

Notice to NFU Manitoba Members

NFU Region 5 (Manitoba) 2026 Annual Convention Saturday, March 21, 2026

HEMGROWN RESILIENCE: Farms, Communities, and the Future.



We invite you to attend the **Region 5 Annual Convention** which will be held **Saturday, March 21, 2026 at** Domain Community Hall, Domain, MB with the theme **HEMGROWN RESILIENCE: Farms, Communities, and the Future**. The official convention will commence at 9 am. The convention registration fee is \$40 per individual or farm, and includes lunch. Youth 26 and under can attend for free. We will have a potluck for supper. We invite you to bring something to share if you are able. RSVP by email, with the subject line 'NFU-MB Convention 2026' to organizer-mb@nfu.ca.

Agenda

Registration	9:00 am
Meeting Begins	10:00 am
NFU National Update	10:15 am
NFU Manitoba Accreditation	10:50 am
Why Public Research Matters: Seeds, Research, and the Future on Our Plates	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00 pm
Young Farmer Panel: Pathways to Starting a Farm	1:00 pm
Solidarity Matters: Minnesota ICE Raids and Food Resilience	1:50 pm
BREAK	2:30 pm
NFU-Manitoba (Region 5) Update	2:45 pm
Strategy Development: NFU-MB Priorities (2026–2029)	3:00 pm
On-Farm and Policy Issues Roundtable	3:40 pm
Elections	4:15 pm
Resolutions	4:30 pm
Potluck Supper and Socializing	5:30pm

This schedule is subject to change. For updates, please visit: www.mb.nfu.ca

Presentation & Discussion Topics Include:

- **Impacts of cuts to AAFC and public plant breeding**
- **Food affordability**
- **Meat processing capacity and on-farm slaughter**
- **Hearing from Minnesota on how recent ICE raids connect to our work to improve food systems.**
- **NFU-MB strategy development**
- **On-farm GHG emission reduction opportunities**

For those who cannot attend, we are offering a hybrid meeting this year via Zoom. Follow this link for more info: nfu.ca/mbconvention2026, or email organizer-mb@nfu.ca to register.

Elections:

Positions up for election are two National Board members for Region 5; a Women's Advisory Committee member; a Youth Advisory Committee member; a BIPOC representative; an International Program Committee representative; and Members-at-Large to participate on our regional leadership team.

Resolutions:

Please bring your written resolution(s) about the farming issues you identify for debate and action. Sending them by email (organizer-mb@nfu.ca) ahead of time will help speed up the debate process. Resolutions on current policy issues may be presented to this Convention and, if they are passed, they will be forwarded to the National Convention in November.

If you require further information, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you on March 21!

On behalf of the NFU-MB Leadership Team,

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Requests to Manitoba NFU Members

- 1. Attend** - We encourage all members to **attend this Regional Convention on Saturday, March 21, 2026**. Your participation and input is very important in discussions which will provide direction for our Regional and National voice.
- 2. Invite** - We encourage you to **invite interested farmers and friends** to take part in the convention. Please **ask 2 of your neighbours** to come out. Our evening potluck and social time will be a great opportunity for farmers of all ages to connect.
- 3. E-mails** – It seems that we may not have all your e-mails. If you aren't getting regular information via e-mail, please send us your e-mail info to organizer-mb@nfu.ca. We want to keep you informed more regularly.
- 4. Donate** – The NFU in Manitoba needs your support! We've had some great presence at events like Ag Days and Direct Farm Manitoba Conference this year. Donations can help us continue to have a booth. Just write in the memo "Member Development – Manitoba" in a cheque to the: NFU, 2717 Wentz Avenue, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 4B6.
- 5. Volunteer** – If you are able to donate more of your time to the NFU or take on a role, it really does make a difference. More hands make for less work.