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DAVID SUZUKI KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT NFU NATIONAL CONVENTION

SASKATOON, SK – Dr. David Suzuki, Canada’s foremost science broadcaster, will be the keynote speaker at the National Farmers Union (NFU) 35th annual National Convention at the Quality Inn in Saskatoon, November 18-20.

Dr. Suzuki will be speaking on “Biotechnology: The Ethical Dilemma”. The theme of the NFU Convention is “Seeds of Hope, Seeds of Division” – which focuses on the implications of biotechnology in the context of increasing corporate control over seeds and plant genetic material.

Other issues which will be highlighted at the convention include: the crisis in the livestock sector since a single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) was discovered in May, 2003; the challenge facing supply-management and the Canadian Wheat Board as a result of the World Trade Organization (WTO) framework agreement; and the marketing difficulties faced by Canadian potato producers.

The NFU represents thousands of Canadian farm families, and is the only direct-membership family farm organization which includes producers of all commodities.

Highlights of the NFU 35th annual National Convention, Quality Inn, Saskatoon, SK.

Thursday, November 18:

12:30 PM – Call to Order

1:30 PM – Panel: Genetically-Modified Crops: The Promise and the Peril

7:30 PM – Live Theatre Production of “The Pull of The Land” – Centennial Auditorium

Friday, November 19:

9:15 AM – The Canadian Wheat Board and the WTO

10:30 AM – The Crisis in Potato Marketing

2:30 PM – Keynote Address by David Suzuki – “Biotechnology: The Ethical Dilemma”

Saturday, November 20:

10:15 AM – Keynote - Andrew Nikiforuk – Packer Concentration & the BSE Crisis

1:30 PM – Hon. Mark Wartman, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture

2:15 PM – Panel on “Privatizing Biodiversity”

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