Nebraska Farmers Union 110th Annual State Convention
"Proudly Serving Family Farm, Ranch, & Rural Families Since 1913"
December 8-9, 2023
Divots Convention Center, 4200 W Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701

Friday Morning, December 8, 2023

8:00  Registration Begins and Exhibits Open
9:00  Call to order: Convention Convenes, Welcome, Pledge, Prayer, Past Convention Minutes
9:10  NeFU Foundation Report & Elections-- John Hansen, NeFU Foundation Secretary
      Elect At-Large Member to NeFU Foundation, 1 year term (Doug Dittman is current director)
9:20  NeFU Education Report—John Hansen
9:30  Nebraska Rural Radio Association Report
      •  Tim Marshall, NRRA Chief Operating Officer
      •  Dwight Lane, KTIC Station Manager
      •  Ben Steffen, NRRA President

9:45  Refreshment Break  Sponsored by:  Nebraska Rural Radio Association

10:15  USDA NRCS Conservation Programs Opportunities
       •  Rob Lawson, State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
10:45  USDA FSA Programs, Challenges, and Opportunities
       •  Tim Divis, Acting Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Administration
       •  Roy Stoltenberg, Chair, NE FSA State Committee
11:15  NeFU Elections:  Report by Elections Chair, Richard Corman
       •  Last call for additional nominations for NeFU President (2024-2025)
       •  Introduction of candidates for NeFU Delegates to NFU Convention
          March 10-12, 2024 National Farmers Union Convention, Plaza Resort Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ
          Elect Top Six NFU Convention Delegates--Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates
          (Top 3 vote getters are Delegates—next 3 are Alternates)
       •  Districts 1& 5 caucus for additional NeFU District Director Nominations (2024-2025-2026)
       •  District Presidents caucus to select their representative for NeFU Foundation Board of
          Directors

12:00  Noon Luncheon

12:20  Welcome to Norfolk: Mayor Josh Moenning
12:30  NFU Government Relations Report: Aaron Shier, NFU Government Relations Director
1:15  First Round Elections

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**Friday Afternoon, December 8, 2023**

1:30 Farmers Union Midwest Agency, LLP report, introduction of agents, & Branded Insurance Products Update  
- Jeff Downing, Farmers Union Midwest Agency  
- Kevin Harrington, Financial Services Director

2:00 Norfolk Crush Plant Update—Chad Spohn

2:30 Using Climate Based Tools for Agricultural Decision Making  
- Dr. Eric Hunt, Climate resilience Extension Educator

3:15 Nebraska Farmers Union PAC report—Vern Jantzen

3:30 **Refreshment Break**

3:30 Second Round of Elections if needed for NFU Convention Delegates

4:00 Nebraska Tribal Agricultural Initiatives  
- Aaron Lapointe, Senior Director Business Operations, Ho Chunk Incorporated

**5:15 NEBFARMPAC Wine & Cheese Social**

**6:15 Friday Evening Banquet & Celebration**  
- President’s Award Presentation: Kay Walter & Tim Rinne  
- “The State of our Farmers Union”—Jeff Kippley, Vice President, National Farmers Union  
- “Farmers Union, the Key to Success”—Tom Giessel, NFU Amateur Historian, Larned, KS

**Saturday Morning, December 9, 2023**

7:00 Builders Club Breakfast—Madison Room in North Lobby

7:00 Complimentary Breakfast—Hotel Lobby

8:30 Convention Reconvenes

8:30 NeFU Vice President’s Report—Vern Jantzen

8:45 Wind Powered Jobs for Rural Kids in Rural Communities  
- John Liewer, Wind Energy Technology Instructor, Northeast Community College

9:15 USDA Farm Service Programs  
- John Berge, Acting USDA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs

**10:00 Refreshment Break**

10:30 Unscrambling the Extended Farm Bill  
- Jeff Kippley, NFU Vice President  
- Aaron Shier, NFU Government Affairs Director  
- John Berge, Acting USDA Deputy Administrator for Farm Program

11:30 Adjourn and Hotel Checkout

**12:00 Noon Luncheon**  
- NeFU President John Hansen, NeFU President’s Report to Membership  
- Rep. Mike Flood (Invited: Schedule subject to the Call of the Speaker)

1:30 NeFU Financials—John Hansen & Lisa Orem

1:45 Policy Consideration & Adoption Until Completed

3:15 Convention Wrap Up—John Hansen

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