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Wisconsin well-represented at National Farmers Union Convention in San Diego

SAN DIEGO – Thirty-seven Wisconsin Farmers Union members are among the nearly 500 farmers and ranchers who have gathered from around the country for the 115th National Farmers Union Anniversary Convention in San Diego, California. Today members are taking part in the important task of shaping NFU policy for the coming year.

“This is a place where members can voice their opinions and set the policy that NFU will work to have included in national policy in the next year,” said WFU President Darin Von Ruden. “We’re looking forward to that interaction with fellow farmers from around the country throughout the convention.”

The March 5-8 convention brings together NFU members, experts and friends of agriculture for meetings, high-level panels, breakout sessions, award ceremonies and a local farms tour.

“It’s really invigorating to be a part of this democratic process where we can try to bring our common interests together,” said WFU board member and first-time national convention attendee Rick Adamski of Seymour. “Often we see a ‘divide and conquer strategy’ in our country, but if we can come together and work together to find that common ground, we can hammer out the details that will make a stronger future for Farmers Union and for family agriculture.”

“As a farmer-led organization, the state delegates are an important part of our truly grassroots process that takes place at convention,” said NFU President Roger Johnson. “This year’s deliberations will be especially important, as family farmers and ranchers face a depressed farm economy, waves of consolidation, a new administration, and upcoming farm bill negotiation. We look forward to our members setting positions that are representative of policy solutions that work for family agriculture and rural communities.”

Representing WFU as delegates in the policy process are Rick Adamski, Seymour; Jerry Croes, Deer Park; Dennis Rosen, Emerald; and Darin Von Ruden, Westby.

For more coverage of the National Farmers Union 115th Anniversary Convention, visit nfu.org/convention and follow Wisconsin Farmers Union on Facebook and Twitter!

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To download an audio file of Roger Johnson's quote, visit the NFU website at
HYPERLINK "http://www.nfu.org/audio" [nfu.org/audio](http://www.nfu.org/audio).

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Representing Wisconsin Farmers Union at the National Farmers Union 115th Anniversary Convention this year in San Diego are, from left, (front row) Darin Von Ruden, Westby; Rick Adamski, Seymour; Maria Davis, Custer, holding Iris; Kara O'Connor, Madison; Lisa Kivirist, Browntown; Cathy Statz, Chippewa Falls; April Prussia, New Glarus; Alicia Razvi, Stevens Point; Kriss Marion, Blanchardville; Miriam Valley, Sun Prairie; Josh Stolzenburg and Layne Cozzolino, both of Stevens Point; Nick Levendofsky, Madison; and Deb Jakubek, Amherst Junction; (back row) Chris Holman holding Eleanora, Custer; Dennis Rosen, Emerald; Lisa Severson, Eau Claire; Deb Rosen, Emerald; Kirsten Slaughter, Madison; Mary Jo Borchardt, Poynette; Andrew Cotter, Fitchburg; Killian Harnish, La Crosse; Jerry and Char Croes, Deer Park; Tom Quinn, Menomonie; Patty Edelburg, Scandinavia; Craig Myhre, Osseo; and Tommy Enright, Amherst. Not pictured: Danielle Endvick, Holcombe; Betty Anderson, Brodhead; Tenzin, Stacey and Iris Botsford, Athens; Ryan Stockwell, Medford; and Helen Quinn, Menomonie.

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