



National Farmers Union – Ontario NEWSLETTER

*Strong Communities.
Sound Policies.
Sustainable Farms.*

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There's a place for you in the NFU

Why is the NFU-O's membership growing while other farm organizations shrink?

We work for family farms, not just the big guys.

Some organizations only represent the biggest producers. We fight for family farms, including small and medium sized producers. That means we can win policies that help small farmers thrive and support local infrastructure for family farmers.

We advocate boldly for farmers and farming communities.

We aren't afraid to challenge government and corporate interests. We closely monitor government policy, generate our own policy options through thorough research and consultation, and we speak the truth about what family farmers need to succeed.

Some farm organizations accept big bucks from seed companies and equipment manufacturers. We don't

believe in that. We're the *only independent* national organization of farmers.

We're not accountable to Monsanto or the Premier. We're accountable to *you*.

We create farmer-friendly policy through our grassroots, democratic approach.

Our power as an organization is rooted in our 22 Locals across Ontario. The NFU's goals and policies are based on your input and your votes at the Local level and at Regional and National Conventions.

We may not be the largest of the farm organizations, but our democratic practice means the NFU is a place where you will be heard.

We are a strong and growing community, with leadership by women and youth.

Other farm organizations are shrinking, but the NFU-O membership keeps growing. Why?

Farmers know the status quo isn't good enough, and they want to be part of our growing community of successful farmers.

Since 1969, we've reserved spaces for women and youth at every level of leadership. No other farm organization has our proud history of inclusion, or our track record of leadership by women and youth. And we prioritize programs and support for young and new farmers.

Choose the organization with a place for you. Choose the organization that can make change. Choose the organization that fights for sustainable family farms.

Choose the NFU on your FBR form this year, or call Agricorp at 1-866-327-3678 to switch. Or call us today at 1-888-832-9638 to join directly.

Coming Events

Renfrew Local 330 – Next meeting is Monday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Barr Line Community Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Perth-Oxford Local 341 – All members are welcome to attend the Perth-Oxford Local 341 Directors' Meetings. Next Directors' meeting is Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 p.m. at Andy and Pam Megens' home, 2877 Rd. 119 (Hwy 7), R.R. 7 St. Marys. RSVP to Local President, Andy Megens at 519-284-3199.

Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Ottawa, Prescott Russell Local 362 will hold their AGM at the Red Dot Restaurant, 5673 Osgoode Main St. on Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Keynote Presentation:
Sarah Harmer & Joan Kuyek

Join us for a discussion with Sarah Harmer & Joan Kuyek about the importance of community organizing.

Thursday, March 1
7:30pm-9:00pm
Core Arts & Culture Centre
223 Pinnacle St, Belleville, ON

This event is part of the Region 3 Convention & NFU-O AGM
For information and to buy tickets, visit: www.nfuontario.ca

Cultivating Change

Region 3 Convention &
NFU-O AGM

March 1-3, 2018 | Belleville, ON

Come out and participate in workshops on grassroots organizing, debate resolutions, vote in elections, and much more!

March 1: Keynote Presentation - 7:30PM
March 2: AGM & Workshops - 9:00AM-6:00PM
March 3: Winery Tour - 10:30AM

For more information and to register, visit:
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