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“ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE” THEME OF 37th NFU CONVENTION

“**Energy and Agriculture**” is the theme of the National Farmers Union (NFU) 37th annual national convention, slated for November 30 to December 2, 2006. The convention will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn, 90 – 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK.

Keynote speakers at this convention include:

- ***Linda McQuaig** – *The Real Axis of Evil: Oil, Money and Politics*
McQuaig is the author of several bestselling books including, *It's the Crude Dude: War, Big Oil and the Fight for the Planet*
- ***Richard Heinberg** – *The Party's Over: Oil, War and the fate of Industrial Societies*
Heinberg is an expert on Peak Oil and author of several books
- ***Alisa Smith** – *Local Eating for Global Change*
Smith is a co-founder of the 100-Mile Diet movement and an expert on local food sourcing
- ***Tad Patzek** – University of California at Berkeley – a leading scientific critic of ethanol
- ***Kory Teneycke** – Executive-Director, Canadian Renewable Fuels Association, and advocate of ethanol
- ***Hon. Mark Wartman**, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture and Food
- ***Joe Anglin** - advocate for farmers and landowners negotiating surface rights agreements with oil and gas companies
- ***Dave Core** – Canadian Alliance of Pipeline Landowners Associations – on the hidden costs of pipelines for landowners
- ***Emile Marquette** – Dairy Farmers of Canada Board member from Saskatchewan
- ***Randall Affleck** – Board member of Dairy Farmers of Prince Edward Island

In addition, panel presentations will be held on:

- *Seed savers' legislation, the Canadian Wheat Board and Canadian Grain Commission;
- *The NFU's groundbreaking research on increasing farm women's input into federal agricultural policy;
- *Higher incomes through practical farm management.

The NFU national convention is the policy-making body for the nation-wide, direct-membership family farm organization. Elections will also be held for NFU Presidential and Vice-Presidential positions.

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