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Dear Farmers Union Member,

We are living in an unprecedented time, but one thing hasn't changed — our commitment to you. First and foremost, we hope you are safe and healthy as we navigate through this pandemic together.

From an organizational standpoint, your staff and I want to assure you that our work moves forward. We are exploring any and all avenues – especially legislative initiatives – that will help us through these trying times. Our focus is on the future and how we can help with recovery once the pandemic is over.

Along with our day-to-day operations, here are extra actions we are taking:

- The Farmers Union Minute will move to a weekly publication to keep everyone up to date on major legislative issues.
- We are stepping up our work on tracking market impacts and staying in close contact with North Dakota's congressional delegation.
- We launched a Coronavirus webpage, where you can access reliable information. (Go to ndfu.org and click on the slider image.)
- We are monitoring all cooperative supply chains for possible disruptions in ag inputs.
- Our Membership Team will be reaching out to county officers by phone to maintain lines of communication.
- Our Education Team is working on ways to engage youth and communities during this time of social distancing. We recommend that parents still register their children for camp.
- We are still planning county trips and recommend start dates in July and August. All Farmers Union tours are currently being evaluated weekly as to whether they will run; members will be notified accordingly.

As of today, many of our staff will be working remotely from home. As always, they will be available by phone or email, so please reach out to them or myself if you have any concerns or questions. At the end of the day, the health and safety of our Farmers Union family is most important. Please take every safety precaution possible.

Sincerely,

NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Watne".

Mark Watne
President

