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Minnesota Farmers Union President and National Farmers Union President to participate in two separate panels during Farmfest.

ST. PAUL (July 28, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President, Doug Peterson, and National Farmers Union (NFU) President, Roger Johnson, will both be sitting on panels to cover some of the important agricultural topics in America right now.

On Tuesday August 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Wick’s Building, Doug Peterson will be on a panel that will be discussing agricultural and rural issues. Doug will be joined by congressional candidates, Congressman Tim Walz, Congressman Tom Emmer, Congressman Collin Peterson, Jim Hogedorn, Steve Williams, David Snyder, David Huges and Amanda Hinson. He will be joined by other agricultural leaders, Kevin Paap MN Farm Bureau President, Teresia Gillie, President of Mn Soybean Growers Assn, Dick Hagen, The Land newspaper, and Andrea Johnson, MN Farm Guide Newspaper.

Some of the topics of discussion will be improving the 2018 Farm Bill, Expansion of federal authority under WOTUS and the Clean Water Act, Passage of TPP, Funding and support of CRP, Enhancing Rural Development and other agricultural or rural policy ideas or revisions needed in current policy.

Roger Johnson will be seated with Don Parrish, American Farm Bureau Policy Analyst, Rep Paul Torkelson, MN State Legislature, Lawrence Sukalski, American Soybean Growers Assn board member, Kirby Hettver, Secretary of MN Corn Growers Assn, Warren Formo, Exec. Director, MN Ag Water Resource Coalition, Dave Weirens, Asst Director MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, and Matt Wohlman, Assistant MN Commissioner of Agriculture, at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday August 3, 2016 in the Wick Building.

This panel will be discussing the topics of Buffers, WOTUS and other Ag water quality issues. A key note address will be given by Governor Mark Dayton prior to the discussion of this panel.

“Farmfest is a great opportunity to have a strong discussion with other ag leaders” stated Doug Peterson, President of MFU “Roger and I both look forward to this opportunity to bring forward the concerns of family farmers.”

The MFU hoop barn is located just west of the forum building in lot 509.

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