

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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Stations: KRFO-FM and KQCL-FM

October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

SECTION I. Issues

- A) **2022 Election:** With so many eyes and ears on the midterm elections, a large focus is put on news and information leading up to election day, and what the results mean to our nation, state, and local communities.
- B) **Agriculture:** As the fall harvest is complete, with an increased focus on farm and agricultural safety. A farmer is 800 percent more likely to die while working than people in other jobs, and agriculture plays an enormous role across southern Minnesota.
- C) **Education:** Families remain concerned on how Minnesota school districts have been and will continue to handle COVID-19, teacher & bus driver shortages, and school safety.
- D) **Economy:** Many Minnesota families are struggling to make ends meet. Inflation is affecting every aspect of their lives. Higher gas prices, increased cost of food and groceries, and the cost of sending kids back to school are weighing heavily on area families, leaving many wondering if there is any relief in sight.
- E) **Healthcare:** Keeping their families health and safe is likely the top priority of southern Minnesota parents and families. From flu shots to COVID boosters, and what the Minnesota Department of Health calls an alarming rise in sexually transmitted diseases. There's a focus on staying health during the holidays.

SECTION II – Responsive Programs

MINNESOTA MATTERS is a weekly locally produced public affairs program that discusses matters of importance to Minnesotans. Minnesota Matters runs every Sunday morning on both **KRFO-FM** and **KQCL-FM** for 30 minutes from 6:00 am to 6:30 am.

10/23/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Election, Agriculture

Program Description: Discussed during the program were November elections, Minnesota's dairy industry, the Minnesota Governor's deer opener, and college hockey.

10/30/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Election, Agriculture

Program Description: During the program there were discussions of agricultural growth, the 2022 election, Minnesota Thanksgiving turkey costs and projections, and University of Minnesota Women's Soccer.

11/6/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Health, Agriculture, Election

Program Description: During the program the hosts talk about the upcoming 2022 election, Minnesota turkey production ahead of Thanksgiving, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester is developing a new diabetes drug, and University of Minnesota football.

11/20/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Election, Agriculture, Travel

Program Description: During the program the hosts talk with U.S. Senator Tina Smith discussing the 2023 Farm Bill, the holiday travel season, a re-cap of the 2022 midterm elections, and the Minnesota Vikings.

11/27/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Safety, Economy, Social Issues

Program Description: This week's program included a discussion on the increased need for the less fortunate in Minnesota this winter, extra law enforcement targeting impaired driving during the holiday season, changes for the Minnesota State Fair in 2023, and University of Minnesota football.

12/4/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Healthcare, Mental Health

Program Description: This week's program included a conversation on Minnesota's nurses authorizing a strike at sixteen hospitals, the state's expanding medical cannabis program, staying healthy through the holidays, and coping with addiction through the New Year.

12/11/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Local government, Economy

Program Description: This week's program included discussions on a rural broadband funding boost in Minnesota, Minnesota's state budget forecast, the averted national rail strike, and the effect in Minnesota.

12/18/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Healthcare, health & wellness

Program Description: During the program the hosts cover protecting yourself from illness this holiday season, new contracts for the Minnesota Nurses Union approved, and ways to increase the state's moose population.

12/25/2022

Issue(s) Discussed: Education, public health

Program Description: This week on the program there a discussion of the University of Minnesota offering a new degree in Public Health, a look back at some of the top stories of the year, the popularity of trains during the holidays, and University of Minnesota women's volleyball.