



Roger Johnson, President of the National Farmers Union, was elected to his post during the organization's 107th anniversary convention in 2009. Prior to his current position, he served as Agriculture Commissioner of North Dakota since 1996, having been twice re-elected to the office. Johnson was one of three officials who make up North Dakota's Industrial Commission, which allocates the state's coal and renewable energy-related investments. While Agriculture Commissioner, he was President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in 2007-2008. In that position, and previously as Chairman of NASDA's Rural Development and Financial Security Committee, Johnson played a leading role in the development of Farm Bill policies including improving the "safety net" for agricultural producers, a permanent disaster program, ending the ban on interstate shipment of state-inspected meat, and farm-based renewable energy. A third-generation family farmer, Johnson graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in agricultural economics and has an extensive background in agricultural mediation.