



# 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. SF 2218 (Kupec) Grain indemnity account establishment and appropriation
3. SF 1727 (Gustafson) The Good Acre grant appropriation for the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer Fund program
  - David Van Eeckhout, Farm Program Director, The Good Acre
  - Jane Windsperger, GEDEF Organic Farm
  - Robert Lor, Farmer
4. SF 2016 (Gustafson) Urban agriculture grants appropriation
  - Michelle Horovitz, Co-Founder and Senior External Relations Officer, Appetite for Change
  - Tim Page, Holistic Health Farms
5. SF 2158 (Gustafson) Farm-to-school program establishment
  - Ben Doherty, Open Hands Farm
  - Aimee Haag, Farm-to-School Liaison; Litchfield, Dassel-Cokato, and Hutchinson Public Schools
  - Erin McKee, Community Food Systems Program Director, Institute for Agriculture Trade and Policy
6. SF 39 (Kunesh) Pollinator research funding establishment
  - Daniel P. Cariveau, Ph.D.; Associate Professor, University of Minnesota Department of Entomology
  - Marla Spivak, Ph.D.; Distinguished McKnight University Professor, University of Minnesota Department of Entomology

7. SF 335 (Kunesh) University of Minnesota heritage oilseed and grain initiative appropriation

- Gary J. Muehlbauer, Ph.D.; Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Endowed Chair in Molecular Genetics, University of Minnesota Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics

8. Adjournment