



# Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee

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## 1. Call to Order

## 2. [S.F. 3481](#) (Westrom) Meat cutting and butchery training grant appropriation.

- Eric Sawatzke, Agriculture Instructor – West Central Area Schools
- Jaden Carey, Student – Braham Area Schools FFA
- Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director - Minnesota Farmers Union
- Amber Glaeser, Director of Public Policy – Minnesota Farm Bureau

## 3. [S.F. 3320](#) (Rarick) Meat and poultry processor training grants appropriation.

- Greg Wierschke – Clean Chickens & Co.
- Amber Glaeser, Director of Public Policy – Minnesota Farm Bureau

## 4. [S.F. 3737](#) (Weber) Agriculture best management practices grant program creation and appropriation.

- Bryan Biegler, President – Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Grant Breitreutz, President – Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association
- Ben Mergen - Farmer and Soil Health Service Provider
- Amber Glaeser, Director of Public Policy – Minnesota Farm Bureau
- Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director - Minnesota Farmers Union
- T. J. Kartes, cover crop seed sales – Saddle Butte Ag. Inc.

## 5. Adjournment

Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee  
1150 Minnesota Senate Building  
Monday, Wednesday  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM