Minnesota Farmers Union

85th ANNUAL CONVENTION

#MFU85

Agenda

Friday, November 20

12:45 p.m.	Childcare opens (childcare closes at 6:30 p.m.)
12:45 p.m.	Auction item check-in begins (outside Lake Mille Lacs Room)
1 p.m.	Grow with MFU: Mentoring the Next Generation of Farmers and Plan Your Year with Farmers Union (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
2:15 p.m.	Panel discussion: The Scoop on Minnesota's Conservation Programs (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
3 p.m.	Credentials & Elections Committee meeting with Attorney Jennifer Klecker (Stillwater Room)
3:30 p.m.	Registration opens (Foyer)
3:30 p.m.	Panel discussion: Understanding Data Center Development through Policy (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
4 p.m.	Rules & Bylaws Meeting with Attorney Jennifer Klecker (Stillwater Room)
4:45 p.m.	Panel discussion: Keep it Local: Apple & Cheese Tasting (Minneapolis Ballroom Salons C & D)
5:45 p.m.	Auction item check-in closes. (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
6:30 p.m.	Registration closes
6:30 p.m.	Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) & Farmers Union Agency (FUA) Joint Reception (TC400 Tavern and St. Paul Ballroom)
8 p.m.	MFU Jam Session BYO Instrument (St. Paul Ballroom)

Saturday, November 21

6:30 a.m.	Farm-fresh breakfast (ends 8 a.m.) (St. Paul Ballroom)
7 a.m.	Registration opens (Foyer)
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 – Tim Velde, Rules & Bylaws Committee Chair
	Present & adopt minutes of 2024 convention – Missy Bakker Roach, State Secretary
	Greeting & Report – Carol Anderson, Executive Committee Chair
	Insurance update – Josh Vickerman, FUA President & General Manager
	Remarks – Anne Schwagerl, Vice President
	Communications update – Janet Kubat, Communications Director, and Kyle Hoffman, Communications & Marketing Manager
	Education Report – Audrey Jerome, Education Director
	Membership report – Gail Donkers, Membership Director
	Legislative team update – Ariel Kagan, Foundation Director; Justin Stofferahn, Antimonopoly Director
10 a.m.	Speakers
	Policy discussion
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
12 p.m.	Door prizes and remarks from Princess Kay Jena Hanson (Minneapolis Ballroom)
12:15 p.m.	Awards program
1 p.m.	Introduction to National Convention
	Bylaws discussion
	Policy discussion
1:45 p.m.	Speakers
2:45 p.m.	Credentials report – Credentials Committee Chair
	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
	Welcome – MFU President Gary Wertish
	Year in review video
	Invocation –
	President's address – MFU President Gary Wertish
	Keynote Speaker – Cory Haala
	Silent auction closes 10 minutes after end of banquet (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
8 p.m.	MFU fundraiser live auction (Minneapolis Ballroom)

Sunday, November 22

6:30 a.m.	Farm Fresh breakfast (ends 8 a.m.) (St. Paul Ballroom)6:30 a.m.
7 a.m.	FUMPA meeting (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
8 a.m.	Childcare opens (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 – FUI CEO
	Green View report – Mike McShane, Green View Executive Director
	Introduction of Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership program – John Beaton
	Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership program report – Todd and Stacy Leiding
	NFU President Rob Larew
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 LeeAnn Hanson-VanDerPol (final count of registered delegates)
9:50 a.m.	Speakers
	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 – Carlson SV (Lori?)
12:45 p.m.	Policy discussion
	Special orders
	Old business
	New business
	Announcements
	Election results (if/when available)
	Grand prize drawing
	Adjournment

Most agenda times are subject to change