



Hahn to chair Farm Foundation Board

OAK BROOK, Ill. June 12, 2008: Richard Hahn of Omaha, Neb., has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees of Farm Foundation. He succeeds Sara R. Wyant, President of Agri-Pulse Communications.

Barry Flinchbaugh of Kansas State University was named Vice Chair. The election took place at the Board's annual meeting June 7, 2008, in Canandaigua, NY.

Established in 1933, Farm Foundation is directed by a Board of Trustees comprised of leaders in agriculture and the food system. Farm Foundation works as a catalyst for sound public policy by providing objective information to foster a deeper understanding of issues shaping the future of agriculture, food systems and rural regions. Farm Foundation does not lobby or advocate. Its primary product is comprehensive, objective information on economic and public policy issues.

Hahn was first elected to the Farm Foundation Board of Trustees in 2002 and was re-elected to a second five-year term in 2007. Flinchbaugh was first elected to the board in 2001 and re-elected in 2006.

Hahn retired in 2005 as President and CEO of Farmers National Company, but continues to work part-time in real estate sales. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Hahn started his professional real estate and farm management career at Metropolitan Life. Metropolitan bought Farmers National in 1986 and Hahn became president and CEO in 1987.

Active in professional and community organizations, Hahn is a member of the Steering Committee of 25 x '25. Hahn serves on the board of directors of Omaha's Methodist Hospital, Methodist School of Nursing and Methodist Physicians' Clinic. He is also a Trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation and serves on the Board of the Concordia University Foundation, Seward. Hahn served two years of active duty and 28 years of active reserve duty in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1991 as a captain.

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