

## **Preamble**

We the members of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, present our policy to address agriculture, energy, environment, social, and other issues vital to the lives of all Americans. This policy has been developed in true democratic fashion, with recommendations and proposals originating from our local chapters. These recommendations and revisions have been approved by members at the RMFU annual convention.

RMFU's policy is divided into four sections: National Advocacy, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming. This approach is more evidence of our grassroots culture, with our members having a say not only in their own state policy, but also in the policy developed by National Farmers Union at its annual convention where RMFU delegates will join others from across the country to debate and approve the national organization's policy.

RMFU's policy provides our members and communities with the tools they need to be profitable, to build better futures, and to have a voice that is heard by local, state, and national policymakers.

Our members believe a "family farm" is an agricultural production unit using land and other capital investments and operated by one or more farm operator families who provide the management, take the economic risk, and do the work required to operate and manage the unit. A "family farm corporation" is defined as a corporation founded for farming and the ownership of agricultural land in which most of the voting stock is held by, and the majority of the stockholders are, members of a family, at least one of whom is the person managing and working on the farm.