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***Farm Foundation Forum: Trade War or Rhetoric?***

**OAK BROOK, IL May 8, 2018:** The Administration has signaled it is ready to impose tariffs on a number of Chinese goods, and the Chinese are ready to respond with their own tariffs on U.S. products—including agricultural commodities.

This has agricultural producers and industry experts asking: Is this a trade war or just trade rhetoric? That question will be explored by the current and three former Chief Agriculture Negotiators at the Farm Foundation Forum on Tuesday, May 22.

The Forum—*A Conversation with the Ambassadors: Trade War or Rhetoric?*—will be at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C. A free, live audiocast will be available for those unable to participate in the Forum in person.

Panel members for this Forum will be:

- Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
- Ambassador Darci Vetter, former Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2014-2016), *invited*
- Ambassador Richard Crowder, former Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2006-2008)
- Ambassador Al Johnson, former Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2001-2005)

Megan Provost, Farm Foundation Vice President of Policy and Programs, 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.
- Register [HERE](#) for the free, 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.