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## **NATIONAL FARMERS UNION TO HOLD REGIONAL MEETING JUNE 2**

Members of the National Farmers Union (NFU) in the Peace River district of Alberta and BC will be gathering in Dunvegan Provincial Park this Saturday, June 2 to focus on grains and livestock issues, as well as the farm income crisis.

The NFU Region 8 meeting will feature NFU Youth Vice-President Kalissa Regier of Saskatchewan, speaking on "Farming and Fair Trade". Presentations will also be made by NFU Board members Neil Peacock and Peter Eggers. The film, "We Feed the World" will be shown.

A discussion on the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) and the Harper Conservative government's attempt to remove barley from the CWB single desk will also be on the agenda.

NFU Region 8 Coordinator Peter Eggers says despite the unprecedented economic activity in the area due in large part to increased oil and gas exploitation, family farmers are experiencing the worst farm income crisis in decades. "The realized net farm income figures released earlier this week by Statistics Canada illustrate how low incomes have fallen," he said. "That's why many producers are subsidizing their farm operations with off-farm work in the energy sector."

Resolutions adopted at the NFU annual regional meeting will be forwarded to the NFU National Convention in London, Ontario next November. Resolutions passed at the national convention become policy for the organization. The NFU regional meeting is also the forum which elects representatives to the NFU National Board of Directors.

This meeting is open to NFU members, the media and interested farmers. The event begins with a lunch at noon at the Dunvegan Provincial Park, followed by the Call to Order at 1:00 PM.

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