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12 Nebraskans Attend NFU 120th Anniversary Convention in Denver, Colorado

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March 8, 2022 Lincoln, NE –Twelve Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) members attended the National Farmers Union (NFU) Convention February 27 to March 1, 2022 in Denver, Colorado. The delegates representing Nebraska from the board were: Lynn Belitz, Fullerton, Mary Alice Corman, Edger, and John Hansen of Lincoln. Delegates representing the membership were: Andrew Tonnies, North Bend, Marcia Regier, Beatrice, and Keith Dittrich, Tilden who also served as the Chair of the NFU Credential Committee. NeFU Vice President Vern Jantzen of Plymouth served on the National Farmers Union Policy Committee, and NeFU District 6 Director Graham Christensen of Omaha also attended.

Farmers Union Midwest Agency LLP General Manager Jeff Downing of Elkhorn, Gayland Regier of Beatrice, Tammy Dittrich of Meadow Grove, and Karen Hansen of Lincoln also attended.

NeFU President John Hansen said, "It was good to return to Denver for our national convention. Farmers Union's main office was headquartered there for decades. It brought back many positive memories. I think everyone was glad to meet in person again for convention and see fellow family farm and ranch advocates from around the country. Our general farm organization has a great deal of diversity as does production agriculture. We were reminded that while we have different ways to grow food and fiber, we all agree on the importance of preserving and strengthening our traditional system of independent family farm and ranch owner operator agriculture."

450 Farmers Union members from around the country met in Denver for the NFU Convention. The 220 delegates approved five special orders of business:

- Fairness for Farmers
- Family Farming and Supply Chains
- Family Farming and Agricultural Workforce and Food Processing Reform
- Family Farming and Climate Change
- Family Farming and Dairy Policy Reform

Full text of the adopted policy manual will be available soon at www.nfu.org.

Delegates re-elected Rob Larew from West Virginia as president and elected Jeff Kippley from South Dakota as the organization's vice president.

The 2023 National Farmers Union 121st Anniversary Convention will be held March 5-7, 2023 Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA.

Nebraska Farmers Union is a general farm organization with 3,841 farm and ranch family members dedicated to protecting and enhancing the economic well-being and quality of life for family farmers and ranchers, and their rural communities. Since 1913, Nebraska Farmers Union has helped organize over 445 cooperatives.