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Wyant leads Farm Foundation Board

OAK BROOK, Ill. July 26, 2007: Sara Wyant of St. Charles, Ill., has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees of Farm Foundation. She succeeds Victor Lechtenberg, interim provost of Purdue University. Richard Hahn of Omaha, Neb., was named Vice Chair. The election took place at the Board's annual meeting in June.

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 to assist private- and public-sector decision makers in identifying and understanding forces that will shape the future, and options to address the resulting challenges and opportunities. The Foundation's focus is on economic and public policy issues impacting agriculture, the food system and rural communities. Farm Foundation does not lobby or advocate.

Wyant was first elected to the Farm Foundation Board of Trustees in 2000. She was re-elected to a second five-year term in 2005. Hahn was re-elected to his second term on the board at the June meeting.

Wyant is President of Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc., a diversified communications firm with offices in Washington, D.C., and St. Charles, Ill. Her newsletter, *Agri-Pulse*, includes the latest updates on farm policy, commodity and conservation programs, trade, food safety, rural development, and environmental and regulatory programs. She also writes columns for several rural weeklies.

In addition to her work with Farm Foundation, Wyant serves on the Adayana Board of Advisors, is a board member of the Conservation Technology Information Center and provides guidance on the Steering Committee for 25 x '25. Wyant is a past president of the American Agricultural Editors' Association. In 2000, she received an Oscar in Agriculture for excellence in agricultural reporting. In 1996, she received the United Soybean Board's producer communications award. She is an honorary member of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE).

From 1987 until his retirement in 2005, Hahn was president of Farmers National Company, the largest farm management firm in the United States. Active in professional and community organizations, Hahn serves on the board of directors of Omaha's Methodist Hospital, Methodist School of Nursing and the Methodist Hospital Foundation. He is also a trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Hahn is a member of the Steering Committee of 25 x '25 and a member of the board of directors of U.S. Landcare. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, 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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