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NFU ALBERTA REGIONAL MEETING IN WASKATENAU JUNE 16

Members of the National Farmers Union (NFU) in Alberta will be holding their annual regional meeting in Waskatenau on Saturday, June 16.

The meeting is scheduled for the Waskatenau Community Centre beginning at 9:30 AM. The meeting will deal with a range of issues including:

1. The ongoing farm income crisis,
2. The current chaos in the barley market as a result of the Harper government's attack on the Canadian Wheat Board single desk,
3. The difficulties confronting Alberta livestock producers,
4. Proposed changes to the seed variety registration system.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be CWB Director Allan Oberg, NFU Board member Neil Peacock, NFU Vice-President Terry Boehm and NFU Youth Vice-President Kalissa Regier. Martha Robbins, NFU International Program Coordinator, will provide an update on the NFU's international work.

NFU Alberta Coordinator Jan Slomp of Rimbey, Alberta and NFU board member Dale Fankhanel of Ferintosh, Alberta are also scheduled to give reports. According to Slomp, the situation facing family farmers in Alberta has deteriorated as a result of the provincial government's misplaced priorities.

"In the old days, when farmers and ranchers ended up with nothing it was called cattle rustling and it was frowned on," Slomp said. "But now the market does the same thing and the companies are rewarded with government incentives."

Resolutions adopted at the NFU Alberta regional meeting will be forwarded to the NFU national convention in London, Ontario next November. The NFU regional meeting is also the forum which elects representatives to the NFU national Board of Directors.

The meeting is open to NFU members, the media and interested farmers.

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