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Farm Foundation Forum: The Future of Higher Education for Ag

OAK BROOK, IL March 7, 2018: Colleges and universities have for decades helped individuals prepare for careers in food and agriculture in fields as diverse as production, nutrition, research, economics or engineering. Increasingly, these institutions of higher learning face new and complex challenges in the education offered, student populations served, research capacities and funding.

At the Farm Foundation Forum on Tuesday, March 20, university leaders will explore how these challenges--and the options used to address them--may shape the future of education in food and agriculture.



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

"From economic challenges to the availability and quality of human capital, the partnership of the food and agriculture sector with universities has led to important insights for public and private policy makers," says Constance Cullman, President of Farm Foundation. "It is critically important for stakeholders in the food and agricultural sector to fully understand the challenges and opportunities facing higher education institutions today, so that the partnership can continue to the benefit of all."

Presenting perspectives on the challenges and opportunities will be:

- Wendy Wintersteen, President, Iowa State University
- Ronnie Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Craig Yunker, Managing Partner, CY Farms, and Trustee, Cornell University

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 March 20 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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