



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### *Joe Swedberg elected to lead Farm Foundation Board*

**OAK BROOK, IL June 19, 2017:** Joe C. Swedberg of Longmont, CO., has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of Farm Foundation. Swedberg, a retired executive of Hormel Foods Corporation, succeeds Mark Scholl of J&M Scholl Inc., Owensboro, KY.

Larkin Martin of Martin Farm, Courtland, AL, was elected as Vice Chair of the Board. The election took place June 9 at the Board's annual meeting in Charlottesville, VA.

Farm Foundation is an agricultural policy institute cultivating dynamic non-partisan collaboration to meet society's needs for food, fiber, feed and energy. Since 1933, it has connected leaders in farming, business, academia, organizations and government through proactive, rigorous debate and objective issue analysis.



*Joe Swedberg*

Major governance changes were also approved by the Board of Directors, and the Farm Foundation Trust Board of Trustees. These included amending the Farm Foundation Trust Agreement, originally created in 1933, to change the name of the trust to the Legge Lowden Farm Foundation Trust.

The Board of Trustees, which will now be a six-member Board, will continue to have fiduciary responsibility for the Trust and be responsible for insuring that the mission of the Trust is fulfilled. Swedberg will also chair the Board of Trustees. Serving with him on the Board are Phil Ashcraft of Stason Farms, Loveland, CO; Chuck Ahlem of Chuck Ahlem Ranch, Turlock, CA; Elizabeth Hund of U.S. Bank, Denver, CO, and the treasurer of Farm Foundation; and, as an ex-officio member, Constance Cullman, President of Farm Foundation.

The governance actions also changed the name of the operating entity of the Trust to Farm Foundation. Formerly known as Farm Foundation, NFP, the operating entity was created in 2009 to carry out the programming mission of the Trust.

The Farm Foundation Board of Directors is responsible for managing the affairs of Farm Foundation. In addition to Swedberg, Martin and Hund, members of the new Farm Foundation Board of Directors are:

Chuck Ahlem of Chuck Ahlem Ranch;  
Phil Ashcraft of Stason Farms  
Jim Borel, retired executive of DuPont;  
Jonathan Bryant of BASF Plant Science LLC;  
William Buckner of the Noble Research Institute;  
Luke Chandler of Deere & Company;  
Richard Crowder of Virginia Tech;  
Charlene Finck of Farm Journal Media;  
Dan Glickman of the Aspen Institute;  
John Hardin of Hardin Farms;  
Gregg Hillyer of DTN/Progressive Farmer;  
George Hoffman of Restaurant Services Inc.;  
A.G. Kawamura of Orange County Produce;  
Thayne Larson of Bestifor Farms;  
Brad Lubben of the University of Nebraska;  
Jerome Lyman, retired executive of McDonald's Corporation;  
Klaas Martens, Martens Farm and Lakeview Organic Grains;  
Michael Martin of Florida Gulf Coast University;  
John H. Miller of BNSF Railway Company;  
William Nelson, William J. Nelson, LLC;  
Nathan Rudgers, Farm Credit East, ACA;  
Mark Scholl of J&M Scholl Inc.;  
Mike Torrey of Michael Torrey and Associates;  
Darci Vetter, formerly of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative;  
Wendy Wintersteen of Iowa State University; and  
Craig Yunker of CY Farms, LLC.

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