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***Farm Foundation Forum: The Future of the North American Free Trade Agreement***

**OAK BROOK, IL April 18, 2017:** Calls to renegotiate--or at least make some revisions to--the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have drawn mixed reactions. Further affecting the long-term landscape for trade are the withdrawal from ongoing trade negotiations, and requests to revisit WTO rules. Some sectors see opportunities in revisiting the United States' approach to trade negotiations, while others--including many agricultural sectors--are worried about the potential loss of markets.

*The Future of the North American Free Trade Agreement* will be the topic for the Farm Foundation® Forum on Wednesday, April 26. (This Forum was originally scheduled in March, but was postponed due to inclement weather.)

Invited to present perspectives on the issue at the April 26 Forum are:

- Bob Stallman, a Texas farmer and former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation;
- Melissa San Miguel, Senior Director of Global Strategies for the Grocery Manufacturers Association; and
- Linda Dempsey, Vice President of International Economic Affairs with the National Association of Manufacturers.

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

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT in the Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. A free, live audiocast will also be available.

There is no charge to participate in the April 26 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, 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.