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MFU Applauds the Strong Work Completed as the NFU Concludes its 115th Anniversary Convention with Adoption of Policy, Special Orders of Business

SAN DIEGO – The National Farmers Union (NFU) 115th Anniversary Convention concluded today following the adoption of the organization’s policy book and special orders of business. The Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) delegation was a part of nearly 500 family farmers and ranchers who convened in San Diego both to engage in thoughtful policy deliberations, as well as to learn from agricultural experts and each another.

The adopted policy book and special orders of business will guide the organization’s government affairs priorities over the course of the next year, including the current farm crisis and upcoming deliberations on the 2018 Farm Bill.

“As a family farmer and rancher-led organization, our grassroots policy adoption process is a crucial part of NFU’s annual convention,” said MFU President Gary Wertish. “Our elected delegates were a part of the entire delegation which adopted strong policy language that addressed many issues that face family farmers and rural communities, including the depressed farm economy, corporate consolidation, and international trade.”

The convention featured two panels that talked about the key issues of the federal farm bill and conservation issues, as well as remarks from industry leaders from a variety of agricultural sectors.

The delegates approved six special orders of business which included Farm Crisis Relief, Farm Bill, Trade Policy, Climate Change, Ethanol Blend Utilization and Dairy Policy.

Full text of the adopted policy manual will be available soon at www.nfu.org.

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