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Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention
of the
National Farmers Union

Hilton Garden Inn Saskatoon Downtown—November 20th to 22nd, 2008

Food and Community: Local to International

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH :

6:00 PM **Registration & Social** (Estevan Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH :

8:00 AM **Registration**

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM **Educational Workshop:**
(Commonwealth Ballroom)
Working in the Public Interest:
Agriculture Quality and Food Safety
– Bob Kingston, President, Agriculture Union,
Public Service Alliance of Canada
– Terry Boehm, NFU Vice President

Educational Workshop:
(Prince Albert East & West)
Dig In: A Workshop on Food Sovereignty
– Lucy Sharratt, CBAN
– Molly Lynes-Ford, Check Your Head
– Kalissa Regier, NFU Youth Vice President

1:00 PM **Call to Order** (Commonwealth Ballroom)
O Canada
Welcome from the Region: Don Kelsey
Steering Committee Report: Terry Boehm
Ratification of Report
Adoption of Agenda
Notice of Constitutional Amendments

1:10 PM **Welcome from the City of Saskatoon**

1:20 PM **OPENING ADDRESS:**
– NFU President Stewart Wells

1:40 PM **Greetings:** Bob Kingston, President,
Agriculture Union PSAC

2:00 PM **ADDRESS:** Paul Nicholson, Basque Farmers
& Ranchers Movement / Via Campesina
– Farmers & the Global Food Crisis

2:30 PM **Question and Answer Session**

3:00 PM **Coffee Break**

3:20 PM **Greetings:**
Glenn Caleval, Farmers of North America

3:30 PM **NFU Board of Directors' Report:** Terry Boehm
NFU Youth President's Report: Nigel Smith
NFU Women's Pres. Report: Colleen Ross

Questions of the Board of Directors

4:20 PM **National Farmers Foundation Report**

4:30 PM **Resolutions**

5:00 PM **Presentation of Financial Report (In Camera)**
Appointment of Auditor
Budget Review

5:45 PM **Supper Break** (* International Program
Committee working supper (PA East & West)

7:30 PM **PUBLIC MEETING:** Raj Patel, Author,
University of California at Berkeley
– Stuffed and Starved: Markets, Power and
the Hidden Battle for the World Food
System (Commonwealth Ballroom)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST :

8:30 AM **Resolutions**

9:00 AM **ADDRESS:** Juana Ferrer, Dominican Republic,
Chair, International Women's Commission /
La Via Campesina, International Coordinating
Commission

– Food Sovereignty: Feeding the People

9:30 AM **Question and Answer Session**

10:00 AM **Coffee Break**

10:15 AM **ADDRESS:** Terry Boehm, NFU Vice President
– A New Feudalism? Seeds, Grains and
Farmers' Liability

10:45 AM **ADDRESS:** Larry Hill, Chair, CWB
Strengthening Farmers' Market Power

11:15 AM **Question and Answer Session**

11:45 AM **Nominations:** Presidential Officers

12:00 Noon **Lunch Break**

1:30 PM **Constitutional Amendments / Resolutions**

2:00 PM **ADDRESS:** Jacques Laforge, President,
Dairy Farmers of Canada
**Supply-management: A system that works
for everyone**

2:30 PM **Question and Answer Session**

3:00 PM **ADDRESS:** Elwin Hermanson, Chief
Commissioner, Canadian Grain Commission
**Bill C-39 and Changes to the
Canada Grain Act**

3:30 PM **Question and Answer Session**

4:00 PM **Coffee Break**

4:15 PM **Elections:** Presidential Officers

4:30 PM **Resolutions**

5:00 PM **Convention Adjournment**

5:30 PM **Meetings:**
Women's Caucus (Estevan Room)
Youth Caucus (PA East & West)
NFU Consortium (Regina Room)

7:00 PM **Banquet and Dance featuring Deal's Creek**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND :

8:30 AM **Resolutions**

9:00 AM **Reports from:**
• Women's Caucus
• Youth Caucus
• International Program Committee

9:30 AM **Constitutional Amendments / Resolutions**

9:45 AM **Nominations:** Vice Presidential Officers

9:55 AM **Coffee Break**

10:15 AM **ADDRESS:** Darrin Qualman, NFU Director
of Research
Building Solutions to the Livestock Crisis

11:15 AM **Question and Answer Session**

12:00 Noon **Lunch Break**

1:00 PM **PANEL:** Restoring Sustainable Farms for
a Sustainable Local Food System
– Kim Perry, NFU Kingston Local
– Peter Dowling, NFU Kingston Local
– Susan Fitzpatrick, NFU Region 1
District 1 Domestic Fair Trade Project

1:40 PM **Question and Answer Session**

2:00 PM **Elections:** Vice Presidential Officers

2:15 PM **Resolutions**

2:30 PM **ADDRESS:** Judy Rebick, CAW Sam Gindin Chair
in Social Justice and Democracy, Ryerson Univer.
Rebuilding the Food System for the Future

3:00 PM **Question and Answer Session**

3:30 PM • Report of Credentials Committee
• Installation of Officers

3:45 PM **Closing Address:** National President

4:00 PM **ADJOURNMENT**