



THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE IYFF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

National Farmers Union, Chair
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RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, National Farmers Union has been invited to form the United States National Committee in support of the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF); and

WHEREAS, an Executive Committee of interested organizations has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee supports the United Nations' objectives of the IYFF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE, THE MEMBERS CONCURRING THEREIN: The United States National Committee supports policies and programs that:

- protect and enhance the economic well-being and quality of life for family farmers, ranchers, fishers and their local communities.
- recognize family farming as a model of agricultural production that provides opportunities for individual enterprise, farmland protection, rural development, economic and social stability and stewardship of natural resources.

- provide education and assistance to encourage development of cooperative businesses that empower family farms through member ownership.
- include family farming as a resource for participation in the production of cleaner alternative energies, thereby reducing carbon-based fuels demand and the effects of climate change.
- provide family farms with access to credit, markets, technology and educational resources, particularly to meet the unique needs and barriers facing beginning, socially disadvantaged and smallholder farmers.
- stimulate growth in local and regional food systems to provide family farms and consumers with markets for healthy, locally grown food and to boost local economies .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a system of sustainable family farming, ranching and fishing is fundamental to food security and nutrition, alleviating hunger and poverty, protecting farmland, environmental stewardship and thriving rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the benefits of family farming transcend every social, economic, environmental and geographic boundary of our planet and that the IYFF will raise global awareness and prominence of the importance of family farming; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: The Executive Committee invites anyone, individually or organizationally, that supports the objectives of the IYFF to join the United States National Committee of the IYFF.