

FAMILY FARMING AND LEADING THE WAY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

2017 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Climate change jeopardizes food security and the livelihoods of American family farmers, ranchers and rural residents. Producers and rural Americans have much to contribute to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions, which are exacerbating the negative consequences of climate change, through the development of renewable energy, implementation of carbon sequestration, climate-smart production and conservation practices. NFU will continue to lead in educating family farmers, ranchers and rural communities on climate change adaptation and mitigation.

NFU supports policies that expand renewable energy, especially assistance for rural power cooperatives.

NFU supports research funding for soil health and climate-smart production.

NFU supports the promotion of voluntary conservation practices that focus on water quality and quantity concerns.

NFU supports development of crop systems designed for biofuel and biomass production.

NFU should lead and support efforts for the advancement of carbon storage in the soils of family farmers, ranchers, and agro-foresters, with new agriculture-based markets that reward those that practice and implement conservation techniques scientifically proven to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.