

### AGENDA

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 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: **Plan your year: Network with MFU staff and members while calendaring events for the coming year** (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
- 2:15 p.m. Panel discussion: **Farm-Scale Renewable Energy: How to Power your Farm through Distributed Wind, Solar and Geothermal** (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: **Cooperative Development: How to Develop Local Resilience through Building on Minnesota's Cooperative Legacy** (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
- 4 p.m. Education Advisory Committee (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
- 4:45 p.m. Panel discussion: **Farm Transition: How to Transition Land to the Next Generation. Strategies, Opportunities and Policy Consideration** (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. MFU & Farmers Union Agency (FUA) Joint Reception (TC400 Tavern)
- 8 p.m. Member Networking Social (St. Paul Ballroom)

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.)  
(St. Paul Ballroom)
- 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 Room)
- 8:30 a.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- Convention convenes  
(Minneapolis Ballroom)
- Welcome – Gary Wertish, President
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Present & adopt convention rules
- Present & adopt minutes of 2024 convention – Missy Bakker Roach, State Secretary

- Greeting & Report – Carol Anderson, Executive Committee Chair
- Communications update – Janet Kubat, Communications Director, and Kyle Hoffman, Marketing Manager
- Insurance update – Josh Vickerman, FUA President & General Manager
- Remarks – Anne Schwagerl, Vice President
- Introduction Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership program
- Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership program report
- Legislative team update – Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director; Ariel Kagan, Climate and Working Lands Program Director; Justin Stofferahn, Antimonopoly Director; Danielle Isaacson, Climate and Working Lands Program Manager
- 10 a.m. Policy discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Door prizes and remarks from Princess Kay Malorie Thorson (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12:15 p.m. Awards program
- 1 p.m. Afternoon Keynote: Alvaro Bedoya
- 1:15 p.m. Introduction to National Convention
- Policy discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Credentials report
- Election of President and Vice President
- Policy discussion
- 3 p.m. Auction item check-in closes.  
(Lake Mille Lacs Room)
- 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 legislative reception  
(St. Paul Ballroom)
- 6 p.m. Doors open for banquet  
(Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 6:15 p.m. Banquet
- Year in review video
- Reflection
- FFA State Officers' comments
- Torchbearer Recognition
- President's address – Gary Wertish
- Keynote Speaker – Stacy Mitchell
- Silent auction closes 10 minutes after end of banquet (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
- 8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser live auction  
(Minneapolis Ballroom)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 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 opens (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, Education Director
- Membership report – Gail Donkers, Membership 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)
- 10:30 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. Audit and financial report
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion
- Special orders
- Old business
- New business
- Announcements
- Election results (if/when available)
- Grand prize drawing
- Adjournment

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