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Nebraska Farmers Union 110th Annual State Convention to be Held at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk

LINCOLN (July 17, 2023) – Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) announced their Board of Directors have selected Norfolk's Divots Conference Center-Lodge & Suites, December 8-9 to host their 110th annual State Convention. Participants will elect officers, set policy, conduct business, and hear from speakers on issues facing agriculture.

The Nebraska Farmers Union block rates for rooms is \$125. Call (402) 379-3833 to book rooms or go online at: <u>https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IP72U8.</u> November 22nd is the booking deadline for the block.

NeFU President John Hansen said "Our membership has responded positively to the Board's decision to rotate the location of our state convention to different communities so more members can attend. It is important that our members attend and participate in the operation of their general farm organization at all levels, local, state, and national. They are the grassroots that drives our service organization. The Divots Conference Center is an excellent facility and their staff does an outstanding job with their food and services. We strongly encourage area members and the public to join us for our 110th NeFU state convention."

Delegates will elect three delegates and alternates from Nebraska to the National Farmers Union Convention to be held at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona March 10-12, 2024. In addition, Delegates will also elect NeFU Board of Directors in Districts 1 and District 5 to three-year terms and State President to a two-year term.

Norfolk Mayor Josh Moenning welcomed the NeFU State Convention, "The Nebraska Farmers Union, which has a rich history in Madison County and northeast Nebraska, is one of our state's preeminent farm and ag policy organizations. Evidenced by its wide-ranging work advocating for farm families, biofuels, renewable energy, and competitive markets, NeFU has always been a thought and action leader, tirelessly working to improve the plight of rural folks and create better opportunities in rural places. On behalf of the city of Norfolk, I can say we are proud to be the host community of the 2023 NFU annual convention."

Art Tanderup, NeFU District 7 Board of Director from Neligh said, "District 7 is proud to host this year's State Convention. Afterall, NeFU began in Antelope County with the founding of the state's first Local Chapter, the "Liberty Local #1" May 2, 1911. These farmers were self-reliant. They worked together to organize local creamery cooperatives so they would "get a fair price and an honest weigh" for their cream so everyone did better. Right from the beginning, they harnessed the power of organization to capture the benefits of cooperatively owned value-added agriculture. They realized they each did better when their neighbor also did better. That is still true today."

Nebraska Farmers Union is a general farm organization with 3,155 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.

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Fighting for Nebraska's family farmers and ranchers since 1913.