



Farmers Union Carbon Credit Program

The goal of the Farmers Union Carbon Credit Program is to enhance the income of farmers and ranchers through economically successful and environmentally sound land management practices that reduce or offset carbon emissions.

To gain access to the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) market (currently the only open market for agricultural soil offsets) individual agricultural producers contract with an aggregator and are placed in huge, multi-contract, multi-state carbon credit “pools”. The aggregator arranges for annual verification of contracts, registers approved pool credits on the CCX, sell credits on the CCX trading platform and return proceeds, less fees, to contract holders on an annual basis.

North Dakota Farmers Union has worked to gain approval from the CCX as an official aggregator of carbon credits. NDFU continues to be the fiscal agent for selling the offsets, maintaining the database and Web site information, and enrolling producers.

Our office is located within the NDFU headquarters in Jamestown, North Dakota. We employ three full-time staff members in our office: Dale Enerson, Program Director; Liz Mathern, Program Specialist; and Bev Watkins, Program Coordinator. In addition, staff members at our sister state farmers union organizations and other valued associates help us from time to time with promotional meetings and events.

We do not have any local offices or affiliates. All of our contract holders use our web-based enrollment system, so we actually have thousands of enrollment experts all over the country. In addition, we have tried to make our Web site as informative as possible and our staff is available to help with any questions you may have- so your friends and neighbors are your best local resources and our staff is just a quick phone call or email away. This framework allows us to run an efficient highly effective program with minimal cost to contract holders.

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North Dakota Farmers Union

North Dakota Farmers Union is the largest general farm organization in the state, representing over 35,000 families. Robert Carlson serves as the organization's president.



NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION MISSION STATEMENT:

North Dakota Farmers Union, guided by the principles of cooperation, legislation and education, is an organization committed to the prosperity of family farms, ranches and rural communities.