. Panel discussion: Insurance 101: Don't let disaster strike twice! (Minneapolis Ballroom Salon D)
- 6:30 p.m. Registration closes
- 6:30 p.m. Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) & Farmers Union Agency (FUA) Joint Reception (TC400 Tavern)
- 8 p.m. Young Member Social at the Falling Knife Brewing Co, 783 Harding St NE, Unit 100, Minneapolis

Saturday, November 19

- 6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (TC400)
- 7 a.m. Registration opens (Foyer)
- 7:30 a.m. Member Ed 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, MFU President
- Prayer - Deacon Gene Paul
- Pledge of Allegiance - Mike Rivard
- Present & adopt convention rules – Tim Velde, Rules & Bylaws Committee Chair
- Present & adopt minutes of 2021 convention – Missy Bakker Roach, MFU State Secretary
- Greeting – Carol Anderson, MFU Executive Committee Chair
- Communications update – Janet Kubat, Communications Director; Kyle Hoffman, Communications & Marketing Coordinator
- Insurance update – Josh Vickerman, FUA President & General Manager
- Remarks – Anne Schwagerl, MFU Vice President

- Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership program report – Denise and Reed Duncan, John and Emily Beaton and Marcus Irrthum
 Legislative update – Stu Lourey, MFU Government Relations Director
- 10:30 a.m. Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman
 Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Whitney Place
 State Director of USDA Rural Development Colleen Landkamer
 Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen
 Policy discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Door prizes and Remarks – Rachel Rynda Princess Kay of the Milky Way (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12:15 p.m. Setting the Climate for Climate: How MFU member action is leading the way and what it means for farmers.
- 1 p.m. Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Whitney Place
 Policy discussion
- 1:50 p.m. Sen. Tina Smith
- 2 p.m. Gov. Tim Walz
- 2:45 p.m. Credentials report – Credentials Committee Chair
 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 p.m. Credentials Committee Meeting to draft ballots (Stillwater Room)
- 4:30 p.m. MFUPAC reception (St. Paul Ballroom)
- 6 p.m. Banquet (Minneapolis Ballroom)
 Prayer - Deacon Gene Paul
 Sen. Amy Klobuchar
 FFA State Officers Address
 Torchbearer recognition – Winona Anderson, MFU Education Director
 Awards
 Restaurant video
 President’s address – Gary Wertish
 NFU President Rob Larew
 Keynote speaker – Sarah Vogel, The Farmers Lawyer
 Silent auction closes 10 minutes after end of banquet (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser live auction (Minneapolis Ballroom)

Sunday, November 20

- 6:30 a.m. Free omelet breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (TC400)
- 7 a.m. FUMPA meeting (Duluth Executive Room)
- 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 – Dale Bednarek, FUI CEO
 Green View report – Mike McShane, Green View Executive Director
 Education Report – Winona Anderson, Education Director
 Introduction of New Leader Academy – Winona Anderson, Education Director
 Membership Education Committee report – Rachel Sannerud
 Membership report – Claudine Arndt, Membership and Minnesota Cooks Director

Justin Stofferahn, Antimonopoly Specialist

- 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 – Credentials Committee Chair (final count of registered delegates)
- 10:30 a.m. Attorney General Keith Ellison
Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic
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. Risk Management Agency Administrator Marcia Bunger
2021 audit and financial report – Russ Barnhardt, Hennen & Associates, PLC
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion
Special orders
Old business
New business
Announcements
Election results (if/when available)
Grand door prize drawing
Trustbuster drawing
Adjournment

Most agenda times are subject to change