

# Nebraska Farmers Union

## 106th Annual State Convention

“Harnessing the Power of Organization to  
Serve Family Farm Agriculture Since 1913”

December 6-7, 2019

Divots Conference Center, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701

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### Friday Morning

- 8:00**      **Registration Begins and Exhibits Open**
- 8:30**      **NeFU Convention Committees Meet**
- By Laws—Vern Jantzen, Chair
  - Credentials—Art Tanderup, Chair
  - Elections— Ron Meyer, Chair
- 8:45**      **Door Prize Drawings—Free Stuff—Must Be Present To Win**  
Al Davis, Jim Knopik, Mary Alice Corman, Vern Jantzen,  
Ben Gotschall, Graham Christensen & Martin Kleinschmit
- 9:00**      **Convention Comes to Order & Welcome**  
NeFU President John Hansen
- Call to order
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Opening Prayer, Graham Christensen, District 6 Director
  - Previous Convention Minutes
- 9:10**      **NeFU Foundation Report & Elections**  
John Hansen, NeFU Foundation Secretary
- 2019 Blizzard & Flood Relief Report
  - *Election of At-Large Member to NeFU Foundation*
  - One Year Term—Ron Meyer-current member
- 9:20**      **NeFU Education Report—John Hansen**
- Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference Report
  - CHS Cooperative Education - College Conference
  - Farm Succession Series
- 9:30**      **Nebraska Rural Radio Association Report**
- Craig Larson, NRRA General Manager
  - Tim Marshall, NRRA Chief Operating Officer
- 9:45**      **Refreshment Break Sponsored by: *Nebraska Rural Radio Association***
- KTIC-840 AM—West Point—KWPN—107.9 FM
  - KRVN-880 AM—Lexington—KRVN—93.1 FM
  - KNEB-960 AM—Scottsbluff—KNEB—94.1 FM



## Rural Radio Network

*Shop Locally for Christmas—NeFU Country Store!*

## **Friday Morning continued...**

- 10:15**      **Nebraska 30% Ethanol State Fleet Research Project Update**
- Roger Berry, Administrator, Nebraska Ethanol Board
- 10:30**      **Federal and State Ethanol Issues, Challenges & Opportunities**
- Roger Berry, Administrator, Nebraska Ethanol Board
  - Rob Larew, NFU Senior VP of Public Policy and Communications
- 11:15**      **NeFU Elections**
- Introduction of NeFU Delegate candidates to NFU Convention March 1-3, 2019 Hyatt Regency, Savannah, GA
  - Final call for additional nominations for NeFU President
  - Districts 3 & 7 caucus for additional District Director nominations
  - Report by Elections Chair, Ron Meyer
- 11:45**      **Break for Lunch**
- 12:00**      **Noon Luncheon**

**NeFU President's Award presentation to:**

- ***Craig Larson, Retiring General Manager  
Nebraska Rural Radio Association***

**“Welcome to Norfolk, a Going Green City”**

- ***Mayor Josh Moenning***

**Keynote Speech: “2019: A Year Like No Other”**

- ***Martha Shulski, Nebraska State Climatologist***

**Noon Lunch Sponsored by: Lincoln Clean Energy**



# Friday Afternoon

- 1:15 NeFU Elections**
- *Elect Top Six NFU Convention Delegates (Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates)*
  - *Elect NeFU Board of Directors for Districts 3 & 7 (2020-2021-2022)*
  - *Elect NeFU President*
- 1:30 Door Prize Drawings—Free Stuff—Must Be Present To Win**  
Al Davis, Jim Knopik, Mary Alice Corman, Vern Jantzen,  
Ben Gotschall, Graham Christensen & Martin Kleinschmit
- 1:35 LB657 Hemp Production Status Report**
- David Bracht, Attorney, Kutak Rock LLP
  - Senator Tom Brandt, LD32
- 2:10 Ag Spray Drift**
- Senator Tom Brandt, LD32
- 2:30 The Nebraska Rural Response Hotline**  
**Helping Nebraska Families In Crisis Since 1984**
- Michele Soll
  - Joe Hawbaker
  - Vern Jantzen, President of the Nebraska Rural Response Council
- 3:15 NEBFARMPAC Report**
- Vern Jantzen, NEBFARMPAC President
- 3:30—4:00 Refreshment Break**
- 3:30 Elections - Elect NFU Convention Delegates & Alternates**  
Top Three Are Delegates -- Bottom Three are Alternates ranked by votes  
(Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates)
- 4:00 A Preview of the 2019 Legislative Session**
- Senator Tom Brandt, LD 32
  - Senator Jim Scheer, LD19
  - Senator Lynne Walz, LD 15
- 5:00-6 :00 NEBFARMPAC Wine & Cheese Social**  
Midwest Hospitality: “The Great Room”  
(From the hotel front desk: use the north hallway and head west)

# Friday Evening

## 6:00 **Convention Banquet & Celebration**

- *John Hansen, Master of Ceremonies*

Remembering those who have passed on...

President's Award Winners:

- *Martin Kleinschmit*
- *Nebraska Rural Response Hotline*

### **NeFU Evening Banquet Speakers**

#### **“It All Begins With Organization”**

- *Tom Giessel, NFU Historian, Larned, Kansas*
- *Kate Giessel, Community Food Organizer, Kansas City*

#### **Farmers Union Insurances Report**

- *Jeff Downing, General Manager, Midwest Regional Agency*  
Introduction of Agents

#### **Country Store Silent Auction**

#### **Banquet Sponsors:**



**Farm Credit Services of America**



**Midwest  
Regional  
Agency**

# Saturday Morning

- 7:00**      **Builders Club Members Breakfast: Madison Room in north hallway**
- 8:15**      **Door Prize Drawings—Free Stuff—Must Be Present To Win**  
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- 8:30**      **Convention Reconvenes**
- 8:30**      **Citizen Scientist Program Update**  
Rural Nebraskans Teaming Up With Public Health To Track Water  
Contaminants and Increase the Public's Awareness on Area Water Quality.
- Julie Hindmarsh - Public Health Faculty, John Hopkins School of Nursing, retired.
- 8:45**      **NeFU Vice President's Report**
- Vern Jantzen, NeFU District 4 Director, Plymouth
- 9:00**      **Implementing Regenerative Agriculture  
Practices to Improve Soil Health**
- Dan Gillespie, USDA NRCS No-Till Specialist, Norfolk
- 9:45**      **Update on LB243—Healthy Soils Task Force**
- Senator Tim Gragert, LD 40
- 10:00**      **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30**      **Understanding Nebraska's Tax System and State Economic  
Incentives**
- Craig Beck, Open Sky Policy Institute Fiscal Analyst
- 11:00**      **Straight Talk on Property Tax Relief & Economic Incentives**
- Jack Moles, Executive Director  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
  - Bruce Rieker, Vice President of Governmental Relations, Nebraska Farm  
Bureau Federation
  - Al Davis, Board of Director, ICON & NeFU
- 11:45**      **Adjourn for lunch & hotel checkout**

## **Saturday Noon Luncheon**

### **NFU Government Relations Report**

- *Rob Larew, NFU Senior Vice President Public Policy & Communications*

### **NeFU State Convention Wrap Up Remarks**

- *NeFU President John Hansen*

*Luncheon Sponsors: Apex Clean Energy & NextEra Energy*



## **Saturday Afternoon**

- 1:30**      **NeFU Financials**
- John Hansen, NeFU President

- 1:45**      **Policy Consideration & Adoption Until Completed**
- Vern Jantzen NeFU Policy Chair

**2020 NeFU State Convention:  
December 4-5, 2020  
Ramada, Kearney, NE**

*Merry Christmas  
Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year!*

*Drive Home Safely!*