



Minnesota Farmers Union

82nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

#MFUConvention23

Agenda

Friday, November 17

- 12:45 p.m. Childcare opens (childcare closes at 6:30 p.m.)
- 12:45 p.m. Auction item check-in begins (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 1 p.m. Panel discussion: Rural Access to Care. From emergency transportation to nursing, how can we ensure access to care in rural Minnesota? What are alternatives to more consolidation? (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
- 2:15 p.m. Panel discussion: Think like a Banker. What questions do you need answered to get your project financed and go from dream to reality? (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
- 3 p.m. Credentials & Elections Committee meeting with Attorney Dave Velde (Stillwater Room)
- 3:30 p.m. Registration opens (Foyer)
- 3:30 p.m. Panel discussion: Selling more than Farm Products. What are 'climate-smart' markets, their challenges, opportunities and what does USDA's focus on these markets mean for farmers? (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
- 4 p.m. Rules & Bylaws Meeting with Attorney Dave Velde (Stillwater Room)
- 4:45 p.m. Panel discussion: Health and Life Insurance Solutions for you and your Farm (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
- 5:45 p.m. Auction item check-in closes. (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 6:30 p.m. Registration closes
- 6:30 p.m. Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) & Farmers Union Agency (FUA) Joint Reception (TBD)
- 8 p.m. Young Member Social

Saturday, November 18

- 6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (St. Paul Room)
- 7 a.m. Registration opens (Foyer)
- 7:30 a.m. Membership Engagement Committee meeting (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
- 8 a.m. Childcare opens (childcare closes when banquet ends)
- 8 a.m. Auction item check-in resumes (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 8:30 a.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- Convention convenes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- Welcome – Gary Wertish, MFU President
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Present & adopt convention rules – Tim Velde, Rules & Bylaws Committee Chair
- Present & adopt minutes of 2022 convention – Missy Bakker Roach, MFU State Secretary
- Greeting & Report – Carol Anderson, MFU Executive Committee Chair

- Communications update – Janet Kubat, MFU Communications Director; Kyle Hoffman, MFU Communications & Marketing Coordinator
 Insurance update – Josh Vickerman, FUA President & General Manager
 Remarks – Anne Schwagerl, MFU Vice President
 New Leader Academy, Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership update – Winona Anderson
 Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership program report – Russ Derickson and Jeremiah Hasnedl
 Legislative update – Stu Lourey, MFU Government Relations Director; Ariel Kagan, MFU Climate and Working Lands Program Director; Justin Stofferahn, MFU Antimonopoly Director
- 10:30 a.m. Guest speakers
 Policy discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Door prizes and Remarks –Princess Kay of the Milky Way (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12:15 p.m. Awards program
- 12:15 p.m. Auction item check-in closes.
- 12:45 p.m. Introduction to National Convention - Gary Wertish, MFU President
- 1 p.m. Policy discussion
- 1:50 p.m. Speakers
- 2:45 p.m. Credentials report – Credentials Committee Chair LeeAnn Hanson-VanDerPol
 Election of President and Vice President
 Policy discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Delegate registration closes, re-opens Sunday at 8 a.m., closes at 9:30 a.m. (time certain)**
- 3:30 p.m. NFU Convention delegate election caucusing. **(time certain)** (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 4 p.m. Credentials Committee Meeting to draft ballots (Stillwater Room)
- 4:30 p.m. MFUPAC reception (St. Paul Ballroom)
- 6 p.m. Doors open for banquet (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 6:15 p.m. Banquet
 Year in review video
 Prayer
 FFA State Officers comments (Katie Ketchum, President; Tyler Ratka, Vice President; Alison Murrell, Secretary; Mason Grams, Treasurer; Miriana Eiden, Reporter; Mackenzie Kuschel, Sentinel)
 Torchbearer recognition – Winona Anderson, MFU Education Director
 Legislator awards
 President’s address – Gary Wertish
 NFU President Rob Larew
 Keynote speaker
 Silent auction closes 10 minutes after end of banquet (Lake Mille Lacs)
- 8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser live auction (Minneapolis Ballroom)

Sunday, November 19

- 6:30 a.m. Free omelet breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (St. Paul Ballroom)
- 7 a.m. FUMPA meeting (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
- 8 a.m. Childcare (closes after policy discussion ends)
- 8 a.m. Registration re-opens (Foyer)
- 8:15 a.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
 Call to order
 Farmers Union Industries (FUI) report – Dale Bednarek, FUI CEO
 Green View report – Mike McShane, Green View Executive Director
 Education Report – Winona Anderson, MFU Education Director

- National Youth Advisory Committee report – Mariah Peterson and Jackie Zaviska
 Membership Engagement Committee report
 Membership report – Claudine Arndt, Membership and Minnesota Cooks Director
- 9:30 a.m. Policy discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Delegate registration closes – time certain, deadline for alternates to upgrade to delegates if needed**
- 9:45 a.m. Credentials report – Credentials Committee Chair (final count of registered delegates)
- 10 a.m. Speakers
- 10:30 a.m. Policy discussion
- 11:15 a.m. Introduction of NFU convention delegate nominees
- 11:45 a.m. Election of delegates to NFU convention **(time certain)** (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Lunch (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12:30 p.m. Speakers
 2022 audit and financial report – Carlson SV
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion
 Special orders
 Old business
 New business
 Announcements
 Election results (if/when available)
 Grand prize drawing
 Happy Camper drawing
 Adjournment

Most agenda times are subject to change