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Farm Foundation[®] Forum explores opportunities, challenges of gene editing

OAK BROOK, IL June 27, 2018: The challenges and opportunities of gene editing will be the focus of the Farm Foundation[®] Forum on Tuesday, July 17.

“The technology of gene editing has the potential to open new opportunities in agriculture, as well as in human health and the environmental sciences,” says Farm Foundation President Constance Cullman. “At the same time, the technology and its range of uses are not well understood by potential users, the public and regulators. This Forum will examine how gene editing can be used and the potential benefits of the technology, as well as the challenges that may exist to its wide-spread use.”

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

The panel discussing gene editing will include:

- Mitch Abrahamsen, Ph.D., Executive Vice President/Chief Commercial & Scientific Officer at Recombinetics;
- Karen Carr, Partner at Arent Fox, LLP;
- Kevin Diehl, DuPont Pioneer Director, and Leader of the Global Regulatory Seed Platform of Corteva, the Agriculture Division of DowDuPont; and
- Randy Spronk, President of Spronk Brothers III Holdings LLC.

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 Forum, but registration is requested.

- Register [HERE](#) if you plan to attend the Forum in person at the National Press Club.
- For the free live audiocast, register [HERE](#). 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.