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Best Farming Practices/Sustainable Agriculture

Presently, the small farmer is being pushed into the background while, due to inflating row crop prices, the large soybean and corn growers in Minnesota are the primary contributors to agricultural policy; smaller family farmers remain out of the discussion.

The Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League of America in convention on April 10, 2011 at Sandstone, MN urges the governor to immediately establish a public citizens' commission to advise the governor on the best practices of sustainable agriculture practices in Minnesota. This commission shall consist of the Commissioner of Agriculture, members from Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Sustainable Farming Association, Minnesota Environmental Partnership and representatives of smaller family farmers representing northern, central and southern regions of the state. The commission shall exist to advise the governor regarding best farming practices in Minnesota to ensure the sustainability of farmland, our environmental resources and the future of farming families in Minnesota.

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