

Please welcome our 2025 NFU Manitoba Organizer!!!

With contributions from supporters and members we were able to put a call out and received several great applications for a regional organizer role for 2025. It was a tough selection process but we're confident with whom we found.



Introducing **Leanna Wiebe** (the one without the glasses).

She recently graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Masters degree focused on human-wetland relationships in agricultural landscapes, considering both Ojibway and non-Indigenous farmer perspectives from the Swan Lake region of Manitoba. Her work experience includes working with the Swan Lake Youth Environmental Stewardship Program, working with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada within the Agriculture Climate Solutions network, and for the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

Her passion is finding ways to build healthy relationships between people and land in rural landscapes and she

pursues this through a number of avenues. She and her husband own 160 acres of natural lands on the Manitoba Escarpment near Morden and provide open access to this land through building and maintaining a trail network on the property that allows hiking and cycling. She volunteers with the Stanley Trail Association dedicated to promoting the ecological value of the Manitoba Escarpment through maintenance of a trail system in the RM of Stanley in connection with the Trans Canada Trail Association. She and her husband also co-participate in a work guild which shares labor between with several households focused on a variety of land-care efforts, such as permaculture, habitat restoration, and a community supported agriculture initiative.

Leanna will be helping us write letters, organize meetings, make phone calls to potential members and so on.

Currently we are able to keep Leanna working for us on a part times basis until August of this year.

To **continue your support** and keep Leanna's efforts going in 2025-26 there are 2 easy options:

- 1) Direct Donation – Donate all funds directly to NFU-Manitoba
- 2) Charitable Receipt Option: The World We Want

1) If you would like 100% of your donation to go directly to the NFU in Manitoba we can accept donations if you write a cheque to the NFU office and put "NFU-MB Membership" in the memo. Contact us at [\(306\) 652-9465](tel:3066529465) nfu@nfu.ca;

or

2) The **World We Want** project is a partnership between the National Farmers Foundation and the National Farmers Union that is building capacity for community organizing activities and further engagement to support farmer-centered food and farm systems that advance rural development. Half of the money donated stays in Manitoba for the projects they are working on, the other half, is dedicated to the NFU National Office, which supports national issue activities and policy advocacy.

As a registered Canadian charity (#882622368 RR0001), the National Farmers Foundation will issue an official tax receipt for all donations of \$20 or more.

Your donation to this campaign can be made in several ways. You can

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National Farmer Foundation
c/o Glen Koroluk, 595 Gouling Street Wpg MB R3G 2S3
(Please indicate TWWW – MB on the memo line)



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