

99th NeFU Annual State Convention

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When: December 7, 2012 – December 8, 2012 (all-day)
Where: Midtown Holiday Inn
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**Nebraska Farmers Union's
 99th Annual State Convention
 "Leadership At It's Best Since 1913"
 December 7-8, 2012
 Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island, Nebraska**

Friday, December 7, 2012

- 8:00 Registration begins....**
- 9:00 Welcome & Convention Call To Order**
- 9:10 NeFU Education Report**
- 9:15 NeFU Foundation Report & Elections**
- 9:20 Ag Safety & Health Update from University Nebraska Medical Center**
 - Risto Rautianinen, Ph.D., Dept of Environmental, Agricultural, & Occupational Health, UNMC
- 9:30 NFU Fly-In Report**
 - Ben Gotshall-Raymond
 - Mark Kavan-Lincoln
 - Lynn Belitz-Fullerton
- 9:45 Nebraska Rural Radio Association Report**
 - Craig Larson—Chief Operating Officer
- 10:30 Farmers Union Insurances Report**
- 10:45 EPA Region 7 Activities & Issues Report**
 - Josh Svaty, Senior Adviser to the Regional Administrator
- 11:10 NEBFARMPAC Report**
 - Gale Lush, NEBFARMPAC President
- 11:20 NEFU Elections**
 - Introduction of Candidates for Nebraska Delegates to National Farmers Union Convention—March 2-5, 2013
 Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, Massachusetts.
 Districts 2, 4, & 6 caucus for additional NEFU District Director Nominations. Report to Elections Chair, Larry Knuth
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon**
Honorable Governor Dave Heineman
Tom Giessel, NFU Historian
- 1:35 Our Changing Weather and Climate**
 - John Pollack, meteorologist
- 2:15 Climate Change and Rural America**
 - Chris Clayton, DTN Reporter
- 3:00 NeFU/HSUS Ag Advisory Committee Report**
 - Ben Gotschall
 - Jim Knopik
 - Kevin Fulton
 - Martin Kleinschmit
 - Doug Dittman
 - Jon Yoachim
- *Surprise New Market Announcement!!*
- 3:30 NeFU Elections**
 Elect Top Four NFU Convention Delegates
 Elect NEFU Board of Directors for Districts 2, 4 & 6
- 4:00 NeFU Legislative Candidates Report**
 - Senator Ken Haar, Malcolm, LD21
 - Vern Barrett, Ceresco, LD23
 - Butch Hughes, Hastings, LD33
 - Judy Domina, Elkhorn, LD39
 - Senator Al Davis (Elect), Hyannis, LD43
- 5:00 Elections – Elect NFU Convention Delegates & Alternates**
 Top Two Are Delegates — Bottom Two are Alternates
- 5:30 NEBFARMPAC Wine & Cheese Fundraiser-Suite 114**
 Special Guest Hosts: NeFU Legislative Candidates
- 6:30 Convention Banquet**
Tom Giessel, NFU Historian
Wenonah Hauter, Author & Executive Director, Food & Water Watch

Saturday, December 8, 2012

- 7:00 Builders Club Breakfast for Builders Club Members**
- 8:30 Convention Reconvenes**
- 8:30 NEFU Membership Report**
 - Graham Christensen, NEFU Public Affairs Director
- 8:35 NFU Legislative Report**
 - Michael Stranz, NFU Government Relations Representative
 NFU Legislative Report & Farm Bill Update
- 9:00 The GIPSA Rule & The Future Of Our Industry**
 - J. Dudley Butler, former USDA GIPSA Administrator
- 10:30 Beef Checkoff Issues Update**
 - David Wright, President., Independent Cattlemen of NE, National Cattlemen's Beef Promotion Board, & past NE Beef Council member
- 11:00 Ethanol Update & Challenges**
 - Todd Sneller, Nebraska Ethanol Board
- 11:25 Nebraska Easement Action Team (NEAT)**
 - Brian Jorde, Attorney, Domina Law Offices
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon**
 - U.S. Senator Ben Nelson
 - Mike Flood, Speaker of the Legislature
 - Tom Giessel, NFU Historian
- 1:30 Policy Consideration & Adoption Until Completed**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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