



# Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Minnesota Pork Producers Association's Pork Day at the Capitol
  - John Anderson, President, Minnesota Pork Producers Association
3. Corporate Farm and Foreign Ownership Law Presentation by Minnesota Department of Agriculture
  - Thom Petersen, Commissioner
  - Doug Spanier, General Counsel
4. SF 1575 (Seeberger) Agricultural down payment assistance grants appropriation
  - Naima Dhore, Douglas County Vegetable Farmer; Land Stewardship Project Land Access Committee Steering Member
  - Laura Schreiber, Policy Organizer, Land Stewardship Project
5. SF 1879 (Putnam) Beginning farmer tax credit for the sale of an agricultural asset eligibility modification; credit administration appropriation and sunset of the credit repeal authorization
  - Molly Byron, Byron Farms
  - Kelsey Zavedra, Heirloomista
  - Jane Windsperger, GEDEF Organic Farm
  - Leif Aakre, Farmer; Board Member, AgCountry Farm Credit Services
6. Grain Advisory Group Report Presentation by Minnesota Department of Agriculture
  - Thom Petersen, Commissioner
  - Nicholas Milanowski; Fruit, Grain & Vegetable Section Manager

7. SF 2218 (Kupec) Grain indemnity account establishment and appropriation

- Martin Phillips, Blue Skye Farms
- Chad Stannard
- Brian Herbst, Herbst Farms
- Jay Peterson, Sunrise Organic Farm
- Jim Falk, Falk Seed Farm
- Bob Worth, President, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
- Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Laura Lemke, Executive Director, Minnesota Grain & Feed Association

8. Adjournment