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**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FARM UNION MOVEMENT IN ONTARIO  
NFU PRESIDENTS TO ADDRESS CONVENTION**

**GUELPH, Ont.**—Recently-elected NFU President Stewart Wells and Women's President Shannon Storey will be in Guelph Ontario to address an historic NFU Ontario Convention.

2002 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Farm Union movement in Ontario. The Ontario Farmers Union (OFU) was formed in 1952. In 1969, recognizing the need to be part of a strong, national organization, the OFU and several other provincial farmers unions united to form the National Farmers Union.

The NFU in Ontario is in an intense period of revitalization and expansion. Its membership is growing and NFU members have made the decision to become part of Ontario's stable funding system.

NFU Ontario Co-ordinator said that the 2002 NFU Ontario Convention is doubly-historic: for the past that it commemorates, and for the important work that members are undertaking now, for the future. "The NFU in Ontario has a proud history, and a bright future," said Dowling.

NFU Ontario Convention details are:

Saturday, March 23, 2002  
9:00 AM  
Ignatius Jesuit Centre  
North of Guelph on Highway 6  
Guelph, Ontario

NFU President Stewart Wells speaks at 9:30 AM and 1:15 PM.

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