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MFU joins NFU and Kicks Off Special Spring Fly-In Focusing on Popular Country-of-Origin Labeling Law

WASHINGTON (May 19, 2015) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) joined other Farmers Union states in meeting National Farmers Union (NFU) to kick off a special Spring Fly-In of family farmers and ranchers from across the country meeting with their elected officials in Washington and underscoring their unwavering support for Country-of-Origin Labeling (COOL) and the need for Congress to allow the World Trade Organization (WTO) process to conclude without interference.

“COOL is clearly an important issue for rural America, and family farmers, and MFU has chosen to travel to Washington to voice their commitment and unwavering support for this popular labeling law,” said Doug Peterson, MFU president.

Sixty Farmers Union members from 27 states arrived in the nation’s capital this week, determined to meet with a targeted group of legislators to urge them to stand strong behind COOL and allow the WTO process to conclude without their intervention.

“Despite the recent WTO decision, there is still time for forward movement for COOL,” said Peterson. “For Congress to put themselves in the middle of the WTO process would be a disservice to consumers who want to know where their food is coming from and also to family farmers who are proud to provide the information the consumers are looking for, and proud of their products,” he said.

MFU will be amongst those starting their work with a meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, this morning.

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