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**NFU TO HOLD SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL MEETING JUNE 20**

Members of the National Farmers Union (NFU) in Saskatchewan will hold their annual regional meeting on Saturday, June 20 at the Cantuar Hall, northwest of Swift Current. At the top of the agenda is an analysis of how deregulation of the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) could end up costing farmers more money.

Donna Welke, former Assistant Commissioner of the CGC for Saskatchewan, will outline how the risks to farmers increase if the CGC's regulatory role is reduced. The CGC is responsible for ensuring the high quality of Canadian grain exports.

The NFU meeting will also hear from the farmer-elected Chair of the Canadian Wheat Board, Larry Hill, who farms near Swift Current. Other speakers include NFU President Stewart Wells, NFU Vice-President Terry Boehm, and NFU Youth Vice-President Kalissa Regier.

The issue of nuclear energy in Saskatchewan will be the subject of a presentation by Marcella Pedersen, an NFU member from Cut Knife – a community near the North Saskatchewan River. Bruce Power is looking to build a nuclear reactor at an unspecified location along that river. The NFU is opposed to any expansion of the nuclear industry in Saskatchewan, and has instead recommended the province expand renewable energy alternatives and promote energy conservation strategies.

NFU President Stewart Wells will outline many of the NFU "success stories" that have been recorded in the organization's 40-year history. The NFU was founded in July, 1969, following the amalgamation of four provincial farmers' unions, including the Saskatchewan Farmers Union.

The meeting begins at 10:00 AM and is slated to adjourn at 4:30 PM. NFU members and interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

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