



# National Farmers Union – Ontario NEWSLETTER

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## Join us for the NFU-O AGM and convention: “Deeply Rooted”

Mark your calendars! The 2022 NFU-O Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention will be held on Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4. This year’s convention theme is “Deeply Rooted”, and will once again be hosted virtually on Zoom.

At the March AGM and Convention, we’ll be addressing the effects of climate change, like the extreme weather conditions, which impacted farmers across the country dramatically in 2020 and 2021, but we’ll also celebrate opportunities to be hopeful for a better food and farming future.

This year’s theme, “Deeply Rooted”, reflects the structural forces at play which prevent swift and meaningful action to counter and mitigate the effects of climate change. Yet “Deeply Rooted” also celebrates the nature-based solutions to climate mitigation: deep roots sequester more carbon in the soil and are more resilient to extreme weather conditions. Our AGM and Convention panels, including our keynote address from Dr. Priscilla Settee, will fill the space in between these two ideas.

Join us on Thursday evening to hear a presentation from our keynote speaker, Dr. Settee!

Dr. Settee is a member of Cumberland House Swampy Cree

First Nations and a Professor of Indigenous Studies where she teaches courses on Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Indigenous Social Economies. She is also an Adjunct Professor for the Natural Resources Institute at the University of Manitoba where she serves graduate students on Indigenous Food Sovereignty. She has won recognition nationally and internationally for her work on Indigenous knowledge systems and is the author of several books including: “Pimatisiwin: Global Indigenous Knowledge Systems” (2013), which looks at global Indigenous Knowledge Systems; and “The Strength of Women: Ahkameyimohk” (2011), which examines the role of Indigenous women’s stories in establishing truth, reconciliation and social change.

Dr. Settee will describe her research as a David Suzuki fellow, documenting the impact of western development on Indigenous traditional economies and food producing capabilities, with a focus on trappers in northern Saskatchewan. She will also speak about her work as the co-editor of “Indigenous Food Systems: Cases, Concepts and Conversations”, and will speak to the importance of acknowledging and promoting

community based Indigenous food systems both locally, nationally and internationally; and her belief that working in solidarity with global citizens will promote biodiversity and the world foods.

Additional panels will cover on-farm extreme weather mitigation strategies, the NFU-O’s land-linking work, and more!

We will also hear reports from the NFU-O Board, hold elections, and host debates on policy resolutions.

For more information or to book tickets, visit <https://nfuontario.ca/> or call 1-888-832-9638.

### Local News/Events

**Local 316** - We’re hosting our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. From the comfort of your home, enjoy regional updates, elections, and more! For more information, and to RSVP, contact Elizabeth Stocking at [elizabeth.stocking@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.stocking@gmail.com)

**More Local AGM dates will be announced in the bi-weekly e-newsletter!**

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## NFU-O AGM & CONVENTION

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