

### Farm & Ranch Conference February 5-7, 2021 Ramada, Bismarck

### Welcome

We're glad you chose to attend the 2021 Farm and Ranch Conference. We hope you enjoy your time with us!

I farm with my parents near Ellendale. We raise corn, soybeans, and wheat. In addition to crops, we also run a small cow/calf operation.



I graduated from North Dakota State University with an agricultural economics degree. While at NDSU, I became involved with Collegiate Farm Bureau. After college I started working at AgCountry Farm Credit Services. During this time I became a member of the Dickev County Farm Bureau Board and the District 3 representative for the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. I still currently work as a Loan Officer for AgCountry while helping out on the family farm. I am happy to have the opportunity to participate on the YF&R board. NDFB is a great organization and opportunity for growth of young farmers and ranchers. The Farm &

Ranch Conference gives us an opportunity to hear from some experts and learn from each other during these challenging times.

2020 was an interesting year to say the least. Excessive rains in the East, tough drought in the West, and of course the pandemic. I'm not sad to see us moving forward into 2021. We have great speakers lined up and I hope everyone has a great time, learns a lot, and meets some new people. Networking is a very important part of a successful farming and ranching business!

*Dahltin Pahl* Young Farmer & Rancher Chair

### **Discussion Meet**

Do you have what it takes to get people talking about solutions to today's pressing agriculture issues? Are you an active listener? Then the Discussion Meet might be for you! The contest helps develop your ability to participate in group discussions in a committee-like setting.

To participate, you must be an NDFB member between the ages of 18 and 35. To qualify for the national meet, you must not have reached your 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2021. Discussion Meet questions for this year are:

1. International trade is important to agriculture. We must continue working to build strong relations with existing customers while seeking out new trade partners to strengthen market stability. How can we enhance existing, and establish new and diverse foreign trading partners?

2. Connectivity underpins the modern economy. What mix of investment and policy initiatives can provide reliable broadband access to farmers, ranchers and rural America?

3. The increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters creates additional risk for farmers and ranchers. What tools and production practices can be engaged to reduce climate and weather risks?

4. The decline in rural populations is accelerated by a poor farm economy. What solutions would enhance the vibrancy and economic sustainability of agriculture and rural communities?

5. Is big data a big solution or big exposure? Technology tools are often cited as a method of increasing productivity and profitability, but there are liabilitiesthat go along with technology. As young farmers and ranchers we are often first adopters. How do we ensure clear understanding of the risks and rewards of big data and smart farming?

The state Discussion Meet winner will take home a new Polaris ETX Sportsman four-wheeler and compete in the national Discussion Meet at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting, in Atlanta, Georgia, in January 2022. The other three finalists will receive an RTIC 45 cooler.

# Agenda

#### Friday, February 5

1:00-5:00pm	Registration	Casual Area
5:00-6:00pm	Welcome/Social	Heritage Hall
6:00 pm	FB Update -President	
6:15 pm	Supper	
6:45 pm	Gian Paul Gonzalez	
8:30 pm	Ag Olympics	Assembly Hall

#### Saturday, February 6

7:30 am -5:00pm	Registration	Casual Area
8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast	Heritage Hall
8:30 -8:45 am	District Meetings/Introduct	ions
8:45-9:30 am	Opening Session YF&R and P&E - Panel Discuss	sion
9:30 -10:30 am	Breakout Sessions:	
	Beef Panel Darrel Oswald, Kevin Sedivec, Rachael Christensen, Cole Mil	Congress
	Soil Reclamation Strategies Thomas Desutter	6 Chamber
	W.T.F (where's the farm) onl Ag Marketing	ine Senate
10:30-10:45 am	Break	
10:45 -11:45 am	Breakout Sessions repeat	

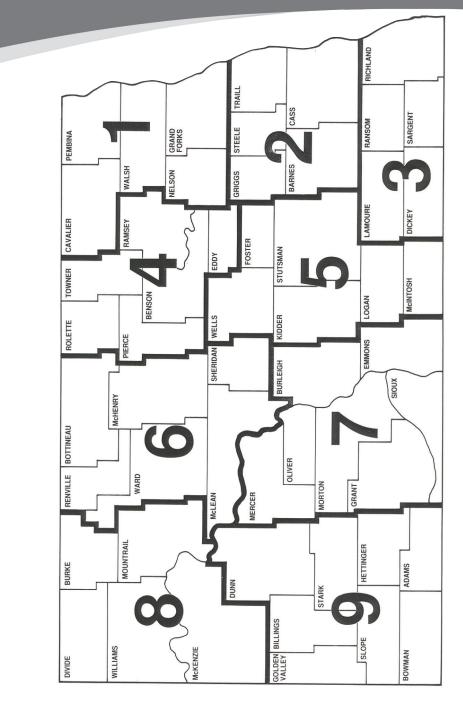
#### Saturday Feb. 6 continued....

Noon-1:00pm	Lunch	Heritage Hall
1:00-1:45 pm	Breakout Sessions:	
	Congressional Insight	Congress
	The Meat Market How to sell your meat	Chamber
	Field to Fork Feud - Ag Triv	ia Senate
1:45 -2:00pm	Break	
2:00-2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions repeat	
2:45 -3:00 pm	Snack Break	
3:00-5:00pm	YF&R Discussion Meet	Judicial
5:00 -6:00pm	Social	Heritage Hall
6:00pm	Banquet	
7:45-8:30 pm	Final Four Discussion Meet	Judicial
9:00-11:00pm	Tim the Dairy Farmer	Heritage Hall

#### Sunday, February 7

8:30 -9:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Heritage Hall
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### **District Map**



# Evaluation

We are always looking for ways to improve with your help. Please rate each event one through five, with five being the highest. Also incude any comments you may have.

Rating (1-5, five being highest) Comments Friday, February 5, 2021 Gian Paul Gonzalez
Ag Olympics
Saturday, February 6, 2021 Opening Session
Beef Panel
Soil Reclamation
W.T.F (Where's the farm)
Congressional Insight
The Meat Market
Field to Fork Ag Trivia
YFR Discussion Meet
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What session was the most helpful?
What did you like most about the conference?

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