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NFU NATIONAL CONVENTION FOCUSES ON “FOOD AND DEMOCRACY”

Food and Democracy: Reclaiming Food Sovereignty is the theme of the National Farmers Union (NFU) 38th annual convention, which runs November 22 through 24 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in London, Ontario.

The National Farmers Union is a Canada-wide, direct-membership organization of family farmers. The NFU national convention will attract several hundred delegates and visitors from all parts of the country. Policy resolutions will be debated and elections for national presidential positions will be conducted at this gathering.

Headlining the convention will be a number of keynote speakers, including:

- **Andrew Nikiforuk**, author of *Pandemonium: Bird Flu, Mad Cow Disease, and other Biological Plagues of the 21st Century*;
- **Nettie Wiebe**, a farm leader and Professor of Church and Society at St. Andrew’s College in Saskatoon, speaking on “*Democracy, Trade and the Food System.*”
- **Ray Burley**, a farmer, farm policy analyst, and television documentary producer, speaking on “*The Revolving Door: How Corporations Influence Government Policy*”;
- **Jim Thomas**, of the Ottawa-based ETC Group, speaking on “*Synthetic Biology: Privatizing and Commercializing Life Forms.*”
- Members of Parliament **Wayne Easter** and **Alex Atamanenko**, speaking on “*The Canadian Wheat Board: Parliamentary Democracy and the Political Process*”.

A series of panel discussions will also examine the issues of “Fair Trade”, “Building Links between Farmers and Consumers”, and “Democracy and Food Sovereignty”.

NFU President Stewart Wells says the decision to hold the convention in Ontario reflects the growing strength of the family-farm based organization in that province.

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