The 68th Legislative Assembly will convene on January 3, 2023. The legislature will face a number of important issues, including making most effective use of Legacy Fund earnings and the state’s budget surplus. North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU) supports legislation that creates new opportunities for family farmers and ranchers and improves quality of life in rural communities.

We recommend the following priorities:

- Provide full funding for a new Ag Field Lab Facility at the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station;
- Replenish the Agricultural Diversification and Development fund to support new and expanding value-added agriculture projects in the state;
- Establish programs to promote local acceptance and improve access to financial incentives for North Dakota livestock producers;
- Preserve the corporate farming law;
- Support in-state fertilizer production;
- Increase funding for rural roads and bridges to address the state’s growing maintenance and improvement backlog;
- Establish a sales tax exemption for construction of on-farm grain storage;
- Improve the accessibility, quality and affordability of childcare options; and
- Streamline the regulations governing water drainage projects.