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## Farmers Union to host Farm and Rural Lobby Day

MADISON – Registration is now open for Farm and Rural Lobby Day, hosted by Wisconsin Farmers Union in Madison on Tues., Feb. 28.

“This is a day when farmers and rural residents will have an opportunity to talk with their legislators about important issues in their communities,” said Wisconsin Farmers Union President Darin Von Ruden. “Decisions that are made in Madison have a tremendous impact on our lives in rural Wisconsin. Farm and Rural Lobby Day is a chance to work together to strengthen the voices of family farmers and our rural communities.”

Topics on the agenda include protecting groundwater access for current and future generations, improving rural high-speed internet access, and securing funding for rural schools and town and county roads in the state budget.

“It’s extremely important for citizens to be actively engaged in their government, and there’s no better way to express your thoughts and concerns to your elected representatives than to participate in Farm and Rural Lobby Day, putting a face and a voice to those issues,” said Nick Levendofsky, WFU government relations associate.



Farm and Rural Lobby Day will begin with a 10:30am registration and 11am issues briefings 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. Pick-up routes are being considered. Those interested in transportation are asked to email [intern@wisconsinfarmersunion.com](mailto:intern@wisconsinfarmersunion.com). To register or for more information, call 715-723-5561 or visit [www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com](http://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com).

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