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Minnesota Farmers Union honors FFA during this year's National FFA Week

ST. PAUL (February 20, 2015) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) along with over 600,000 students will celebrate FFA week Feb. 22-28, 2015.

“The FFA does such great work in fostering the skills necessary for our youth to excel and succeed,” said Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union President. “The agriculture sector is strong in good part because FFA provides the tools needed for personal growth and success in our future generations of family farmers. We thank and salute FFA for their hard work in keeping not only the agriculture sector strong, but our rural and urban communities as well.”

Minnesota Farmers Union supports FFA by:

- annually donating 30 FFA jackets through the Blue Jackets Bright Futures Program;
- working closely with the Metro Area FFA Alumni and Friends Association;
- judging numerous FFA competitions across the state;
- hosting the State Officers for a State Officer Professional Development day; and
- sponsoring an annual FFA essay contest encouraging students to learn about a new topic and its place in rural Minnesota and Minnesota's economy. The winner receives \$1000 for their FFA Chapter and a trip to Washington, D.C.;
- creating and facilitating the Minnesota FFA ag policy experience, a program specifically for older students interested in public policy.
- for many years MFU has been a star partner sponsor of FFA.

Minnesota FFA's theme for the year is “Reach,” and this theme is a good reminder of our relationship between the Minnesota Farmers Union and the Minnesota FFA Association. MFU encourages all students to call their school and become involved with FFA. The future of agriculture is waiting for you.

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