



89th Annual **State Convention**  
**January 31-February 2, 2020**

Central Wisconsin Convention + Expo Center  
Rothschild, WI

Wisconsin Farmers Union's annual gathering is headed to Central Wisconsin this year, with a new and improved schedule that promises grassroots engagement and plenty of time for networking!

**FRIDAY January 31st**

**GROUNDSWELL WORKSHOP**

**FRIDAY NIGHT CANDIDATE MEET & GREET**

**SATURDAY February 1st**

**KEYNOTE** Barry Lynn

Barry Lynn directs the Open Markets Institute. Previously, he spent 15 years at the New America Foundation researching and writing about monopoly power. He is the author of *Cornered: The New Monopoly Capitalism and the Economics of Destruction* and *End of the Line: The Rise and Coming Fall of the Global Corporation*.

**WORKSHOPS**

Why Competition Matters | Barry Lynn, Open Markets Institute  
Navigating Conflict | Kristine Ranger, Knowledge Navigators  
Our Lakes, Our Lands | Bill Hogseth, WFU & Eric Olson, UW-Stevens Point  
Supply Management: Dirty Word or Powerful Tool? | Sarah Lloyd, WFU & Bill Lillston, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy

**POLICY DISCUSSION** kicks off Saturday!  
Join in thoughtful discourse on the future of agriculture and help guide Farmers Union's work in the year ahead.

**SUNDAY February 2nd**

**INTERFAITH SERVICE** highlighting faith & farming

**BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLES** connect with others on the rural issues that matter most to you!

**POLICY DISCUSSION** by the grassroots membership

Registration =  
\$500 value for only \$80

**SPECIAL KEYNOTE!**

**Barry Lynn**  
Open Markets Institute  
Executive Director

*Consolidation & Power  
in the Farm Economy*



**NETWORKING** with fellow family farmers & rural allies



**Engage in GRASSROOTS POLICYMAKING**



**Family-friendly concurrent YOUTH CO-OP CONVENTION**

## Convention Agenda

*(Subject to Change)*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

11am	Registration open
12-4:30pm	Groundswell Conference
4:30-7:30pm	Convention Registration
6pm	Candidate Meet & Greet

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30am-6pm	Silent Auction Open
7:30am	Registration open
	Resolutions Committee Meets
8:15am	Credentials Committee Meets
9:00am	Official Convention Opening
	Guest Speakers & Reports
10:20am	Social Time & Exhibits
10:45am	Workshops
Noon	Awards Luncheon
1:30pm	Bylaws Discussion
2:15pm	Networking & Exhibits
2:30pm	Policy Discussion
	Caucus for Delegates & Directors
5:00pm	Social Hour Begins
6:00pm	Convention Banquet
7:00pm	Keynote: Barry Lynn
7:45pm	Builders Awards
8:00pm	Torchbearer Ceremony
8:30pm	Networking Social

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30-8:30am	Delegate voting open
7:30-8:30am	Breakfast Topic Roundtables
7:45am	Interfaith Worship Service
9:20am	Policy & Resolutions Discussion
10:45am	Social Time & Exhibits
11:00am	Policy & Resolutions Discussion
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	Policy Wrap-up (If needed)
	Election Results & Announcements
2:00pm	Adjourn

### EARLY BIRD & SPECIAL RATES

Register by **January 9th** to receive early bird rates! Find current details and online registration at [www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/convention](http://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/convention).

On-site convention registration opens at 11am on Fri. Jan. 31 and continues on Sat., Feb. 1 at 7:30am.

All delegates and individuals who wish to vote their own vote are required to buy a Delegate Registration Package, which includes the Saturday and Sunday meals.

Youth/youth leaders who are also delegates should purchase a Delegate Registration Package. Only non-delegate youth leaders recorded in advance at the state office are eligible for the youth leader rate.

We welcome non-members but encourage you to join Wisconsin Farmers Union to take advantage of the member registration rate.

### YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

WFU holds concurrent youth activities during select times of Convention weekend: Youth Co-op Convention (upper elementary-high school) and Childcare (infant-lower elementary). The youth registration fee covers meals and programming/childcare for all youth, regardless of age. High school and college youth may volunteer at convention. For details, contact WFU Education Director Cathy Statz at 715-723-5561 or [cstatz@wisconsinfarmersunion.com](mailto:cstatz@wisconsinfarmersunion.com).

### CANCELLATION POLICY

To receive a refund on your registration, cancellations must be reported to the WFU State Office by noon on Thurs, Jan. 16. Contact Diane Tiry at [dtiry@wisconsinfarmersunion.com](mailto:dtiry@wisconsinfarmersunion.com) or 800-272-5531.

### LODGING

Lodging is available at:

- Holiday Inn, 100 Imperial Ave., Rothschild (attached to the Expo Center at 10101 Market Street where convention will be held). Rooms are \$90, refer to group code "FAR" when reserving at 715-355-1111 or <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/rothschild/wauwi/hotel/detail>

- Best Western, 803 Industrial Park Ave., Rothschild. Rooms are \$90. Refer to WI Farmers Union when booking at 715-355-8900.



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Registration also available online:  
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Please list only one family per registration form. Have questions? Call the WFU State Office at 715-723-5561.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation/Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
County/Local \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCLE: No Special Dietary Needs   Vegetarian   Gluten-Free   Vegan   Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUNDSWELL: Building Rural Strength & Resiliency by Advancing Racial Justice

Noon to 4:30pm Friday, Jan. 31st	Nonmember	Member	# of Tickets	Total
Groundswell Registration (Includes lunch)	\$65 x # _____ (includes membership)	\$35 x # _____		\$

## FRIDAY NIGHT MEET & GREET

This event kicks off at 6pm Friday with plenty of food, networking, and a chance to meet candidates in the upcoming 2020 elections!	Ticket Cost	# of Tickets	Total
Adult Ticket	\$20		\$
Youth Ticket (Ages 18 & under)	\$10		\$

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION PLEASE NOTE THAT PACKAGE RATES INCLUDE ALL BUFFET MEALS: Saturday lunch and banquet, Sunday breakfast and lunch. (Non-delegate guests planning to attend one day only: see Day Passes option below.)

Type of Registrant	Price	# of Packages	Registrant Name(s): (if multiple on form)	Total
DELEGATE Member	\$100			\$
ADULT Member	\$100			\$
NON-Member	\$120			\$
CHILD CARE, YOUTH or YOUTH LEADER (Please fill out youth info on reverse)	\$60			\$

## DAY PASSES Tickets available for non-delegate individuals who plan to attend for one day only.

	Member	Non-Member	Registrant Name(s): (if multiple on form)	# Needed	Total
Sat., Feb. 1 (Includes Lunch & Evening Banquet)	\$70	\$75			\$
Sun., Feb. 2 (Includes Breakfast & Lunch)	\$50	\$50			\$
REGISTRATION TOTAL					\$

Check enclosed (payable to Wisconsin Farmers Union) OR charge my credit card:

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 digit security #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form & payment to Wisconsin Farmers Union, 117 W. Spring St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

## YOUTH OPTIONS

WFU holds concurrent youth activities during select times of Convention weekend: Youth Co-op Convention (upper elementary through high school) and Childcare (infant-lower elementary).

**The Youth Co-op Convention** features a cooperative education program that is geared toward youth in 7th-12th grade. (Younger siblings and upper elementary youth are welcome, at parent discretion, in the Youth Co-op Convention; preferably if accompanied by an older sibling, parent, or youth leader.) The Youth Co-op Convention is held from 9am to 2pm on Saturday and 9am to noon on Sunday.

**Childcare** will be offered as needed at select times for our younger attendees (infant to lower elementary).

**The Convention Youth Dance and Social** (for all youth attendees; parents welcome) will be from 9-11:30pm on Saturday night. Supervision and a family movie may be provided (based on interest) for younger children after the banquet that evening as well.

**A \$60 per youth registration fee covers meals and programming/childcare for ALL youth at Convention, from infant through high school.** Meals include Saturday lunch and banquet, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. For more details about youth activities and childcare, contact WFU Education Director Cathy Statz at 715-723-5561 or [cstatz@wisconsinfarmersunion.com](mailto:cstatz@wisconsinfarmersunion.com).

CONVENTION YOUTH ATTENDEES				
First & Last Name	Youth Activity	Birthdate MM/DD/YY	Grade	Dietary Needs
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