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***Farm Foundation® Forum examines partnership of nutrition & agriculture***

**OAK BROOK, IL June 19, 2017:** A natural partnership exists between the nutrition and agriculture communities. In addition to assuring a nutritious food supply for the nation, these sectors are key influencers in the development of federal policies.

Yet while some stakeholders focus on the many issues that unite the two efforts, debate still simmers on the merits of splitting feeding and farm legislation. The nutrition-agricultural collaboration will be explored in greater detail at Wednesday's Farm Foundation® Forum, *Nutrition and Agriculture—A Natural Partnership*.



The Forum begins at 9 a.m. EDT at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C. Panel members presenting perspectives on the issue will be:

- Craig Gundersen, Soybean Industry Endowed Professor in Agricultural Strategy at the University of Illinois;
- Karen Siebert, a public policy advisor for Harvesters—The Community Food Network, a regional food bank serving northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri, and a member of the Feeding America network of food banks; and
- Skye Cornell, Chief Programs Officer at Wholesome Wave, a national nonprofit that promotes affordable, healthy and local foods.

Farm Foundation President Constance Cullman will moderate the discussion. After comments by the panelists, the floor will be opened for questions and discussion.

The June 21st Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT in the Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club. A free, live audiocast will also be available.

There is no charge to participate in the Forum, but registration is requested.

- Register [HERE](#) if you plan to attend the Forum in person at the National Press Club.
- Register [HERE](#) to participate in the live audiocast. Audiocasting is made possible by a grant from Farm Credit.

***Who should participate in the Forum:*** People with an interest in agricultural, food and rural policy, including members of Congress, congressional staff, executive branch officials,

Embassy staff, industry representatives, NGO representatives, academics and members of the media.

***The Forum:*** Farm Foundation, NFP organizes these public forums to engage all stakeholders in informed dialogue on food, agricultural and rural policies. Participants examine current policies, explore and analyze alternative policy options, and give voice to new proposals.

***Audio from the session*** will be posted on the Farm Foundation [website](#). Presentations and audio files from past Forum sessions are also available at the website.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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