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WFU to host Farm and Rural Lobby Day January 18th

MADISON – Registration is open for Farm and Rural Lobby Day on Wednesday, January 18th. The annual event is organized by Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU).

WFU President Darin Von Ruden encouraged farmers to consider taking a day off the farm to attend.

“We’re facing tough times in farm country,” Von Ruden said. “It is more important than ever that farmers and rural citizens have a voice in the decisions being made at the Capitol.”

WFU members will advocate for policy priorities set by the grassroots membership at the farm organization’s annual convention in Wisconsin Dells in December, like preserving small and mid-sized farms, addressing concentration in agriculture, and the farmer’s roles in shaping climate change and water quality policy. Additionally, they will target budget priorities related to agriculture, conservation, and rural economic development.

Farm and Rural Lobby Day will begin at 10am at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave., near the capitol square. Speakers will provide background information on pending legislation that is of interest to farmers and rural residents to help participants prepare for their meetings with legislators.

Following lunch, the group will head to the Capitol to meet with their senators and representatives, with the day’s activities wrapping up around 4pm.

There is no cost to participate, and all are welcome to attend. Please pre-register as soon as possible so legislative visits can be planned accordingly. Carpools may be coordinated if there is significant interest in certain regions.

Please pre-register as soon as possible at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/events so legislative visits can be planned accordingly. For more information contact WFU Policy Coordinator Michelle Ramirez-White at mramirezwhite@wisconsinfarmersunion.com or 715-450-9507.

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