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NFU IN ONTARIO CONVENTION SLATED FOR MARCH 20 IN STRATFORD

The National Farmers Union in Ontario will hold its annual regional convention on Saturday, March 20 in Stratford, Ontario. The meeting will be held at the Army Navy and Air Force Veterans Banquet Hall, 151 Lorne Avenue East in Stratford.

Among the highlights of the meeting will be two panel discussions. The first is on the financial crisis confronting pork producers, and will feature John Nyenhuis and Rein Minnema. The second panel discussion will focus on alternative energy and the effects of facilities such as wind power turbines on neighbouring farms and rural communities.

Policy resolutions will be debated, and elections will take place for a new Ontario Regional Council. Current NFU Ontario Coordinator Grant Robertson, who farms near Paisley in Bruce County, has announced he will not seek re-election. "I am grateful for the support that NFU members have shown me over the last three and a half years," he said. "One of the things I am most proud of is how the NFU has continued to grow in Ontario. That growth is due to all the hard-working people at all levels of the NFU. I want to thank them and say that it has been an honour to work with them all."

Robertson said he has truly enjoyed his time as NFU Coordinator, despite the long hours and the state of the farm economy. "Talking to farmers from one end of the province to the other has convinced me that we can have a better future if we remain strong and united, and work together for a common goal," he said. "This year's convention will be important because we'll be charting a new course, with new leadership capable of taking on the challenges we all face."

On Sunday, March 21, a morning NFU Board meeting will be held at 9:00 AM at the Parlour Restaurant, 101 Wellington Street, in Stratford. The meeting is open and the Board of Directors invites all NFU members to attend.

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