



National Farmers Union in New Brunswick / Union nationale de fermiers au Nouveau-Brunswick

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **National Farmers Union to hold annual regional convention**

**Members of the National Farmers Union in New Brunswick, one of this province's two accredited general farm organizations, will join forces with National Farmers Union members in Prince Edward Island on Saturday, August 8, to stage their annual Region 1 Convention at the Howard Johnson Dutch Inn in North River, near Charlottetown.**

**Registration is at 9:30 am. The meeting gets underway at 10:00 am and adjournment is at 4:00 pm. A registration fee of \$15.00 per person includes the noon lunch.**

**The very special guest speaker will be retired Saskatchewan farmer and farm activist, Roy Atkinson, best known as the founding President of the Canadian National Farmers Union. Roy will bring a valuable historical perspective to the current crisis in the farm sector in New Brunswick and across the country.**

**Today farm families are facing many difficult issues as they struggle to feed their neighbours and their own families. The global economic crisis and deepening energy crunch have had a dramatic affect upon the family farm in Canada and the people who grow the food we eat.**

**Farmers are invited to offer input regarding NFU resolutions on current policy issues. Farmers and all citizens who support and depend on farmers are welcome to attend and join in the discussion about the future of the family farm and the security of food production in the Maritimes.**

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## **Supplementary to the media release:**

**2009 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Farmers Union in Canada. Who are we? The following can be found, along with a wealth of related information, at [www.nfu.ca](http://www.nfu.ca):**

**The National Farmers Union is a direct-membership organization made up of Canadian farm families who share common goals. Every member of the farm family - including the farmer and their spouse and children, ages 14 to 21 - are full voting members of the Union. This structure recognizes that every family member contributes to the farm by working on it directly or indirectly through off-farm employment.**

**Associate Members are a valued part of the National Farmers Union family as well. Associate Members are non-farmers who understand that food issues are everyone's concern, and who want to help family farmers build a sustainable and nutritious food system in Canada.**

**Member families of the Union believe that through an organization that represents all commodities produced in Canada, it is possible to promote the family farm as the most appropriate and efficient means of agricultural production. Our goal is to work together to achieve agricultural policies which will ensure dignity and security of income for farm families while enhancing the land for future generations.**