

What is a county convention?

A county convention is the annual business meeting for a Farmers Union county organization. These meetings are the basic building blocks of the organization and are where MFU's grassroots policy development process begins. While taking care of business, members also socialize, often over a meal. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/WhatsTheProcess>. Go to mfu.org/events to see if your county convention has been scheduled.

Sample agenda

- Guest Speakers
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers
- Election of delegates and alternates to the MFU State Convention
- Call for Resolutions
- Old Business: Business from previous years for consideration.
- New Business: New ideas and initiatives your county wants to act on, such as planning events or tours.

What are officer roles and responsibilities?

Each county typically has a president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. In some counties, the secretary and treasurer roles are split. Other counties create additional officer roles with specific assignments.

- **President:** Plan and call meetings, serve as chair of the county's executive committee, attend MFU's Full Board meetings in February and August and the State Convention in November.
- **Vice President:** Assist the county president, general membership outreach and attend state meetings if the president is unable to attend.
- **Secretary:** Record the minutes of the organization's meeting and present them at the following meeting and report the county's activities to the state office.



- **Treasurer:** Pay the county's bills, keep the county's financial records and report on them at each meeting.

What is a state convention delegate?

A delegate attends the MFU State Convention held Nov. 21-23, 2025, in Minneapolis. The delegate is also able to attend other events at State Convention, including speaker panels and meals.

State delegates are eligible to be delegates to the National Farmers Union Convention. The 2026 NFU Convention will be March 7-9 in New Orleans.

What is a resolution?

A resolution is an idea you have for changing a state or federal policy. For example, last year Washington County Farmers Union approved a resolution: "We propose that the state of Minnesota adopt/continue the federal local foods purchase assistance grants." This resolution was debated and incorporated into MFU policy at state convention. From there, the legislative team and members lobbied for legislation that created a state-funded Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program (LFPA), to continue a popular program that purchases food from new farmers to distribute to communities in need.

Notes:

Got ideas to discuss? Jot them down and bring this page to your county business meeting.