

Agenda

National Farmers Union

Union nationale des fermiers

40th Annual National Convention

Travelodge Hotel & Convention Centre

Ottawa, Ontario

Theme: Celebrating 40 Years

Note: Agenda is subject to change.

*Note: Sessions marked with * will have simultaneous French interpretation*

Wednesday, November 25th:

6:00 PM – Registration (Hotel Main Lobby) and Social (Oriental Lounge)

7:30 PM – Pre-lobby briefing for participants in Parliament Hill Lobby (Centennial Ballroom)

Thursday, November 26th:

8:00 AM – Registration – ongoing (Centennial Lobby)

8:00 AM – Pre-lobby gathering of participants in Parliament Hill Lobby (Centennial Ballroom)

8:15 AM – Boarding of buses to Parliament Hill

9:00 AM – Noon - Lobby action on Parliament Hill/Tour of Parliament Buildings

9:30 AM – NFU Presidential Officers - News Conference at Charles Lynch Room, Parliament Hill

12:00 Noon – Boarding of buses to return to hotel, bag lunch supplied on return trip

12:30 PM – Post-lobby debriefing of participants in Parliament Hill Lobby (Centennial Ballroom)

1:00 PM – * Call to Order, O Canada, Welcome from the Region (Grant Robertson), Steering Committee Report (Terry Boehm), Ratification of Report, Adoption

of Agenda, Notice of Constitutional Amendments (Centennial Ballroom)

1:10 PM – * Welcome from the City of Ottawa

1:15 PM – * Welcome from the Ontario Minister of Agriculture

1:20 PM - * Greetings:

David Hutton - Federal Accountability Initiative for Reform (FAIR)

Larry Hill – Chair, Canadian Wheat Board

Don Kossick – Filmmaker – NFU History Project

1:45 PM – * Opening Address:

NFU President Stewart Wells

2:00 PM – * Address:

Evelyn Potter, Founding NFU Women's President (1969-1975)

Jean Leahy, Former NFU Women's President (1975-1979)

“NFU women: the conscience of the farm movement”

2:40 PM – Questions and Answers session

3:00 PM – *NFU Women's President's Report

Colleen Ross

NFU Youth President's Report

Nigel Smith

NFU Board of Directors Report

Terry Boehm

Questions of the Board of Directors

3:50 PM – * Report from the National Farmers Foundation

4:00 PM – Resolutions

4:30 PM – Presentation of Financial Report Appointment of Auditor, Budget Review (in-camera session – closed to media and non-NFU members)

5:00 PM – Supper Break

7:30 PM – * Public Event (Centennial Ballroom)

“Beyond Hunger and Profit: Grassroots Solutions to the Global Food Crisis”

Chair - Nettie Wiebe, Former NFU President

Pat Mooney, ETC Group – “Humanity at the tipping point: resiliency and hope in a time of crisis”

Marie-Luisa Gomez (Honduras) and Ibrahim Coulibaly (Mali) - “Grassroots Solutions to the Global Food Crisis”

Friday, November 27th:

8:00 AM – International Program Committee Caucus (Centennial Ballroom)

10:15 AM – Resolutions

11:15 AM - * Address:

Walden Bello – Senior Analyst, Focus on the Global South

“Democratic Alternatives to Corporate Globalization”

11:45 AM - Caucuses (working over lunch break period)

Youth Caucus (Greenery Room)

Women's Caucus (Centennial Ballroom)

NFU Consortium (Rotary Room)

1:45 PM – Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions

2:00 PM – * Address:

Dr. Shiv Chopra

“Food Safety and the Public Interest”

2:30 PM – Questions and Answers period

3:00 PM – * Address:

Renwick Rose, Coordinator, Windward Islands Farmers Association

3:30 PM – Nominations: NFU Presidential Officers

3:45 PM – Coffee Break

4:00 PM – Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions

4:45 PM – Elections: NFU Presidential Officers

5:00 PM – Adjournment

7:00 PM – Banquet and Dance

Grassroots Awards

“McNamee: 1920s Farm Union Leader”

Historic photo video – Don Kossick

Saturday, November 28th:

9:00 AM – Reports from: Women's Caucus, Youth Caucus, International Program Committee

9:45 AM – Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions

10:15 AM – Coffee Break

10:30 AM – * Panel:

“Campaign for New Farmers”

11:00 AM – Questions and Answers period

11:30 AM – Nominations – NFU Vice-Presidential Candidates

11:45 AM – Resolutions

12:00 AM – Lunch Break

1:30 PM – Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions

2:30 PM – * Address:

Birgit Muller

“Food, Property and Power”

3:00 PM – Questions and Answers period

3:30 PM – Elections – NFU Vice-Presidential Candidates

3:45 PM – Report of Credentials Committee

3:50 PM – Installation of Officers

4:00 PM – * Closing Address: National President

4:15 PM – Convention Adjournment