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## **National Farmers Union (NFU) 114<sup>th</sup> Convention in Minnesota concludes, Minnesota Farmers Union President, Doug Peterson, re-elected as NFU Secretary**

MINNEAPOLIS (March 8, 2016) – Family farmers and ranchers are the best advocates for agriculture, and over the last four days, the National Farmers Union (NFU) has provided more than 500 members and delegates of the 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention with the advocacy tools they need to be better informed about topics important to farm policy and the industry.

Throughout the convention, several high-level officials highlighted the program, speaking about the opportunities and challenges facing American agriculture today. In addition to a special video message from President Barack Obama, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and General Wesley Clark gave keynote remarks. Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton (D), U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Al Franken (D-Minn.), and U.S. Representative Tom Emmer (R-Minn.) also addressed the convention.

Farmers Union delegates re-elected Donn Teske of Kansas as NFU Vice President. “Serving as vice president has been a true honor, and I’m pleased to continue to serve Farmers Union members in this role,” Teske announced to the crowd during his acceptance speech.

Doug Peterson, President of Minnesota Farmers Union, was re-elected as NFU secretary. “I am pleased to have another opportunity to serve as the Secretary of National Farmers Union” stated Peterson. “It is impressive when Farmers Union delegates get together to review our policy, and everyone works hard to develop a strong grass-roots policy that has family farmers in mind.

We were looking forward to hosting this year’s convention here in Minnesota, and were happy that more of our members were able to see the delegation in action. It is a great organization to be a part of, and a great organization to serve as their Secretary.”

More from the convention, including audio of the speeches and the full text of the adopted policy manual, will be available at [www.nfu.org](http://www.nfu.org).

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