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Temple Grandin Headlines National Farmers Convention '19 in West Des Moines, Iowa March 11-13

(AMES, Iowa) Feb. 26, 2019—National Farmers members from across the U.S. will convene at the annual meeting March 11-13 in West Des Moines, Iowa, hearing from agricultural experts about the farm economy, livestock contracting and care trends, farm policy, the dairy price crisis, ag risk management and marketing.

National Farmers' Convene '19 in West Des Moines, Iowa, kicks off Monday, March 11, at 3 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel. National board leaders will address members, and Dr. Alejandro Plastina will discuss the farm financial situation of Midwestern farms. The day will end with remarks from National Farmers Vice President Paul Riniker, Greeley, Iowa.

March 12, Tuesday, brings a full slate of agricultural topics, with National Farmers business starting the day at 9 a.m. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig will welcome members and address agriculture right now. Richard Ellinghuysen, vice president, Producers Livestock Marketing Association, addresses what's ahead for the livestock industry at 10:45 and Temple Grandin, world renowned for her cattle facility design will speak at 1 p.m. JBS USA Director of Sustainability Kim Stackhouse talks at 2 p.m.

The March 12 slate of events also includes addressing farm policy concerns, which will be covered by Gene Paul, National Farmers legislative analyst. President Paul Olson addresses the convention body at an evening dessert reception. The Cattle Care and Contracting Today seminar, part of the day's events, features two National Farmers cattle marketing advisors presenting the latest approach to enhancing beef profits in 2019.

Wednesday, March 13 brings Commodity Day and a slate of presenters covering dairy, grain and livestock initiatives and accomplishments from and by National Farmers.

Brad Rach, dairy director, will lead the day's segment for milk producers, talking about structure management and National Farmers request for emergency relief for dairy producers.

Pat Lampert, livestock director of operations, will spearhead the presentation centering around National Farmers and Nexus cattle marketing and risk management. Matt Brandyberry, grain marketing specialist, headlines the presentation about Grain Marketing Plus, with NForanics grain being led by Tim Boortz, program manager and Mike Schulist, organic grain marketing specialist. They'll cover a market downtrend in the organic grain sector and what producers can do.

At the end of the day March 13, the Institute for Rural America hosts a benefit auction, which includes baskets that represent National Farmers member states and are filled with products associated with it. An evening dance begins at 7:30 p.m., with the band Passion returning to entertain members.

Register for convention at nationalfarmers.com. Scroll down to the Convene '19 logo and get more meeting details, hotel information and more. The newly remodeled Sheraton Hotel is the official event location. Members can call 800.325.3535 and make your reservations at the Sheraton today. Attendees should mention National Farmers for the special \$119 room rate.

A National Farmers FarmStarts free beginning farmer and organic farming workshop coincides with day one of the National Farmers' national convention, March 11. Producers may find more information about FarmStarts at nationalfarmers.com/farmstarts.

National Farmers is a conventional and organic commodity marketing organization for the nation's farmers and ranchers.

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