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## **Minnesota Farmers Union Celebrates Ag Week, and Emphasizes the Importance of Agriculture and a Healthy Planet.**

St. Paul, MN (March 14, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) celebrates National Ag week this week (March 13-19, 2016). Ag Day, which is celebrated on March 15, 2016, is a day to recognize and celebrate all that agriculture provides to our communities.

“It is important to emphasize all that farming does for our communities. Agriculture provides our food and fiber, provides jobs in our communities and also helps to give back to our rural communities by keeping the dollar turning more than seven times in our rural communities.” said Minnesota Farmers Union President, Doug Peterson, “Minnesota Farmers Union advocates every day for the family farmer and ranchers. Ag week provides a special opportunity to honor our diverse membership and celebrate all aspects of American agriculture.”

Climate change affects all of agriculture – from the ground to the kitchen table; everyone has a reason to care about what is happening to the environment. Together we need to work together to reduce our impact on the environment. The future of agriculture relies on promoting the stewardship and sustainability of our communities now.

Per Agday.org every family farmer feeds more than 144 people, a drastic increase from just a few decades ago. American agriculture is doing more and doing it better. We need to keep moving forward to help feed our neighbors while making sure that we are cautious about taking care of the environment to help future generations continue to feed the increasing number of people that are growing in our communities.

You can participate in Ag Day and National Ag week by simply helping spread the positive message of agriculture. You can read more at [agday.org](http://agday.org)

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