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MEDIA NOTICE

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NATIONAL FARMERS UNION STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saskatoon, Sask.— The National Farmers Union has undergone a transition in staff over the last several months. Terry Pugh, Executive Secretary, departed in April to pursue other opportunities in journalism, and Darrin Qualman, Director of Research, left at the end of June to dedicate his time to a book project. Diane Neufeld, the office receptionist and secretary is retiring in November after 29 years with the organization. The National Farmers Union wishes to acknowledge all three individuals for their significant contribution to the organization.

Ross Hinthier joined the staff in May, as the new Director of Research. Ross has a farm near Saskatoon, and has grown organic grains and raised cattle in the Aberdeen district. His previous work experience is in Information Technology in the fertilizer and mining industries. Ross looks forward to doing research and advocacy on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

Kevin Wipf came onboard as Executive Director in June. He comes to the NFU from the University of Alberta where he taught courses in political science and public policy, while he worked on his PhD dissertation on Canadian agriculture policy. Kevin also served as the Service Director of the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton. Originally from Saskatoon, Kevin grew up working on his family's grain farm just outside the city. Kevin looks forward to becoming more directly involved in agricultural issues, working with the NFU membership and staff, and helping the organization achieve its objectives.

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