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## **NFU ONTARIO MEMBERS GEAR UP FOR REGIONAL CONVENTION APRIL 1**

National Farmers Union (NFU) members across Ontario invite all interested people to join them Saturday, April 1 for the NFU Ontario regional convention. The convention will be held at the St. Ignatius Centre, just north of Guelph, on Highway 6. Registration opens at 8:00 AM with call to order at 9:00 AM.

The 2006 NFU Ontario regional convention features a presentation by Dr. Duane Falk of the University of Guelph. Dr. Falk will speak on Terminator Technology and the importance of public plant breeding. A presentation will also be made by Dr. Jennifer Sumner on Globalization and Rural Communities.

Don Mills, NFU Ontario Coordinator, said, "We are pleased to offer our members and guests the opportunity to hear Drs. Falk and Sumner. Both are speaking about issues that impact the ability of producers in Ontario to continue operating in a sustainable, family-farm based food production system."

In addition to the guest speakers, several resolutions have been put forward by Ontario NFU Locals for debate. Some of the issues raised in these resolutions include: the Ontario Risk Management Plan; withholding municipal land taxes; water quality legislation; food safety and the importation of dairy products. Additional resolutions can be brought forward from the floor of the convention.

Reports will also be received from NFU Women's President Colleen Ross and NFU Youth President Dave Lewington. Ross will deal with issues around the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations, biotechnology and international development and agriculture, while Lewington will focus on the small chicken flock direct marketing quota exemption and issues of concern to young and beginning farmers.

NFU Membership Services Coordinator Joan Brady said she has fielded a lot of calls from members this spring who want to see action on moving the NFU agenda forward. "I think we will see some lively debate and interesting initiatives coming out of this meeting," she stated.

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