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## **Minnesota Farmers Union President Doug Peterson Distinguished Friend of Extension**

ST. PAUL (October 6, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President, Doug Peterson, was named 2016 Distinguished Friend of Extension Tuesday October 4, 2016.

The Distinguished Friend of Extension award was announced on Tuesday by Dean Bev Durgan who said that Peterson’s advocacy “has strengthened Extension’s ability to create a strong Minnesota.”

President Peterson was lauded for his support for 4-H, including visionary contributions to the Minnesota’s pioneering 4-H Science of Agriculture program and the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction at the State Fair. Peterson and the Minnesota Farmers Union have played an important role helping secure legislative funding for Extension to create positive impacts across Minnesota, including the Farmer-Lender Mediation program that helps farmers facing financial challenges.

“I’m proud to accept this award on behalf of the Minnesota Farmers Union members and in support of the hard work that the University of Minnesota and Extension does to advance family farming,” Peterson said.

*Minnesota Farmers Union, standing for agriculture and fighting for farmers ([www.mfu.org](http://www.mfu.org)).*

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