

- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Tea Break ~ Upper Atrium
- 10:30 a.m. NFU Beginning Farmers Institute
Bryn Bird, Bird's Haven Farms
- 10:50 a.m. Oil and Gas Leasing – What Does It Mean for Ohio
and What It Could Mean For You.
Taylor Knight, Esq., Reminger Co., L.P.A.
- 11:20 a.m. Consideration, Adoption of Policy (as needed)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch ~ Deshler I–IV
Invocation
- Joseph Fichter Scholarship Finalists
 - Virgil Thompson Memorial Scholarship Finalists
- Barbara Petronelli**, Scholarship Judge
- Consumer Options for Choice Energy Suppliers for
Electric (as well as natural gas)
Bruce J. Weston, Ohio Consumers' Counsel
- Legislator of the Year Award
Keynote Speaker:
Dave Hall, State Representative
Ohio House of Representatives, 70th District
- NFU Convention Delegate Election Results
Scholarship and Poster Contest Winners Results
- Other Business / Convention Adjournment

79th Annual Convention



Ohio Farmers Union
Columbus Airport Marriott
Columbus, Ohio
January 25 - 26, 2013

Ohio Farmers Union State Officers

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| President: | Roger Wise |
| Vice President & Secretary: | William (Bill) Miller, Jr. |
| Treasurer: | Carl Maag |
| Executive Director: | Linda Jones Borton |

Executive Committee

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| District One: | Bruce Yancey |
| District Two: | Carl Maag |
| District Three: | Joe Logan |
| District Four: | Walt Streber |
| District Five: | Duane Shields |

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

- 1:00 p.m. Group Singing ~ Wallick I
Call to Order – **Roger Wise**, President
Invocation
Salute to the Flag
- 1:15 p.m. Welcome – **Debbie Edmiston**, Sales Account Manager
Columbus Airport Marriott
- 1:20 p.m. Announcement of Convention Committees
Roger Wise, President
Report of Rules Committee
Ted Finnarn, Chairman
First Report of Credentials Committee
Marvin Thompson, Chairman
Preliminary Report of Bylaws Committee
Ted Finnarn, Chairman
- 1:45 p.m. Legislative Reports and Communications
Joe Logan, Director of Agricultural Programs
Ohio Environmental Council
Ron Sylvester, External Relations Director
Ohio Farmers Union
- 2:20 p.m. Vice President's Report
William Miller, Jr., Vice President
- 2:40 p.m. Financial and Executive Director Report
Linda Jones Borton, Executive Director
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee and Tea Break ~ Upper Atrium
- 3:15 p.m. Grain Indemnity Fund Update
Matt Beal, Chief, Division of Plant Industry
Ohio Department of Agriculture
- 3:35 p.m. **Jeff Eschmeyer and Mardy Townsend**, Co-chairpersons
Consideration and Adoption of Policy
- 4:10 p.m. Final Report of Credentials Committee
Marvin Thompson, Chairman

- 4:20 p.m. Nominations of candidates for NFU Convention Delegates
Tony Giesige, Chairman
Elections Committee
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- 4:30 p.m. Hearings
➤ Policy Committee Hearing ~ Columbus I
➤ Bylaws Committee Hearing ~ Gahanna
- 5:15 p.m. VIP Reception ~ Wallick II-III
(\$15 donation to Farmers Political Action Committee)
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet ~ Deshler I-IV
Invocation
Entertainment ~ **Gene Zenz**
President's Report
Roger Wise, President
Awards
Remarks:
Chandler Goule, Vice President of Government Relations
National Farmers Union
Keynote Speaker:
Tom Buis, Chief Executive Officer
Growth Energy
Farmers Political Action Committee Auction
Frank Grover, Auctioneer & Highland County Member

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

- 7:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting ~ Wallick II-III
- 8:30 a.m. Reconvene ~ Wallick I
Singing ~ Invocation
- 8:45 a.m. Memorial Service
- 9:00 a.m. Consideration and Adoption of Bylaws
Consideration and Adoption of Policy (as needed)
- 9:45 a.m. Election of NFU Convention Delegates