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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Nov. 12-14, 2023 Albuquerque, NM



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WELCOME

Welcome to National Farmers Union's annual Women's Conference, hosted for the first time in Albuquerque, New Mexico!



We saw outstanding interest in Women's Conference this year – selling out our initial block of tickets in record time before expanding the conference. It's great to see so much enthusiasm for Farmers Union and this event!

Over the next two days you will hear from experts across various agricultural subject matters, from cooperatives to record keeping, from storytelling to mental health.

Since its inception, Farmers Union has advocated for and supported equal opportunities for women in agriculture. In fact, the ratification of the 19th Amendment was one of Farmers Union's earliest policy victories. I am honored to stand beside you all as we continue this tradition.

I would like to sincerely thank our sponsors and promotional partners, as this conference would not be possible without their generous support.

Thank you for attending this year's Women's Conference and for your continued support of National Farmers Union and women in agriculture.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Larew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Rob Larew

President

National Farmers Union

AGENDA

Sunday, November 12

- 4:00 PM** Tablao Flamenco Matinee (*Ticketed*)
- 6:00 PM** Registration

Monday, November 13

- 8:00 AM** Registration
- 9:00 AM** Welcome to Women's Conference
- 9:30 AM** Preservation Spotlight: Farmers Union Preservation Projects
- 10:00 AM** Financial and Key Management Recordkeeping
- 12:00 PM** Lunch (*Provided*)
- 1:15 PM** Workshop: Using Storytelling to Preserve our Past and Lead a Collaborative Future
- 2:30 PM** How Cooperatives are Supporting Indigenous Communities
- 3:45 PM** Building Resilience on Working Lands
- 4:45 PM** Day Wrap-Up and Break
- 6:00 PM** Dinner and Trivia! (*Provided*)

Tuesday, November 14

- 8:00 AM** Breakfast (*Provided*)
- 9:00 AM** 2023 Farm Bill Outlook
- 10:00 AM** Workshop: Is Well-Being Even Possible in Agriculture?
- 11:15 AM** Farming and Family
- 12:15 PM** Conference Wrap-Up
- 12:30 PM** Lunch (*Provided*)
- 1:30 PM** Visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (*Ticketed*)

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Preservation Spotlight: Farmers Union Preservation Projects

Hear from three states - **Wisconsin Farmers Union**, **North Dakota Farmers Union**, and **Minnesota Farmers Union**, about special projects they are undertaking to preserve history, community, and tradition.

Financial and Key Management Recordkeeping

What records are required to keep, and which are useful? How should you keep records in a meaningful, systematic way?

This workshop will cover the IRS requirements for records farm and ranch businesses must keep to support their tax returns. It will delve into best practices for bookkeeping systems, and key management record that will help you manage for efficiency and profitability.

Presented by **Poppy Davis**.

Workshop: Using Storytelling to Preserve our Past and Lead a Collaborative Future

This interactive workshop will involve a series of activities to explore storytelling that not only preserves and supports our past but also that fosters collaborative action. Bring your own stories, goals for the land, and ideas for who is in the community of people you want to involve more as collaborators. The goal is that you will leave with some initial steps for beginning your own process—a process rooted in a radical--but simple--approach to storytelling that may not be what you expect.

Presented by **Linda Shenk** of **Iowa State University** and the **Women, Food, and Ag Network**.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

How Cooperatives are Supporting Indigenous Communities

This panel discussion will explore how the cooperative business model supports and empowers indigenous communities.

The panelists are:

Helga Garcia-Garza - Executive Director, **Agri-Cultura Network** and **La Cosecha CSA**

Rebecca Grashuis - Farm to School Coordinator, **Indigenous Farm Hub**

Bijiibah Begaye - Executive Director, **Cooperative Catalyst**

Eva Seidelman - Attorney, Chestnut Law Offices (consultant to Cooperative Catalyst)

Teia Evans - Project Director, Strengthening Co-op Capacity for Historically Underserved Farmers, **NCBA CLUSA**



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Building Resilience on Working Lands

Quivira Coalition builds resilience on western working landscapes through education, innovation, and collaboration. Critical to this work is not only the preservation of immense knowledge and experience within agricultural communities, but the preservation of the communities themselves in many ways.

This session will explore the following questions, informed by Quivira's work through its New Agrarian and Carbon Ranch Initiative programs: How can we preserve rural communities by training the next generation of ranchers and farmers? And how can we steward and preserve data that protects the interests and sovereignty of the people connected to the data?

Presented by **Quivira Coalition** New Agrarian Program Director **Leah Ricci** and Carbon Ranch Initiative Program Director **Eva Stricker**.

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2023 Farm Bill Outlook

What should you expect from the Farm Bill's reauthorization? What does the future of the Farm Bill hold for family farmer and ranchers?

Get the inside scoop from **Layla Soberanis**, **National Farmers Union** Sr. Government Relations Representative.

Workshop: Is Well-Being Even Possible in Agriculture?

The question must be earnestly asked as we make meaningful movement toward an answer. Well-being is a multifaceted, ever-changing reality that requires conscious choice and continual nurturing to experience.

Participants in this workshop will explore a new perspective on wellbeing for farmers, ranchers and agriculture workers, and how to practice regulation in challenging times that inevitably arise.

Through this workshop we hope to normalize social connectedness, relevant conversations, and practical tools that support physical, mental and emotional well-being for people working in agriculture.

Presented by **Constance Wilson** in partnership with **Rocky Mountain Farmers Union's AgWell**.

Farming and Family

Hear from fellow Farmers Union members on how they juggle family, work, and farm life.

The panelists are:

Nick Perchess, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

Elisana Judovsky, Minnesota Farmers Union

Jana Linderman, Iowa Farmers Union

Moderated by **Abby Perdue**, Membership Director, **National Farmers Union**

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