



# Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

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3:00 p.m.

1150 Minnesota Senate Building

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Minnesota Milk Producers Association's Dairy Day at the Capitol- Producer of the Year Video (Mursu Dairy; New York Mills, MN)
  - Shelly DePestel, President, Minnesota Milk Producers Association
3. Minnesota Farmers Union Lobby Day
  - Gary Wertish, President, Minnesota Farmers Union
4. SF 1312 (Kupec) County agricultural inspector grants appropriation
  - Bob Dunning, Ag Inspector, Stearns County; Past President, MACAI
  - Greg Bernu, Land Commissioner, Carlton County
5. SF 1115 (Kupec) Funding increase for county and district agricultural societies premium aid
  - Tiffany Gustin, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
  - Andrew Duerr, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
6. SF 1230 (Kupec) International marketing opportunities appropriation for farmers
  - Joe Smentek, Executive Director, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
  - Gail Donkers, Farmer, Minnesota Farmers Union

7. SF 1088 (Frentz) Agriculture-related business assistance appropriation

- Sam Ziegler, President, GreenSeam
- Troy Schmidtke, Founder/CEO, EarthScout
- Ethan Dado, AFNR Teacher and FFA Advisor, Mankato Area Public Schools
- Brynn Bohlke, Student, Mankato Area Public Schools

8. Adjournment