

## **STEGER SPEAKS AT FARMFEST**

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Arctic explorer-turned global warming crusader Will Steger gave a presentation on global warming at Farmfest yesterday afternoon. Steger says he wanted to give a global perspective on how global warming is melting polar ice and affecting the eskimos. Steger recently spent time on Baffin Island, just west of Greenland, and says the melting of polar ice is cutting the natives' hunting season by 1/3rd. Steger says the more the ice melts, the more the sun's rays are absorbed into the earth instead of being reflected back into space, speeding global warming. And he says the use of carbon-based fuels creates a carbon dioxide blanket around the earth, keeping the heat in. Steger is preaching to a friendly crowd at Farmfest where the booming ethanol industry is helping corn farmers. Steger says it's encouraging to see Minnesota and the U.S. moving toward renewable fuels. Steger says the renewable fuels industry is helping rural Minnesota where he says it's roots lie. Steger says next spring he plans to bring a group to Ellsmere Island, near the north pole to observe the polar ice shelf breaking away.

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