



# Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. SF 861 (Rarick) Meat and poultry processor training grants appropriation
  - Greg Wierschke, Clean Chickens and Co.
  - Jim Gardner, Gardner Family Farm
  - Sarah Goldman, Land Stewardship Project
3. SF 1592 (Kupec) Meat and poultry processing certification navigator appropriation
  - Greg Wierschke, Clean Chickens and Co.
  - Jim Gardner, Gardner Family Farm
  - Sarah Goldman, Land Stewardship Project
  - Paul Sobocinski, Meat Processing Bottleneck Project
  - Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
4. SF 2620 (Kupec) Meat, poultry, egg and milk processing facilities appropriation
  - Ryan Schmidt, Schmidt's Meat Market
  - Josh VanDerPol, Pastures A Plenty Farm; Minnesota Farmers Union Executive Committee
5. SF 2681 (Kunesh) Commissioner of agriculture appropriation for grants to partner organizations to assist meat and poultry processors with hiring and training new employees
  - Sophia Thommes, Meat Cutting Instructor, Ridgewater College
  - Lindsey Fulton, Blondie's Butcher Shop

- Cheryl Hills, Executive Director, Region Five Development Commission
  - Paul Sobocinski, Meat Processing Bottleneck Project
6. SF 2557 (Kunesh) Certain provisions prohibition in carbon storage contracts
    - Peter Schwagerl, Prairie Point Farm; Farmers Guide to Carbon Market Contracts Advisory Committee
  7. SF 1867 (Rasmusson) Below cost sales of dairy prohibition elimination
    - Jennifer Carriveau, Vice President, Minnesota Cottage Food Producers Association
    - Daryn McBeth, Minnesota Milk Producers Association
    - Josh VanDerPol, Pastures A Plenty Farm; Minnesota Farmers Union Executive Committee
    - Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association
  8. SF 2379 (Putnam) Dairy industry regulation provision modification
  9. SF 2128 (Putnam) Restricted species provisions modification
  10. SF 2315 (Putnam) Nonnative Phragmites addition to noxious weeds provisions
  11. SF 2625 (Putnam) Minimum risk pesticide definition establishment; minimum risk pesticide use for growing medical cannabis authorization
  12. SF 2550 (Seeberger) Nursery and plant protection provisions modification
  13. SF 2551 (Seeberger) Genetically engineered organisms provisions modification
  14. SF 2666 (Kupec) Appeal period modification to 20 days after service of an order from the Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division or Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture
  15. SF 2667 (Kupec) Advanced biofuel production incentive and renewable chemical production incentive provisions modification