

# North Dakota Farmers Union

96th Annual State Convention • December 9-10, 2022 • Bismarck Event Center

## Friday, December 9

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens - Lobby
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Mix & Mingle Breakfast  
**Dale Bednarek**, President/CEO, Farmers Union Industries
- 9:30 a.m. Convention Convenes - Hall A  
National Anthem - **Treble in Paradise** -  
**Jed Geer, Tim Johnson, Jamie Ressler & Josh Ressler**  
FFA Opening Ceremonies - **Mandan FFA Chapter**  
Agraria Mutual Group Annual Meeting  
• AMG Credentials Committee Report  
**Sheila Rude**, Chair  
• AMG Bylaws Committee Report - **Dave Berger**, Chair  
• Minutes of last Annual Meeting  
• Financial and Annual Report  
**Mark Anderson**, Chief Executive Officer  
President's Report - **Mark Watne**, NDFU President  
Lunch & District Caucuses
- 1:05 p.m. Convention Reconvenes - Hall A  
Nominations of candidates for NFU  
Delegates, President, Vice President and District Directors  
  
Preliminary Report of Bylaws Committee  
**Dave Berger**, Chair  
  
Consideration of Policy & Action  
**Dawn Martin**, Chair  
  
Breakout Sessions
- 3:10-3:55 p.m. *Fuels of the Future* - Prairie Rose 103  
**Anne Steckel**, National Farmers Union  
**Charles Mueller**, Archer-Daniels-Midland  
*Farm Bill 2023: NDFU Perspectives* - Prairie Rose 104  
**NDFU Farm Bill Working Group**
- 4:15-5:10 p.m. *What's a Wetland?* - Prairie Rose 103  
**Kale Van Bruggen**, Rinke Noonan  
**Matt Retka**, Stantec  
*Fairness for Farmers* - Prairie Rose 104  
**Rob Larew**, National Farmers Union
- 3:10 & 4:15 p.m. *Shake & Shape* - Prairie Rose 105  
**Dan Simons**, Farmers Restaurant Group  
**Joe Goetze** and **Bob Vanlecker**, Founding Farmers
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Activities, Malt Competition - Halls B-C  
• Social/Appetizers/Cash Bars
- 6:15 p.m. Live Auction commences - Hall A  
**David Gorder**, Auctioneer
- 6:45 p.m. Main course served - Halls B & C
- 7:30 p.m. **Entertainment** - Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos - Hall A

## Saturday, December 10

- 7:00 a.m. Balloting Opens (closes at 1:15 p.m.) - Prairie Rose 106
- 7:00 a.m. Registration Opens (closes at 5:00 p.m.) - Lobby
- 8:00 a.m. Convention Reconvenes - Hall A  
**Dr. Frayne Olson**, PhD; Crop Economist/Marketing Specialist and Director - Burdick Center for Cooperatives  
  
NDFU Financial Report  
  
Member Q&A - **Mark Watne, Mark Anderson**  
  
*Farmers Union Insurance Branding Success*  
**Kevin Ressler**, Chief Sales, Marketing and Brand Officer  
  
*Technology - Changing What is Possible*  
**Greg Tehven**, CEO/Founder, Emerging Prairie
- 12:00 p.m. SYAC Presentations
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Balloting closes  
Silent auction closes
- 1:20 p.m. Convention Reconvenes - Hall A  
  
Consideration of NDFU Bylaws  
**Dave Berger**, Chair  
  
Policy Consideration & Debate  
**Dawn Martin**, Chair  
  
**Senator Cramer** - Video  
  
Final Report of Credentials Committee - Hall A  
Elections Committee results  
Election of AMG Board  
Introduction of Board Members
- 5:30 p.m. 2022 Torchbearer Award Ceremony  
**Rob Larew**, National Farmers Union President  
Presentation of **Bergman Scholarships**
- 6:30 p.m. NDFU Members Banquet - Hall D
- 7:45 p.m. Drawings for: - Hall A  
- 2022 Zero-Turn Mower  
- Apple Laptop Computer  
- Apple iPad  
- Case 12-volt Tractor with Trailer
- 8:00 p.m. **Entertainment**: Too Old to Stand - Hall A

