AGENDA

Updated September 7; materials are available at www.nfu.org/fly-in. Dates and times subject to change. All times Eastern.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Fly-In Opening and USDA Briefing: 8:00am – 11:30am
U.S. Department of Agriculture South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW

Participants must line up at 7:00 am at the Wing 5 (five) Entrance of the USDA South Building with fly-in name tags and photo IDs ready for the security screening. The session will begin at approximately 8:00am in the Jefferson Auditorium.

- 8:00am – Opening Remarks: NFU President Rob Larew
- 8:10am – Welcome: Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Xochitl Torres Small
- 8:30am – Issues Briefing: NFU Government Relations Staff
- 9:00am – Remarks: Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
- 10:00am – Panel: Competition & Resiliency
- 10:45am – Panel: USDA Staffing
- 11:45am – Conclude

Participants will be able to visit the newly refreshed USDA Cafeteria to purchase lunch.

Capitol Hill Briefing: 1:15pm – 3:30pm
325 Russell Senate Office Building – Kennedy Caucus Room (2 Constitution Ave NE)

Staff from the Senate and House Agriculture Committees will provide policy updates about the status of the farm bill and fly-in priority topics.

Several meetings with other federal agencies will be held during the afternoon and throughout the week. Attendance at these meetings will be coordinated between NFU staff and Farmers Union state divisions.

“Gathering in the Spirit of Cooperation:” 4:30pm – 6:30pm
20 F Street NW – Rooftop Terrace

Open to all fly-in participants! Join with Farmers Union members from across the country to enjoy a late-afternoon reception at the NFU office rooftop terrace. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. This event is co-hosted by NFU’s cooperative and cooperative association partners. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held in the lobby.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Capitol Hill and Agency Meetings: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Fly-in attendees will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, along with representatives from key federal agencies to discuss Farmers Union priorities. Contact your state division or group lead for more information on meeting times and details.

NFUPAC Fundraising Reception: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
20 F Street NW – 3rd Floor
$100 suggested contribution. Support the work of NFUPAC and join in a reception with light refreshments and fellowship with other Farmers Union members. A few lawmakers are expected to drop by to share their greetings and to meet NFUPAC contributors. Space is limited for this event.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Capitol Hill and Agency Meetings: 8:00am – Noon
Fly-in attendees will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, along with representatives from key federal agencies to discuss Farmers Union priorities. Contact your state division or group lead for more information on meeting times and details.

White House Briefing: 9:30am – 11:00am
Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 17th Street NW
White House staff and advisors will brief NFU members on policy priorities. Participation in this event was allocated on a state-by-state basis per the number of fly-in attendees from each state Farmers Union division. Participants will be required to submit additional personal identification information in advance in order to be cleared by security. Entry to this meeting is through the White House security checkpoint on 17th Street NW.