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Members of NFU's BIPOC caucus gather at NFU's 53rd Convention —**Confronting Concentration!** (see page 5 and 8).

Les membres du caucus PANDC de l'UNF se réunissent au 53e congrès de l'UNF - **Confrontons la concentration!** (voir page 5 et 8).

Hannah Kaya, **NFU's Farm worker organizer** speaks on Farmers Panel: Farmers confronting concentration. (See page 7 and 8)

Hannah Kaya, **organisatrice des travailleurs agricoles de l'UNF**, s'exprime sur le panel des fermiers : Les fermiers confrontons la concentration. (Voir page 7 et 8)



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A MESSAGE FROM...

NFU PRESIDENT JENN PFENNING, PRÉSIDENTE DE L'UNF

Gathering with members from across the country—both virtually and in-person—for convention in November was inspiring. The technology that enables us to connect even when we can't be together physically is incredible, but there is nothing like the sense of connection that comes from sitting at the same table. The National Farmers Union has been a source of strength and community for farmers across this country since its inception over 53 years ago. As we face a future that sometimes feels overwhelming and uncertain, working together on policy that matters in our lives can give us hope.

Winter has always been a time to dream and develop projects for me. Seed catalogues, crop and field plans, and ideas for the new season are a key part of these months. As I think about the coming year, the challenges facing the world we farm in, makes me grateful for all of you. Beginning my term in service of our union as President, I look forward to connecting with members across the country and working with you to bring NFU policy to the federal leaders and the media.

From climate action, to protecting our rights as farmers to know what seeds we are growing, government policies impact our ability to farm effectively. I am proud of the work all the incredible volunteers, staff, and individual members do to advocate for meaningful solutions to our challenges.

We have the policies, ideas, systems, and most importantly the PEOPLE to lead in the challenges our world is facing. **Our voice as NFU farmers has never been more important than it is today.**



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UN MESSAGE DE....

PRÉSIDENTE DE L'UNF

Ce fut inspirant de rencontrer des membres d'à travers le pays, à la fois en personne et en virtuel, lors de la convention. La technologie qui nous permet de nous connecter, même quand nous ne pouvons pas être ensemble physiquement, est incroyable, mais ce n'est rien comme le sentiment de connection qui découle d'être assis à la même table. L'Union nationale des fermiers a été une source de force et de communauté pour les fermiers à travers ce pays depuis sa création plus de 53 ans passés. Alors que nous faisons face à un avenir qui semble parfois énorme et incertain, travailler ensemble sur des politiques qui sont importantes dans nos vies peut nous donner de l'espoir.



L'hiver a toujours été un temps pour rêver et développer des projets pour moi. Les catalogues de semences, les plans pour les champs et les cultures, ainsi que les idées pour la nouvelle saison sont une partie essentielle de ces mois. Quand je pense à la prochaine année, les défis qui confrontent le monde dans lequel nous faisons de l'agriculture font en sorte que je suis reconnaissante d'avoir vous tous et toutes. En entamant mon mandat de service de notre union en tant que Présidente, j'ai bien hâte de connecter avec les membres à travers le pays et de travailler avec vous pour apporter les politiques de l'UNF aux leaders fédéraux et aux médias.

En partant de l'action climatique jusqu'à protéger nos droits en tant que fermiers de savoir quelles semences nous semons, les politiques gouvernementales impactent notre capacité de faire de l'agriculture de manière efficace. Je suis fière du travail accompli par tous les bénévoles et le personnel incroyables, ainsi que par les membres individuels pour revendiquer des solutions significatives à nos défis.

Nous avons les politiques, les idées, les systèmes et, encore plus important, les GENS pour être les leaders dans les défis auxquels le monde fait face. **Notre voix en tant que fermiers de l'UNF n'a jamais été aussi importante qu'elle l'est de nos jours.**

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A MESSAGE FROM... UN MESSAGE DE... Jessie Macinnis

NFU YOUTH PRESIDENT PRÉSIDENTE DE LA JEUNESSE DE L'UNF

Happy New Year NFU! I hope that you're all finding some time to relax, renew, and catch up on your hobbies during this slower season. I know I'm always grateful for shorter days to indulge in more low-key activities like reading and doing crosswords before the farming season ramps up again. We're in the process of getting our seed orders finalized, and there's a sense of hopefulness for the season to come.

The Youth Caucus welcomed a new Youth Vice President at Convention in November. Relatively new to agriculture, Maia De Graff comes to farming with no formal training but a commitment to curiosity, freedom, and food justice. Their personal growing venture, Many Mothers Market Farm, is located at Downsview Park where they currently work with Sundance Harvest. When not coated in soil, Maia is a full-time furniture design student with a keen interest in the poetry of the ordinary and turning ideas into objects.

We're gearing up for an **exciting event in February: 23 of the most engaged NFU youth members will gather in Kespukwitek, Mi'kma'ki (aka Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia) to deepen our political education, engage in some strategic planning, prioritize our advocacy work for the year, and deepen our relationships with one another.** This will be the first time NFU youth have gathered since 2019, and it will be an excellent opportunity to renew our commitment to the work of the NFU, deepen our solidarity, and organize around common advocacy goals. This event is relying 100% on fundraising; if you're able to, please consider donating by going to this page - <https://gofund.me/ae7d9a70>. I'll be sure to give a robust report back after the event.

Bonne année à l'UNF ! J'espère que vous trouvez tous du temps pour relaxer, se renouveler et se rattraper sur nos passe-temps durant cette saison plus lente. Je sais que je suis toujours reconnaissante pour les journées plus courtes afin de me satisfaire dans des activités plus modérées, comme faire de la lecture, des mots-croisés, avant que la saison agricole s'accélère une fois de plus. Nous sommes dans le processus de finaliser nos commandes de semences et il y a un sentiment d'espoir pour la saison à venir.



Le Caucus des jeunes a souhaité la bienvenue à une nouvelle Vice Présidente des jeunes lors de la convention en novembre. Relativement nouvelle à l'agriculture, Maia De Graff arrive en agriculture sans formation formelle, mais avec un engagement en matière de curiosité, de liberté et de justice alimentaire. Leur propre entreprise croissante, Many Mothers Market Farm, est située à Downsview Park, là où ils travaillent présentement avec Sundance Harvest. Lorsqu'elle n'est pas couverte de terre, Maia est une étudiante à temps plein dans le design des meubles avec un grand intérêt dans la poésie de l'ordinaire et de transformer des idées en objets.

Nous nous préparons pour **une activité stimulante en février : 23 des jeunes membres les plus engagés de l'UNF vont se rencontrer à Kespukwitek, Mi'kma'ki (c'est-à-dire le comté de Lunenburg, en Nouvelle-Écosse) pour : approfondir notre éducation politique ; entamer de la planification stratégique ; prioriser nos efforts de revendication pour l'année, et ; renforcer nos relations entre nous.** Ce sera la première fois que les jeunes de l'UNF se rencontrent depuis 2019, en plus d'être une excellente opportunité de renouveler notre engagement dans le travail de l'UNF, d'augmenter notre solidarité et de s'organiser autour de buts communs en matière de revendication. Cette activité dépend à 100 % sur la levée de fonds : si vous le pouvez, veuillez penser à contribuer en allant sur cette page - <https://gofund.me/ae7d9a70>. Je vais m'assurer de donner un rapport rigoureux après l'événement.



**Help support NFU's youth gathering!
Aidez à soutenir le rencontre des
jeunes de l'UNF !**



Have you listened in yet? Who Will Feed Us is a podcast by young farmers exploring the forces that shape Canadian agriculture and the solutions needed to build a more just and ecologically sustainable food system. Producers are looking to host another season. Find out more in how you can support.



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A MESSAGE FROM...

NFU BIPOC President, Cheyenne Sundance Présidente PANDC

I'm sitting here listening to another dear farmer friend who must find a new plot of land because their lease isn't being renewed. When an older generation is aging out of land stewardship—**how do we ensure the younger generation takes its place and maintains Canada's food system if they don't have the most key thing they need to farm which is land?** With the changing of hands that is happening; with land being sold to developers, or farmers' children not wanting to take over the family farm - a community land trust is a beautiful way to preserve land and keep it as farmland. US-based Agrarian Trust has successfully created a model for holding land in trust by a community.

A community land trust is a non-profit that separates housing from land ownership with the purpose of perpetual affordability—which is not too much different from the land trust, only that the piece of community land trust that makes it such a superstar is the community involvement. Last year, I spent many nights reading up on policy in my free time, visiting (and asking 100s of questions) to cooperative farms, community land trusts, and collaboratively-managed lands, and researching community land trusts and other land-protection mechanisms. It's simple in theory: **a food system managed by the people who work it!** In practice, it's something else entirely. Something beautiful no doubt about that, if we're all lucky enough, we see in glimpses. Enough to inspire the next small step.

Many groups in the NFU are working on the land issue and tackling the farm crisis. The Youth Caucus [Who Will Feed Us](#) report and podcast, the Youth and BIPOC Caucus lived experiences, the Farmland Committee, and the literature all identify the problem—**who will feed us**. We need to look towards models like this for the way forward. In the BIPOC Caucus (along with our wonderful new BIPOC Vice President, Jordan Rivers!) we are in a period of making deep connections, organizing our power, and learning. Next steps to come!

UN MESSAGE DE....



Je suis assis à écouter un autre cher ami fermier qui doit trouver une nouvelle parcelle de terre, parce que son bail n'est pas renouvelé. Lorsqu'une génération ainée vieillit et termine son intendance des terres, **comment pouvons-nous nous assurer que la jeune génération puisse prendre sa place et maintenir le système alimentaire canadien si elle n'a pas la chose la plus essentielle dont elle a besoin pour faire de l'agriculture : la terre ?** Avec le changement de mains qui se produit maintenant ; avec la terre qui est vendue aux développeurs ou aux enfants de fermiers qui ne veulent pas prendre en main la ferme familiale - une fiducie foncière communautaire est une belle façon de conserver la terre et de la garder comme terre agricole. Le « Agrarian Trust » américain a réussi à créer un modèle pour garder de la terre en fiducie par une communauté.

Une fiducie foncière communautaire est un organisme à but non lucratif qui sépare le logement de la propriété foncière dans le but d'une abordabilité perpétuelle, ce qui n'est pas trop différent d'une fiducie foncière, seulement que la partie de la fiducie foncière communautaire qui la rend une si grande superstar, c'est l'implication de la communauté. L'an dernier, j'ai passé plusieurs nuits à lire sur les politiques durant mon temps libre, visitant (et posant des centaines de questions) aux fermes coopératives, aux fiducies foncières communautaires, aux terres gérées de manière collaborative, en faisant de la recherche sur les fiducies foncières communautaires et sur d'autres mécanismes de protection des terres. C'est simple en théorie : **un système alimentaire géré par les gens qui y travaillent !** En pratique, c'est quelque chose de tout à fait différent. Quelque chose de merveilleux, sans doute, si nous sommes assez chanceux, que nous voyons en petits aperçus: assez pour inspirer la prochaine étape.

Le Rapport et le balado du Caucus des jeunes « Who Will Feed Us », le Caucus PANDC et celui des jeunes ont vécu des expériences, le Comité sur les terres agricoles et la littérature identifient tous le problème—**qui va nous nourrir ?** Nous devons chercher des modèles comme ça pour aller de l'avant. Dans le Caucus PANDC (avec notre nouveau Vice-Président PANDC, Jordan Rivers) nous sommes dans une période de créer des connections profondes, d'organiser notre pouvoir et d'apprentissage. Les prochaines étapes s'en viennent !

A MESSAGE FROM...

Womens' President Bess Vanzandwyk Présidente des femmes

I am pleased to welcome Kumari Gurusamy as our new Vice President for the Women's Caucus. Kumari and I met at the NFU National Convention last November in Saskatoon. I have learned that she is an urban grower in Ottawa, has a background and passion for hydrology and is a pleasure to work with.

We hosted our first caucus meeting later in January. Kumari and I are excited to share some collaboration opportunities for the NFU Women's Caucus to explore including requests for amplifying a domestic food policy in Canada created by the Small Scale Food Processor Association and sharing our rural perspective on a pharmacare campaign as a means to enhance Medicare by the Council of Canadians.

I have been working with the Canada Area President for the Associated Country Women of the World who has shared that after the May 2023 Triennial World Conference hosted in Malaysia, the 2026 conference will be hosted in Ottawa. Please join our caucus meetings as we will be discussing our interest and capacity to participate and share the work of the NFU among international and Canadian rural women right in our own backyard.

Now is the time our caucus has the power to come together, connect, share stories of our common struggle and join our voices with other women across Canada to shed light on policy changes that could support Canadians' access to a domestic food system and public, full access, healthcare as a step toward resilience in a changing world.

In reverence for our common,
Bess Vanzandwyk, Women's President



UN MESSAGE DE....



Il me fait plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue à Kumari Gurusamy en tant que nouvelle V-P du Caucus des femmes. Kumari et moi, nous nous sommes rencontrées à la convention nationale de l'UNF en novembre dernier, à Saskatoon. J'ai appris qu'elle était productrice urbaine à Ottawa, qu'elle a des antécédents et une passion en hydrologie, et que c'est un plaisir de travailler avec elle.

Nous allons organiser notre premier caucus plus tard en janvier. Kumari et moi sommes enthousiastes de partager certaines opportunités de collaboration potentielles à explorer par le Caucus des femmes de l'UNF, y compris des demandes d'amplifier une politique alimentaire domestique au Canada créée par la « Small Scale Food Processor Association » et de partager notre perspective rurale dans une campagne pour une assurance-médicaments comme moyen d'améliorer l'Assurance-maladie par le Conseil des Canadiens.

J'ai travaillé avec la Présidente de la région canadienne pour l'Association mondiale des femmes rurales qui ont partagé que, suite à la Conférence triennale mondiale en mai 2023, organisée en Malaisie, la Conférence de 2026 aurait lieu à Ottawa. Veuillez joindre nos rencontres de caucus alors que nous allons discuter notre intérêt et notre capacité de participer et de partager le travail de l'UNF parmi les femmes rurales internationales et canadiennes, chez-nous ici même.

C'est maintenant le temps que notre caucus a le pouvoir de se rassembler, de connecter, de partager nos histoires de notre lutte commune et de joindre nos voix à celles des autres femmes à travers le Canada pour faire lumière sur les changements de politiques qui pourraient appuyer l'accès des Canadiens à un système alimentaire domestique, ainsi qu'à des soins de santé public à accès complet comme démarche vers la résilience dans un monde en changement.

En révérence pour notre commun,
Bess Vanzandwyk, Présidente des femmes



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Reflecting on One Year of NFU Farm Worker Organizing

BY HANNAH KAYA, NFU FARM WORKER ORGANIZER

As we recover from all that 2022's season brought us, farm workers across Turtle Island are working winter jobs, taking time to rest, and beginning to get their bodies out of much needed dormancy in preparation for the next season. It's the perfect moment to look back on all that farm workers have achieved through the National Farmers Union within our first year of forming the Farm Worker Working Group. Since the NFU created a membership category for farm workers in 2021, farm worker members have met monthly to build supportive relationships; deepen our understanding of labour issues that affect both migrant and resident workers; and discuss strategies to bring labour justice to our food systems. We've published an article, supported migrant-led movements for regularization; met with incredible long-standing members at Convention; and have gotten involved in NFU working groups, committees, caucuses, and regional organizing.



This winter we are launching a campaign to raise awareness about farm worker issues. Keep your eyes out for our **Know Your Rights** workshop for farm workers, as well as other events and media to come!

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"Building farm worker power"

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"NFU calls for full and permanent status for all migrants!"

Profit-driven corporate control of our food systems is inherently anti-worker. While big corporate players rake in record profits, many farm workers work unregulated, under-compensated, and hazardous jobs. In Ontario and Saskatchewan, farm workers are denied basic labour protections such as guaranteed rest periods and minimum wage. In Alberta and Ontario, farm workers are denied the right to collective bargaining. Across the country, farm workers face exclusions from basic worker protections. Farm workers are united within the NFU to challenge the effects of corporate, profit-driven agriculture on working conditions and to fight for economic, migrant, and ecological justice. **We believe our future food system is ecological, democratic, and pro-worker, and we're revved up and ready to continue the fight into the new year!**

THE WORLD WE WANT

Over the summer the National Farmers Foundation (NFF), in partnership with the NFU, launched a fundraising campaign to build regional capacity in the NFU.

Half of the funds raised through "The World We Want" campaign will stay in the NFU regions to support local organizing efforts; the other half will ensure that local and regional issues of concern are brought to national policy conversations. Each region will determine their needs and context for utilizing the funds raised. These might include organizing educational events, developing an advocacy campaign, bringing together local members for skills sharing and community building, or hiring someone to do membership development and organizing.

We hope you'll contribute to the "The World We Want" Campaign. We also request your help identify-

ing others with an interest in supporting farming and food sovereignty. They could be NFU members, supportive friends, neighbours, or local businesses or organizations. As a Registered Canadian Charity (#882622368 RR0001), the National Farmers Foundation will issue official tax receipts for all donations of \$10 or more so people may receive as much as 53% of the amount they donated back at tax-time.

Please contact NFF Coordinator Wyanne Sandler at wyanne@nationalfarmersfoundation.ca if you're interested in finding out more or helping out with fundraising in your region. **Together, let's create the world we all want to see – with farmers working together in the face of increasing individuation.**



53rd NFU National Convention Summary

Confronting Concentration November 24-26, 2022

The NFU's first hybrid convention was held November 24 - 26, 2022. Getting together with old friends and meeting new NFU friends was a highlight for those attending in person. Fundraising allowed several Youth and BIPOC Caucus members to travel to their first national convention. People who joined virtually made it an even more inclusive and vibrant event. With top-notch technical support, everyone was able to see, hear and participate in the proceedings whether at home or at the hotel in Saskatoon.

Keynote speaker, Cree journalist and film-maker Doug Cuthand, was true to his mission "to bridge gaps between all cultures and to educate the people of Saskatchewan and Canada on who we are as Indigenous people" with his Thursday evening presentation.

Our first panel, **Frameworks of Corporate Power**, featured Jennifer Clapp, Shefali Sharma and Keldon Bester. Jennifer described the mechanisms of corporate concentration operating on a global scale. Shefali spoke about how global meat and dairy corporations are expanding both their reach and the GHG footprints. Keldon highlighted why we need Competition Act reform to empower governments to put effective limits on monopolistic corporations.

Our second panel, **Wealth and Power in Key Sectors**, featured Kavya Chowdhry, Henk Hobbelenk and Cathy Holtlander. Kavya highlighted the roles of digital ag and asset management companies in concentrating power in the food system. Henk explained how agribusiness corporations are driving and benefiting from the current food crisis and the climate crisis. Cathy outlined the mechanisms global seed companies use to attempt to gain control over seed.

Our third panel, with Amber Fletcher, Pauline Streete and Avram Alpert focussed on **Building Solidarity and confronting Systemic**

Inequality. Amber examined farm stress from climate change in terms of gender. Pauline provided an introduction to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Avram encouraged using concepts of "good" and "enough" to confront dehumanizing power structures.

Daring to confront economic growth was the fourth panel's theme. Here, Sam Bliss, Tammara Soma and Darrin Qualman examined how corporate concentration feeds, and is fed by economic growth at the expense of ecological health and justice. Sam focussed on de-growth; Tammara connected inequality and usury to the problem of food loss/waste; and Darrin focussed on the critical need to reject continuous growth in agriculture.

For our final panel, members— two NFU farmers - Julia Smith, Rebecca Sweetman and an NFU farm worker, Hannah Kaya, spoke as **Farmers Confronting Concentration**. Julia told of BC livestock producers getting regulations changed to allow for more small-scale meat processing. Rebecca shared her insights into economic and agronomic reciprocity as a way to resist extractive exploitation. Hannah introduced the NFU's new Farm Worker working group, and explained how organizing as farm workers is a key to resisting corporate control of the food system (see page 7 to read about their work)!

To transform our growing knowledge into action, outgoing NFU President Katie Ward encouraged people to become even more effective in confronting concentration with her presentation, **Ideas to Action: How NFU members work together**. In the **Workshop: In Union, Strength**, UFCW's Derek Johnstone told stories of union organizing for dignity, health and power, sharing strategies for building coalitions and winning through organizing, and Renata Woodward outlined methods and structures for organizing concerned citizens into a force for change.

If you would like to watch any of these presentations, they are available on the NFU's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtRSLGyHZLgjk4SKYliWqYDmyLQWrLxfu>

We would also like to thank our sponsors again:

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), UNIFOR, United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW), Syndicat Agricolaire du Canada (SAC), City of Saskatoon, Grain & General Services Union (GSU) and the Canadian Grain Commission.



NFU's first hybrid convention in-person in Saskatoon and online. Maia De Graff accepts NFU Youth Vice-President position.

Therefore Be It Resolved...

Resolutions Passed at 53rd National Farmers Union Convention— November 24-26 2022

1. Financial Supports for GHG Reduction Strategies

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU, in collaboration with allies such as Farmers for Climate Solutions, press the Federal and Provincial Governments for ongoing financial programs to support farmers in the adoption of Best Management Practices which reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Canadian Farm Resilience Administration

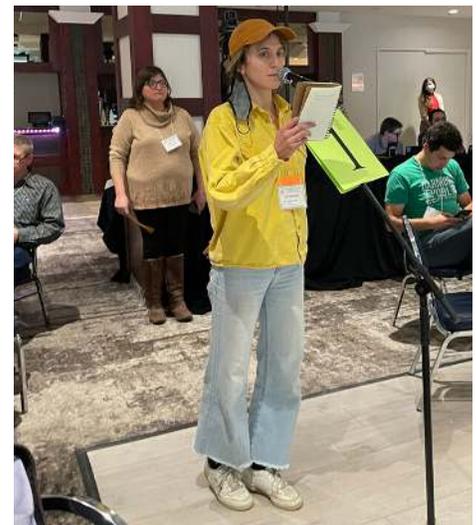
WHEREAS the NFU recognizes there is a climate emergency and has called on all levels of government to take appropriate binding action to avoid the devastation and destruction of our farms and food systems (NFU Policy Statement Section K, Climate Change #8) and,

WHEREAS farmers today require large-scale, coordinated support to help with both climate change mitigation and adaptation and; **WHEREAS** the publicly-funded and public-interest Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) was established in 1935 by a Conservative federal govern-

ment, in response to spiraling ecological and economic crises in the southern Prairie Provinces due to prolonged drought, economic depression and farming practices ill-suited to the land and existed for 77 years (until 2009),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NFU advocate for our federal government to mobilize with near-wartime like intensity to create the Canadian Farm Resilience Administration (CFRA), modelled on the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA), to secure the resilience of Canada's farm and food system during the current climate emergency,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NFU advocate for the Canadian Farm Resilience Administration (CFRA) to be a publicly funded, public interest institution operating across Canada whose functional units could include large numbers of public extension agrologists, research and farmer co-research facilities, demonstration farms, data collection units, soil testing labs, education and dissemination divisions and any other experts or professional



Katherine Aske, Chair of Farmland Committee.

services as necessary.

3. Undocumented Farm Workers

WHEREAS undocumented workers are employed on farms across Canada,

WHEREAS the NFU policy book already includes a commitment to collective bargaining for all farm workers [Employment Policy 3], fair labour standards [3, 5], and permanent resident status for migrant agricultural workers [7],

WHEREAS due to their lack of status, undocumented migrants do not have access to the same rights as resident workers, fear

accessing essential services, and are especially at risk of worksite exploitation despite contributing to our food systems,

WHEREAS, because of migrant organizing, Prime Minister Trudeau has instructed the Minister of Immigration to further explore ways of regularizing status for undocumented workers,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU will support migrant-led movements to win full and permanent immigration status for all migrants including undocumented people

4. Membership Benefits Package - Service Plus

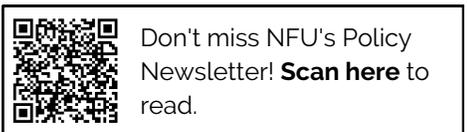
WHEREAS the NFU has been offered a member benefits package exclusive to union organizations that might be of interest to the NFU membership that comes at no cost to the NFU or our members and

WHEREAS the member benefits package is entirely optional, so members can decide whether or not to use the benefits and

WHEREAS this package is offered in numerous other Canadian unions including PIPSC and

WHEREAS the NFU is mandated by an Act of Parliament "to provide services for its members consistent with its objects and work jointly with any other person or organizations for the attainment of its objects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU will partner with the Service Plus discount program which will allow all members to access a large variety of discounts and member benefit options from across Canada.



5. Land Ownership Data

WHEREAS cost is a barrier to accessing information about farm land ownership in Canada, and

WHEREAS large areas of farmland are being amassed by national and international corporations, seriously affecting access to land for current and future farmers,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU call on all levels of government to ensure more transparency regarding land ownership by making data available to the public at no cost and by monitoring farmland ownership and reporting changes annually

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NFU support public researchers in obtaining access to the land titles data in each of the regions.

6. Farmland Speculation

WHEREAS the market value of farmland across the country has become divorced from its productive value, leading farmers into debt and tenant farming, limiting how farmers can produce, and inhibiting aspiring farmers from entering the sector; and

WHEREAS these artificially inflated land values stem from the "financialization" of farmland, such as increased investor farmland purchases, liberalized lending policies, and the growing treatment of farmland as an asset class by all involved; and

WHEREAS the financialization of farmland blocks our ability to transform our agricultural system rapidly in response to climate change, such as by reducing farmers' ability to transition production types and by stripping the land of its defenses; and

WHEREAS the NFU already has policy that [from G-1]

3. identifies the threat the loss of

local land ownership poses for food sovereignty; and

4. calls on governments to enact legislation "restricting agricultural land ownership to actual farmers"; and

5. argues "those people who work the land should have control over the management of their food production unit"; and

g.b) recommends the "elimination of foreign, non-resident, and corporate ownership of farmland"; and

g.e) recommends the "elimination of speculation on farmland";

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NFU organize and campaign to demand provincial and national governments put forward legislation restricting investor farmland ownership.

7. Treaty Land Sharing Network

WHEREAS the Treaty Land Sharing Network is a Saskatchewan-based group of farmers, ranchers, and other landholders who are working to provide safe land access to First Nations and Métis people in the spirit of sharing land as Treaties intended; and

WHEREAS the NFU is committed to continued relationship-building with Indigenous peoples, using as a starting point the shared connection we have with, and love for, the land and water;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU affirms its support for the Saskatchewan-based Treaty Land Sharing Network and commits to promoting the Network to its members and allies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NFU explore and support other contextually appropriate land justice initiatives in collaboration with Indigenous peoples across the country/Turtle Island.

8. Biological Product Testing

WHEREAS increasing numbers of biological crop and soil enhancements are being sold to farmers, and

WHEREAS independent scientific testing data on these products seems to be lacking,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU encourage the government to mandate independent third party testing of biological crop or soil enhancements.

9. Competition Reform

WHEREAS we have seen mergers in both the food and agriculture industry that have created a lack of real competition in those sectors.

WHEREAS the Competition Bureau's activity and regulatory power in mergers like Bayer/Monsanto, Agrium/PotashCorp, Loblaw's / Safeway have been abysmal in terms of dealing with anti-competition issues.

WHEREAS in Canada 69% of Retail Grocery is owned by only four Large Companies, 66% of Dairy Processing is owned by only four large companies and 85% of Beef Processing is owned by only two large companies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU advocate that the Federal Government reform the Competition Bureau to give it more teeth to; stop dangerous mergers; create better enforcement rules that prevent and stop unsubstantiated price hikes and; work to break up food and agriculture companies that create a disproportionate lack of competition in a given market.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU collaborate with the Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project (CAMP) who has done a substantial

amount of in-depth work on anti-competition law, and with other allies as needed.

10. Supports for Farm-Linking

WHEREAS young, new, and aspiring farmers and farmworkers are struggling to access farmland, citing rising land values as a tremendous barrier; and

WHEREAS retiring farmers often rely on the sale of their land to retire with dignity, and therefore sell at market values disconnected from what new farmers can earn on the land through production; and

WHEREAS we are in the midst of a generational crisis with few government-supported pathways for the equitable transfer of land, knowledge, and farm equipment

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU lobby the provincial and federal governments to provide the supports and funding interventions required to facilitate succession and farm-linking."

11. Intact Forest Ecosystems

WHEREAS old growth forests (ones that have never been commercially logged) provide unique biological diversity, climate change resiliency, and enhanced carbon sequestration that is essential for future generations of all species; and

WHEREAS industrial logging operations increasingly target old growth forests for the high commercial value of the very large trees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NFU advocates for government laws and policy to protect intact forest ecosystems and old growth forest from extractive industrial logging in order to safeguard essential biodiversity and to provide a buffer against run-away

climate change.

12. Size of Clearcuts

WHEREAS the unprecedented flooding that devastated many BC rural communities and agricultural enterprises in 2021 was exacerbated by large-scale clear-cutting of forests on mountain slopes where forests are essential for erosion protection and rainfall absorption; and

WHEREAS several provincial jurisdictions are seeking to double forest product extraction by 2030, and

WHEREAS the speed of logging and size of clear-cuts has drastically increased in recent decades; and

WHEREAS rising temperatures, severe droughts and floods resulting from climate change are challenging both agricultural viability and the survival of the very forests that protect us from climate disaster;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the NFU advocates for government laws and policy that significantly reduce the size and number of clear-cuts, the volume of material removed from forested areas, as well as engaging with professionals in forestry and agrology to provide appropriate technical advice.

13. Deforestation

WHEREAS permanent forest loss (deforestation) is of special concern in areas with economic pressures due to encroaching agriculture and urban development, and **WHEREAS** the UN COP 26 called for an end of global deforestation by 2030,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU call for an immediate end to deforestation (permanent

forest removal) in Canada as called for at UN COP 26.

14. Accuracy in Provincial Seed Guides

WHEREAS it has come to our attention that 3 barley varieties in the Saskatchewan 2022 provincial seed guide "Varieties of Grain Crops" publication have been listed without the appropriate testing protocols;

BE IT RESOLVED the NFU call on all publishers (Government or private) of seed guides to prohibit inclusion of any variety that has not gone through the appropriate testing (including merit where required) and registration protocols for a variety of that crop kind.

15. Canadian Grain Commission Education

WHEREAS farmer awareness of the Canadian Grain Commission seems to be at a low ebb, and

WHEREAS the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) no longer has the Assistant Commissioners that

were in constant contact with farmers throughout the prairies, and

WHEREAS face to face meetings in the countryside between CGC Commissioners and farmers seem to be much less common than they were in previous decades, and

WHEREAS trade show conversations are very different than actual public meetings,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU urge the Canadian Grain Commission to hold more public meetings with farmers, convened and resourced by Commissioners, in order to raise public awareness about the role of the CGC, its Commissioners, and committees like the "Western Grain Standards Committee."

16. Cloud Seeding

WHEREAS climate change and associated weather extremes will continue to be a threat to Canadian agriculture and food production

WHEREAS periods of extended heat, prolonged drought and critically low soil moisture will threaten the viability of the sector as demonstrated in 2021 from Alberta to Quebec

WHEREAS there is a general recognition that 1/2 of the world's population will not have an adequate supply of water, and inevitably food, by 2030

WHEREAS investigations of possible solutions will consequently present themselves and

WHEREAS one such solution to the rainfall/soil moisture deficit is cloud-seeding of silver iodide applied by plane or fired by a rocket

WHEREAS promoters of the practice do not consider the full implications of their project designs as demonstrated at <https://www.cloud-seeding-technologies.com/>

BE IT RESOLVED that the NFU advocate for a ban on cloud-seeding in Canada, except for forest fire control and hail suppression.



Long-time members keep up the good fight and new members keep the energy alive. Wrapping up NFU's 53rd convention in solidarity. An NFU tradition—solidarity forever!

Join a Policy Committee!

The NFU is Canada's independent, farmer-led agricultural organization. So it is you, NFU farmers and allies, who drive the NFU's direction and policy development. We encourage you to join a committee to bring your experience, advance our policy work, and learn. Current committees are working on: **Farmland Ownership, Climate Change, Farm Workers, Seed Sovereignty, Livestock, Mental Health, Indigenous Solidarity, Migrant Worker Solidarity, Communications, Grain Marketing and Transportation.** To get involved in this work, please email nfu@nfu.ca.

Beingessner Award for Excellence in Writing

The National Farmers Union holds an annual national writing competition in memory of Paul Beingessner. Winners receive \$500. This year, Janelle Stolhandske-Dale from Swift Current Saskatchewan won this year's competition writing on the topic of **"How are young farmers using collaboration and/or collective action to move towards more equitable food systems?"**



Janelle Stolhandske-Dale, has grown up on a grain farm near Swift Current, Saskatchewan. She is currently in High School at the Swift Current Comprehensive High School. She is a very busy young lady raising animals and helping with farming activities, active member in 4-H, horseback riding and is a member of the senior Arden's basketball team. She also has a part time job at Seed Solutions Seed Labs. Janelle hopes to attend post secondary in either agriculture or medicine. This bursary is appreciated and will be put to good use for her future education. <https://www.nfu.ca/publications/2022-winner/>



Scan this QR code to read her award-winning essay!

Grassroots Awards

The NFU is pleased on the occasion of its 53rd Annual Convention to recognize and show appreciation to the following leaders for loyal service to the farm union movement through their work as proud and dedicated members of the NFU in their communities and regions.

Region 1



Rita Jackson & James Rodd

Region 3



Don Ciparis

Region 5



Bill & Florence Zettler

Region 6



Leo Kurtenbach

Region 7



Ken Larsen

Region 8



Julia Smith

Remembering Allan and Joan Scott

by Norman Dyck and Art Macklin

On October 22, 2022 friends and family of the Allan and Joan Scott paid tribute to this remarkable farm couple, in recognition of their contribution to their farm community of Wanham Alberta. Born in 1935, Allan was active in the formation of Wanham NFU Local 808. Elected to the National Board, Allan served the interests of grain farmers during the Presidency of Art Macklin.

In the organizing years of the Wanham local, Allan was instrumental in the formation and construction of the Peace River Seed Co-op (PRSC) at Rycroft. The Co-op

became a farmer-represented marketing organization that brought stability, fair prices, and equity for forage seed growers of the Peace River Region.

Through their farming years and community involvement, Allan was actively supported by his wife Joan who taught in the Wanham School. Joan predeceased Allan, and the Wanham community celebrated her life on Sept 3, 2021. This remarkable couple contributed so much in their infectious enthusiasm, which made their communities a better place to work and live.



Allan Arthur Scott
(Sept 7, 1935 – Oct 5, 2022)



Joan Scott (Sept 8, 1936 – July 24, 2021)

New Member Benefits!

NFU delegates voted to add ServicePlus benefits to the NFU's member benefits at the 2022 NFU National Convention. ServicePlus assembles discounts and makes them available only to Canada's unions. The new benefits include discounts on ViaRail, WestJet, Baffin (boots), and many others.

To access these benefits, you will need to be an NFU member in good standing and provide your membership number. The NFU shares none of your personal information with Service Plus, so you will need to initiate the relationship with ServicePlus by signing up if you are interested. Watch your emails from the NFU for a link to explore the new benefits.

ServicePlus staff are in the process of setting up their website to make these benefits available to each of you. NFU emails will let you know when it is live. For those of you in the NFU's Health Benefits program, your health benefits will not be affected by this new benefits package.



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New Federal Sustainable Agriculture Strategy:

NFU Appointed to Advisory Committee

BY DARRIN QUALMAN, NFU DIRECTOR OF CLIMATE POLICY AND ACTION



On December 12th, the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced the creation of a federal Sustainable Agriculture Strategy (SAS). Stuart Oke, former NFU Youth President and Ontario farmer, represented the NFU at the launch in Ottawa.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) tells us that the SAS will "serve as a guide to support the livelihoods of farmers while growing a sustainable sector. By identifying goals and a way forward, Canada's agriculture sector will be equipped to recover quickly from extreme events, thrive in a changing climate, contribute to world food security, while also contributing to Canada's overall efforts to cut emissions."

The Sustainable Agriculture Strategy will also "bring together ... action needed in the agriculture sector as identified through various public and stakeholder engagements ... [including] consultations on developing a path towards reducing fertilizer emissions in the sector, a National Adaptation Strategy, the new Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Canada's contribution to the Global Methane Pledge, as set out in Canada's Methane Strategy, and the development of the Canada Water Agency."

The Minister also announced an Advisory Committee (SAS-AC). The NFU will be one of twenty organizations with representatives on that Committee. Also on the SAS-AC are representatives from Farmers for Climate Solutions (FCS) and Canadian Organic Growers (COG). Other members of the SAS-AC include Fertilizer Canada, Canadian Canola Growers, and the Canola Council of Canada. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) is co-chairing the SAS-AC with AAFC.

As part of the Dec 12th announcement, AAFC published a 29-page Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Discussion Document. The SAS development process includes two timelines. The NFU's work on the SAS-AC will extend over all of 2023. But there is a shorter, near-term deadline for initial public input and consultation: March 31st. Individuals and organizations can provide input by that time by writing emails, letters, or reports and submitting them to aafc.sas-sad.aac@agr.gc.ca or by answering AAFC's online questionnaire. **The NFU and FCS are working to create written resources to support farmers and others in responding to the SAS questionnaire.**

SAS-AC meetings will take place approximately every two weeks, with the first in mid-January. NFU Director of Climate Crisis Policy and Action, Darrin Qualman, will represent our organization. The SAS Discussion Document explains the need for the Strategy: **"To provide an integrated and coordinated approach to improving the agriculture sector's environmental performance and supporting its long-term vitality. A strategy would build on the environmental and innovation successes achieved to date in the sector, leverage opportunities related to increased market focus on sustainable food products, and focus resources to support an environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable sector."**

The SAS Discussion Document is, as one might expect, a mix of statements that, on the one hand, make clear commitments to authentic sustainability and reduced ecosystem impact, but, on the other, reaffirm a focus on increased production and "competitiveness." An example of the former, positive focus includes a commitment to the guiding principle of "circularity: applying circular economy principles towards an agriculture and food system that is regenerative, resilient, [and] turns waste into a resource...." One can only speculate whether the authors of AAFC's Discussion Document perceive the distance between that aspirational goal and the current reality of a high-input, high-emission, highly linear food-production system.

The Discussion Document proposes the following goals for a Sustainable Agriculture Strategy:

1. The agriculture sector is resilient to short and long-term climate impacts while growing productive capacity, and has adapted to changing contexts due to climate change.
2. Environmental performance is improved in Canada's agriculture sector, contributing to the environmental, economic, and social benefit of all Canadians.
3. The agriculture sector plays an important role in contributing to Canada's national 2030 GHG emission reduction and net-zero by 2050 targets while remaining competitive and supporting farmers.
4. A more comprehensive and integrated approach is taken in addressing agri-environmental issues...
5. Canada has addressed data gaps and improved capacity to measure, report on, and track the environmental performance of the agriculture and agri-food sector.

The Document goes on to suggest possible "specific outcomes" from a SAS:

- production is more resilient to climate change
- GHG emissions in the agriculture sector are reduced
- the sector has increased capacity for carbon sequestration
- use of energy efficient and clean technologies on farms is increased
- biodiversity-rich landscape features are maintained and/or improved on agricultural lands (for example wetlands, grasslands, and treed areas)
- ecological services are measured, maintained, and sustainable
- a more comprehensive approach to water management is taken in agriculture"

On balance, these goals and proposed outcomes are **very positive**.

We are at a critical junction: petro-industrial human systems (including food production) have collided with planetary limits surrounding GHG emissions, nitrogen flows, biodiversity loss, water supplies, land use changes, and other ecosystem impacts and injuries. The SAS process will be shaped by the reverberations from that ongoing collision. Look for regular updates through NFU communication channels.

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Former NFU Organizer and Life-Long Ally Don Kossick Appointed to Order of Canada

BY DARRIN QUALMAN



Don Kossick has devoted his life to making the world more just and compassionate—to organizing people and communities and countering oppression and injustice. His work has ranged from radio to politics, from Canada to Mozambique, from the 1960s to today, and from Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) to the National Farmers Union (NFU) and beyond. On December 29th, 2022, his lifetime of service and activism was recognized, and he was appointed to the Order of Canada.

The Order of Canada is one of our country's highest honours. It recognizes "people whose service has shaped our society, whose innovations have ignited our imaginations, and whose compassion has united our communities." Upon the medal is the Latin motto: *Desiderantes meliorem patriam*, which translates as "They desire a better country."

Don Kossick was born and raised in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He studied sociology at the University of Regina. In 1969, Don joined the NFU as an organizer and was employed with the Union until the mid-'70s. This video (1971), shows Don out on the road meeting with farmers and their families:

"Getting Organized Down on the Farm."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTufFoee9uo>

SCAN HERE
Getting Organized
Down on the Farm



Don was central to the NFU's work on the Kraft Boycott: a multi-year effort to force Kraft to negotiate fair prices with Canadian dairy farmers. In 1971, Don led organizing efforts for the national boycott. He established rural-urban alliances with unions, religious groups, and other organizations and he visited grocery stores in cities across Canada and handed out information urging people to boycott Kraft products.

Though his work with the NFU began in the early '70s, Don has continued to work in solidarity with farmers and rural Canadians over the subsequent five decades. For example, he has worked to support NFU members in Prince Edward Island to counter the takeover of farmland by corporations and large landowners. The video



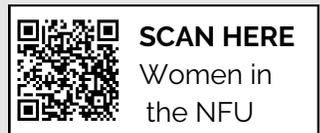
"Islanders and the Land highlights some of that work."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpU2qOrCDHY&list=UUOAEExngTj8dzKjLCJGZRXCg&index=33>

In the 1990s, Don worked with livestock producers in Saskatchewan and community food providers (including Child Hunger and Education Project) to create local food distribution systems, including the Pork Links program.

And Don has chronicled the NFU's history in a variety of videos and documentaries including NFU - "In Union is Strength - Voices of the National Farmers Union of Canada" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wd0CQn0rg7s> and "Women in the NFU", by Evelyn Potter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgTM202mY3Q>



In addition to five decades of work in support of the NFU, Don has worked with CUSO and other agencies and alongside his wife Denise Kouri to counter Apartheid and enhance healthcare in Mozambique and southern Africa. Over the past 40 years, Don and Denise have made dozens of trips to Mozambique and worked on various issues including maternal health: <https://www.maternalhealthmozcan.ca/author/donkossick/>



Don has worked with Canadians for Tax Fairness and others to push governments to collect approximately \$2 billion in unpaid taxes from uranium company Cameco.

In 2004 and again in 2006, Don Kossick ran as an NDP candidate for federal parliament.

Don worked in solidarity with Indigenous communities and activists and Protectors of Mother Earth to counter corporate clear-cutting and support community-based co-management of forests.

And, for 25 years, Don has hosted the radio show "Making the Links" on Saskatoon community station CFR.

It is impossible to fully catalogue Don's many initiatives, contributions, and accomplishments. In addition to the above, Don is a prolific video documentary-maker <https://www.youtube.com/@kossickd/videos>; a musician; a historian and collector of posters highlighting the key struggles of the past half-century <https://www.artpostersforchange.ca/gallery.html>; an advocate for Saskatoon's Farmers Market; a long-time Board member for community development agency and affordable housing provider QUINT; a driving force in the creation of Saskatoon's Station 20 West; a wonderful friend to many; and a mentor for numerous activists and organizers, including the author of this article.

It is no exaggeration to say that **Don's work has touched and enhanced the lives of millions.**



The NFU joins with people and organizations across Canada and in other nations in extending a huge thanks to Don and an equally large "congratulations" on this well-deserved appointment.



Celebrating Another Year of Persistence!

2022 Year in Review

- Lobbied for **extending AgriStability enrollment deadlines** across the prairie provinces to help farmers dealing with drought conditions.
- Pressured government to **help BC farmers and ranchers rebuild** after catastrophic flooding.
- Called for an **investigation into fertilizer pricing and advocated on behalf of farmers** before the House of Commons Agriculture Committee.
- Advocated for **federal help in rejuvenating local abattoirs**.
- **Urged the federal government to ban captive supply and regulate JBS and Cargill** to prevent them taking unfair advantage of farmers.
- Participated in **Canadian Grain Commission's public consultations**.
- **Urged Canada Food Inspection Agency to revise the proposed regulatory guidelines** to ensure all gene-edited plants and seeds are subject to government safety assessment.
- Submitted recommendations towards **developing a National Agricultural Labour Strategy**.
- Contributed to the **Public Engagement on Permanent Public Transit Funding in Canada**.
- Advocated continuous oversight in our **submission to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency**.
- Offered **educational series on critical issues relevant to all parties in our food system** (NFUniversity).
- Submitted our report "**Nitrogen Fertilizer: Critical Nutrient, Key Farm Input, and Major Environmental Problem**" to the federal government's consultations on fertilizer related emissions.
- Published "**Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Canada: A New, Comprehensive Assessment**".
- Advocated **establishing a new Canadian Farm Resilience Administration**.
- Offered support to **migrant farmworkers in their call for just working conditions** under Canada's Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program.
- Urged the government to **stop funding Philippine "anti-terrorism" campaigns targeting peaceful farmer protestors**.
- Advocated in solidarity to **oppose the ratification of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement**.
- Supported the **UN resolution ES-11/1 regarding Ukraine and acknowledged the importance of working towards peace**, not only in Europe, but globally.
- **Support representatives participating in World Trade Organization negotiations**, standing in solidarity with peasants resisting the imposition of neoliberal free trade policy.

Célébrer une autre année de persévérance !

Revue de l'année 2022

- Fait pression pour **prolonger les échéanciers de l'enregistrement auprès d'Agri-stabilité** à travers les provinces des Prairies afin d'aider les fermiers faisant face aux conditions de sécheresse.
- Fait pression auprès du gouvernement pour **aider les fermiers et les éleveurs en C.-B.** à rebâtir après les inondations catastrophiques.
- Demandé de faire **enquête sur la tarification des engrais et revendiqué au nom des fermiers** devant le Comité de l'agriculture de la Chambre des communes.
- Plaidé pour de **l'aide fédérale afin de rajeunir les abattoirs locaux**.
- **Exhorté le gouvernement fédéral d'interdire l'offre captive et de réglementer JBS et Cargill** afin de les empêcher de profiter indûment des fermiers.
- Participé aux **consultations publiques de la Commission canadienne des grains**.
- Plaidé en solidarité pour **opposer la ratification de l'Accord économique global entre le Canada et l'Union européenne**.
- Offert **une série éducative sur les enjeux cruciaux pertinents à toutes les parties de notre système alimentaire** (Université NF).
- Soumis notre rapport « **Engrais azoté : nutriment crucial, intrant agricole clé et problème environnemental majeur** » aux consultations du gouvernement fédéral sur les émissions reliées aux engrais.
- Publié « **Émissions agricoles de gaz à effet de serre au Canada : Une nouvelle évaluation globale** ».
- Offert de **l'appui aux travailleurs agricoles migrants dans leur demande pour des conditions de travail équitables** sous l'égide du Programme canadien des travailleurs agricoles saisonniers.
- **Exhorté le gouvernement de cesser de financer les campagnes « anti-terroristes » des Philippines** qui ciblent les manifestants agricoles pacifiques.
- **Exhorté l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments de réviser les directives réglementaires proposées** afin de s'assurer que toutes les plantes et semences génétiquement modifiées soient assujetties à une évaluation de la sécurité par le gouvernement.

- Soumis des recommandations pour le **développement d'une Stratégie nationale sur la main-d'œuvre agricole.**
- Contribué à **l'engagement public sur le financement permanent du transport en commun** au Canada.
- Plaidé pour une **supervision continue dans notre soumission à l'Agence de réglementation de la lutte antiparasitaire.**
- **Plaidé pour l'établissement d'une nouvelle Administration canadienne** de résilience agricole.
- **Appuyé la résolution ES-11/1 de l'ONU concernant l'Ukraine et reconnu l'importance de travailler pour la paix**, non seulement en Europe, mais à l'échelle mondiale.
- **Appuyé les représentants participants aux négociations de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, en solidarité avec les paysans** résistant l'imposition de politiques de libre-échange néo-libérales.

Coming soon! Depth of Field: Films About Farming

The NFU is teaming up with award-winning documentary filmmakers, Tamer Soliman and Sarah Douglas, of March Forth Creative Inc. to film and present **Depth of Field: Films About Farming**. The project will feature 40 stories that will connect Canadians with a diversity of farmers and the sustainable initiatives that they are undertaking. Films will be shared online and via local screenings during the fall and winter of 2023. We invite community members interested in hosting a screening to get in touch—visit us at www.nfu.ca/filmsaboutfarming/ or scan the QR code to learn more.



The NFU is offering a **free workshop on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion** led by the University of Regina's Pauline Streeet. Join us on Zoom on Friday March 10 to explore racism, privilege, and how we might all work better together. More info by scanning the code./ L'UNF offre un atelier gratuit sur **l'équité, la diversité et l'inclusion**, avec Pauline Streeet. Joignez-vous à nous le 10 mars pour explorer le racisme, les privilèges et la façon dont nous pourrions tous mieux travailler ensemble. Plus d'info en scannant le code.



À venir ! La profondeur de champ : Films sur l'agriculture

L'UNF s'associe aux réalisateurs de documentaires primés, Tamer Soliman et Sarah Douglas, de March Forth Creative Inc. pour filmer et présenter **La profondeur de champ : Films sur l'agriculture**. Le projet mettra en vedette 40 histoires qui relieront les canadiens à une diversité de fermiers et aux initiatives durables qu'ils entreprennent. Les films seront partagés en ligne et via des projections locales au cours de l'automne et de l'hiver 2023, et nous invitons les membres de la communauté intéressés à organiser une projection à nous contacter. Visitez-nous à www.nfu.ca/fr/filmsaboutfarming ou scannez le code QR pour en savoir plus.

NFUniversity



The NFU is in the midst of our third season of NFUniversity, NFU's webinar series held throughout the winter months. So far, we've held classes on **Nitrogen Fertilizer, Farm Building Energy Efficiency, Western Grains Research Foundation, Conserving Soil Carbon on Farms, Peasant History and Seeds of Sustainability**. We continue to build a diverse and bold resource library on an array of agricultural topics.

Classes coming up from February until April / Cours à venir de février jusqu'à avril:

- **What We Knew a Half Century Ago / Ce que nous savions il y a un demi-siècle**
- **Solid BioFuels / Biocombustibles Solides**
- **Energy, Climate, Civilization, Money, Everything / Vue d'ensemble : énergie, climat, civilisation, argent et tout**
- **And more! Et plus !**

L'Université-NF

L'UNF en est à sa 3e saison de l'Université-NF, la série de webinaires de l'UNF qui se tient durant les mois d'hiver. Jusqu'à présent, nous avons organisé des cours sur **les engrais azotés (anglais), l'efficacité énergétique des bâtiments agricoles (anglais), la Fondation de recherche sur les céréales occidentales (anglais), la conservation du carbone dans les sols agricoles, l'histoire paysanne et graines de durabilité**. Nous continuons à constituer une bibliothèque de ressources diversifiée et audacieuse sur un large éventail de sujets agricoles.

Sign up for upcoming classes. Inscrivez-vous pour les classes à venir.

Find past classes here. Trouvez-les classes passés



NFU-NB members Jeanne and Harold Culberson and Barb and Victor Summerville, with NFU's report "Tackling the Farm Crisis and Climate Crisis".

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