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***Farm Foundation Forum examines role of conservation practices in water quality***

**OAK BROOK, IL Jan. 16, 2018:** The role of conservation practices in meeting water quality goals across watersheds will be the focus of the Farm Foundation® Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018. The Forum begins at 9 a.m. EST in the Holeman Lounge at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C. A free live audiocast will also be available.

“While single actions may make progress toward soil conservation or water quality improvements, integrated solutions across watersheds may be needed if broad-based water quality goals are to be achieved,” says Megan Provost, Farm Foundation’s Vice President of Policy and Programs. “Yet more work is needed to better understand the compatibility of practices and goals across watersheds. This Forum will explore the challenges and opportunities that practices intended to achieve local water quality goals may, or may not, have on water quality issues across larger geographic areas.”



Forum panelists providing perspectives on these issues include:

- Jimmy Bramblett, Deputy Chief for Programs, USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service,
- Dennis Nuxoll, Vice President of Federal Government Affairs for Western Growers Association, and
- Fred Yoder, Ohio farmer and co-chair of Solutions from the Land.

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

There is no charge to participate in the Jan. 23 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, Embassy representatives, academics and members of the media.

***The Forum:*** Farm Foundation 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.

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