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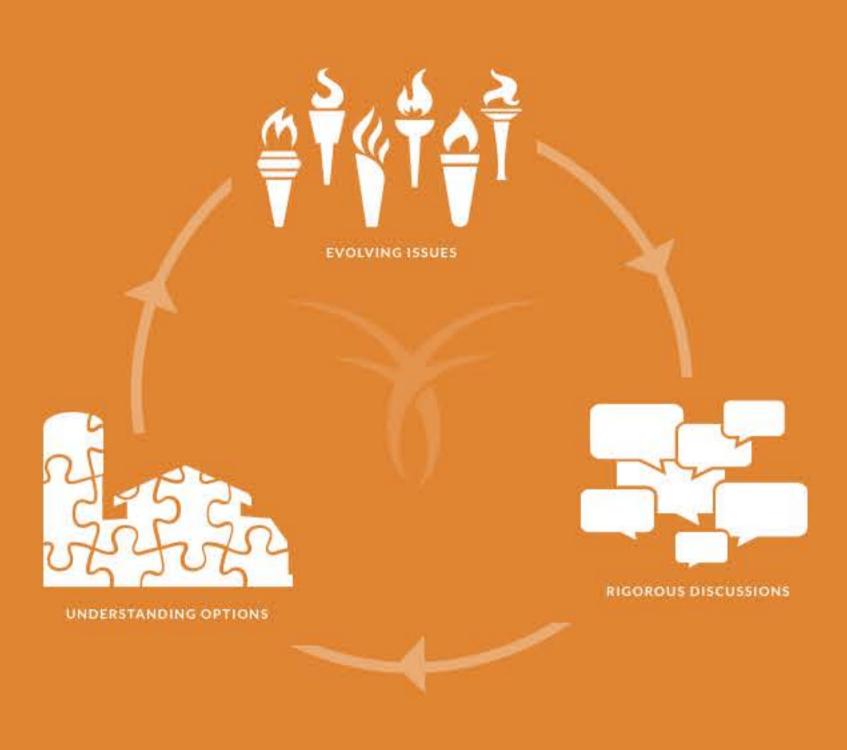
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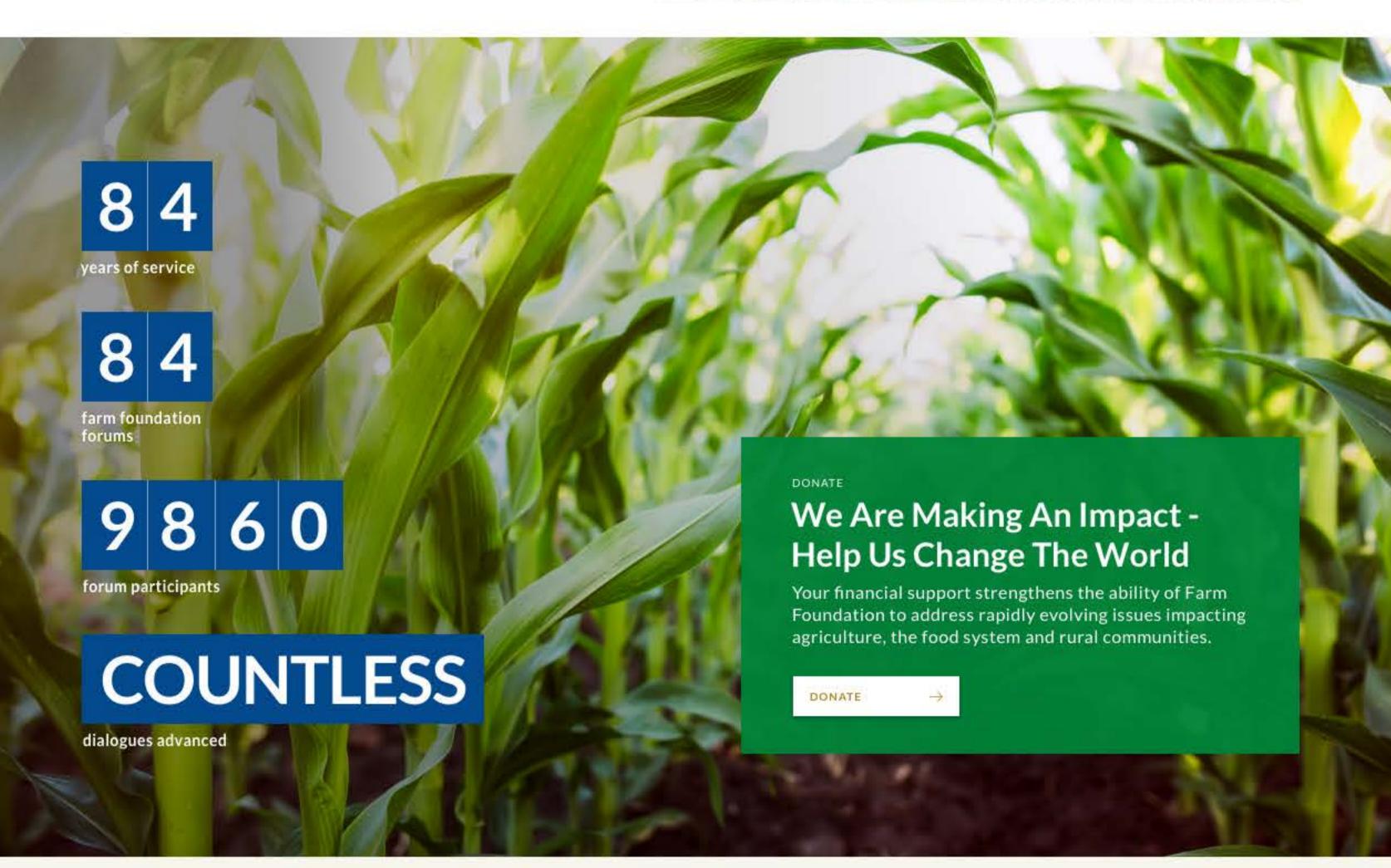
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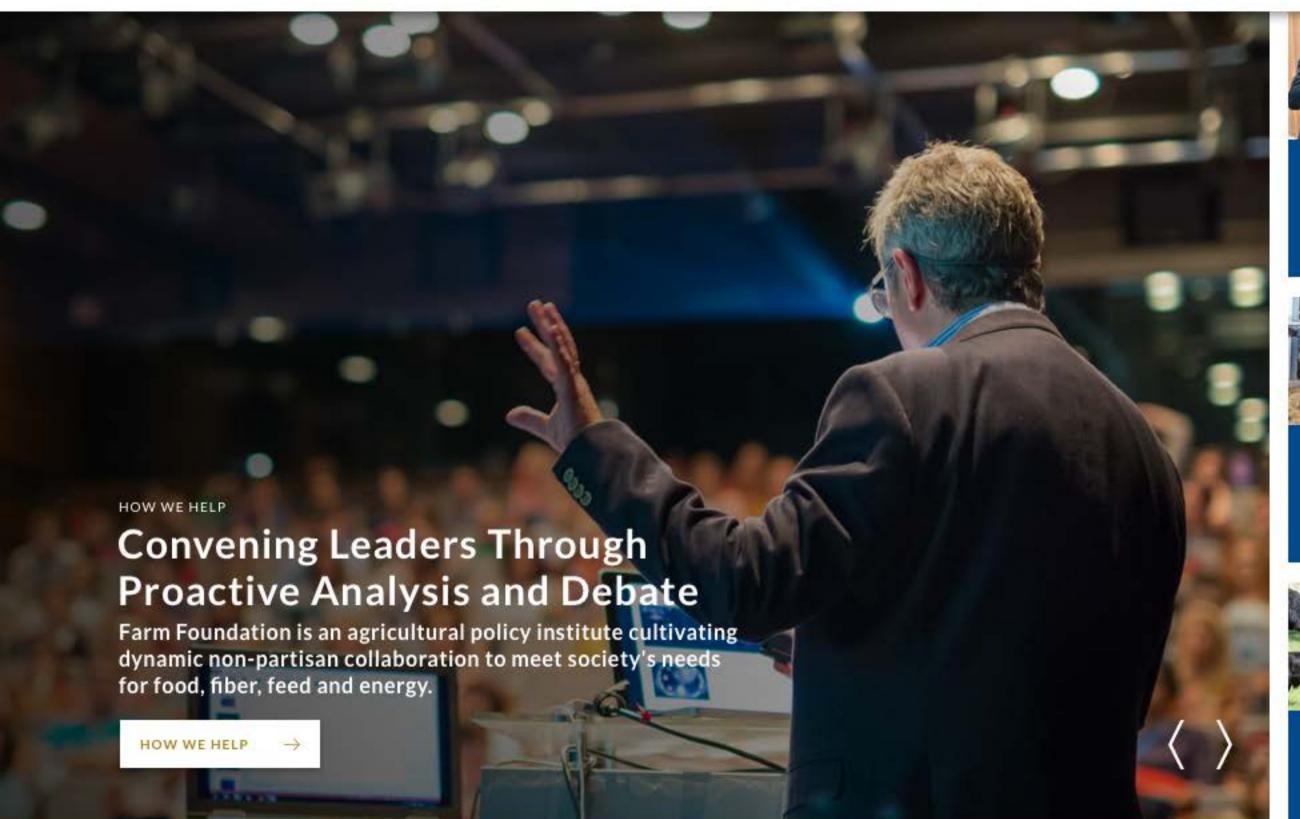
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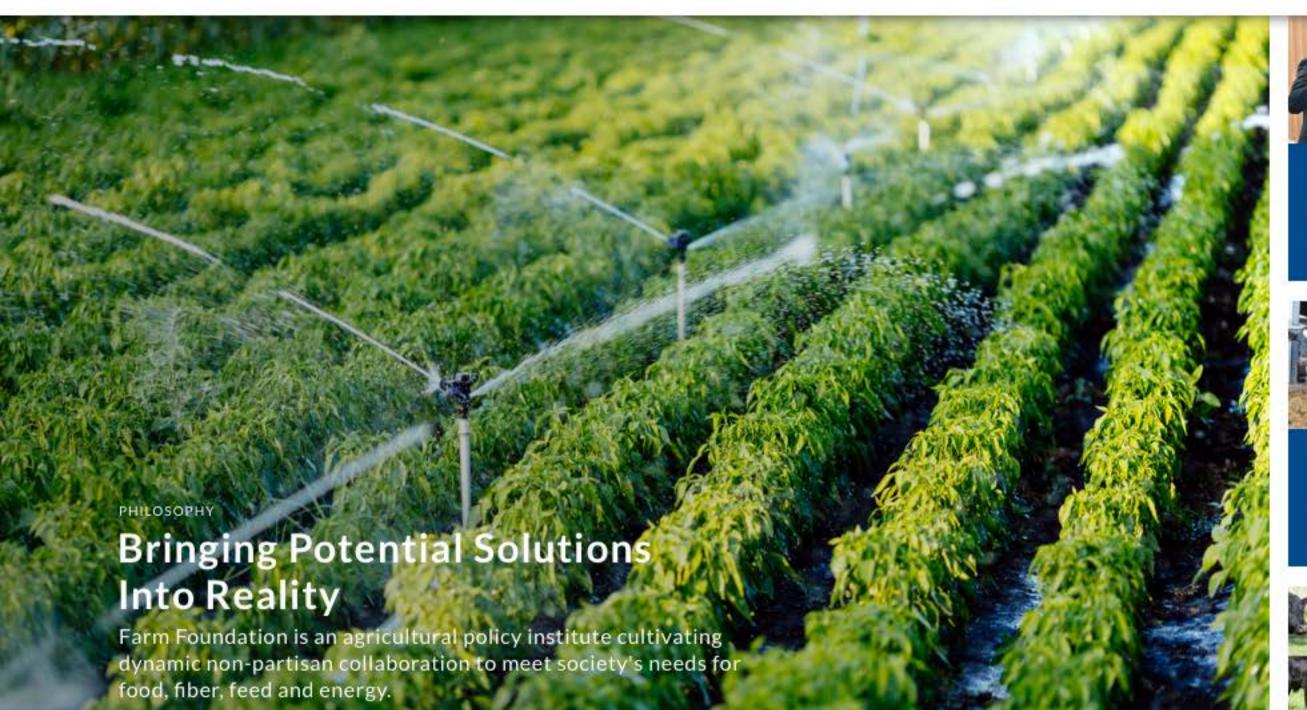




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# The Soil Renaissance: Knowledge to Sustain Earth's Most Valuable Asset

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dynamic non-partisan collaboration to meet society's needs for food, fiber, feed and energy.

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A Soil Renaissance Strategic Plan has been developed with input from thought leaders working in production agriculture, agribusiness, the academic community, NGOs and government agencies. The Soil Renaissance Strategic Plan outlines goals and work plans in four key areas: Measurement, Economics Research and Education.

"This Strategic Plan is a starting point that will evolve and expand as work is completed, new challenges are identified and more individuals and groups join the Soil Renaissance," said Neil Concklin, President of Farm Foundation. Farm Foundation and the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation are leading the Soil

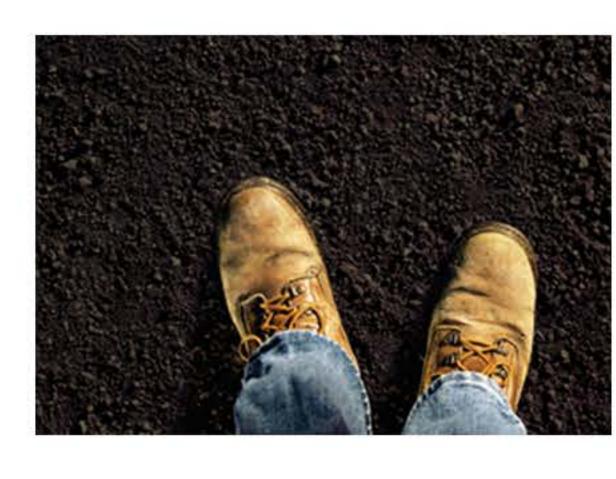
Renaissance but collaboration among diverse stakeholders will be key to its success. "For the Soil Renaissance to meet its full potential, it will require multiple individuals and organizations," says Noble Foundation

central hub through which people can learn what's now being done, gaps to be filled and ways they can help."

President and CEO Bill Buckner. "Many groups already are working in specific areas of soil health. The Soil Renaissance is a

Without healthy soils, the task of feeding the world's people becomes even more challenging. The Initiative evolved from discussions by 25 leaders representing conventional and organic agriculture, science and research, land managers and policymakers about the best tools to advance soil health. This group identified the four pillars around which the Soil Renaissance

Those thought leaders then enlisted other stakeholders to be part of the Strategic Planning Team. Their efforts produced the vision and mission statement, as well as the guiding principles for Soil Renaissance work, all of which are outlined in the Strategic Plan. This Team set goals in each of the work areas, identifying objectives and strategies to achieve each goal.



is built: Measurement, Economics, Research and Education/Outreach.

agree on a definition of soil health. After lengthy discussion, the team adopted the definition used by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): "The continued capacity of the soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals and humans." "This definition is used by USDA's Natural Resources

The first task of the Soil Renaissance team was to

Conservation Service," explains Working Group Chair David Lindbo, Ph.D., of North Carolina State University and President of the Soil Science Society of America. "It sounds simple, but establishing a basis of understanding of what soil health concerns is the first step to move forward with universal

The Strategic Planning Team has identified goals in each of the four key work areas:

acceptance of soil health as a critical need."

MEASUREMENT

#### To incorporate soil health measures into standardized soil testing that is readily available, affordable and commercial

viable. **ECONOMICS** 

#### To quantify the effects of soil health on economic risks and returns.

EDUCATION To reawaken the public to the importance of soil health.

#### RESEARCH

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To convene the research community to advance soil health.

progresses. The Soil Renaissance Strategic Plan is a starting point that will evolve as work is completed, new challenges are identified and

Objectives and strategies have been outlined in each area. Details of the Strategic Plan are available, and will be updated as work

more individuals and organizations join the Soil Renaissance. The Soil Renaissance serve as a central hub through which interested parties can learn about work in progress, gaps to be filled and ways to help.

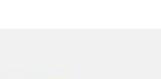
Anyone interested in contributing expertise or time to the work teams should contact Soil Health Project Coordinator Brook

The issue of soil health became prominent in discussions of A Dialogue on Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century, a Farm

while protecting and maintaining natural resources. Buckner, a Dialogue Project Steering Committee member, was part of wideranging discussions on the role of science and technology in agriculture and the food system, which quickly focused on soil health. Those discussions were the seed for the Soil Renaissance. Soil health has been a focus of the Noble Foundation since its inception in 1945.

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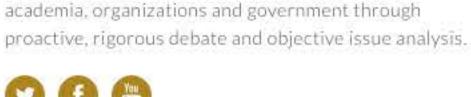
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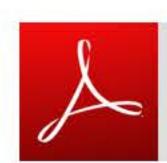
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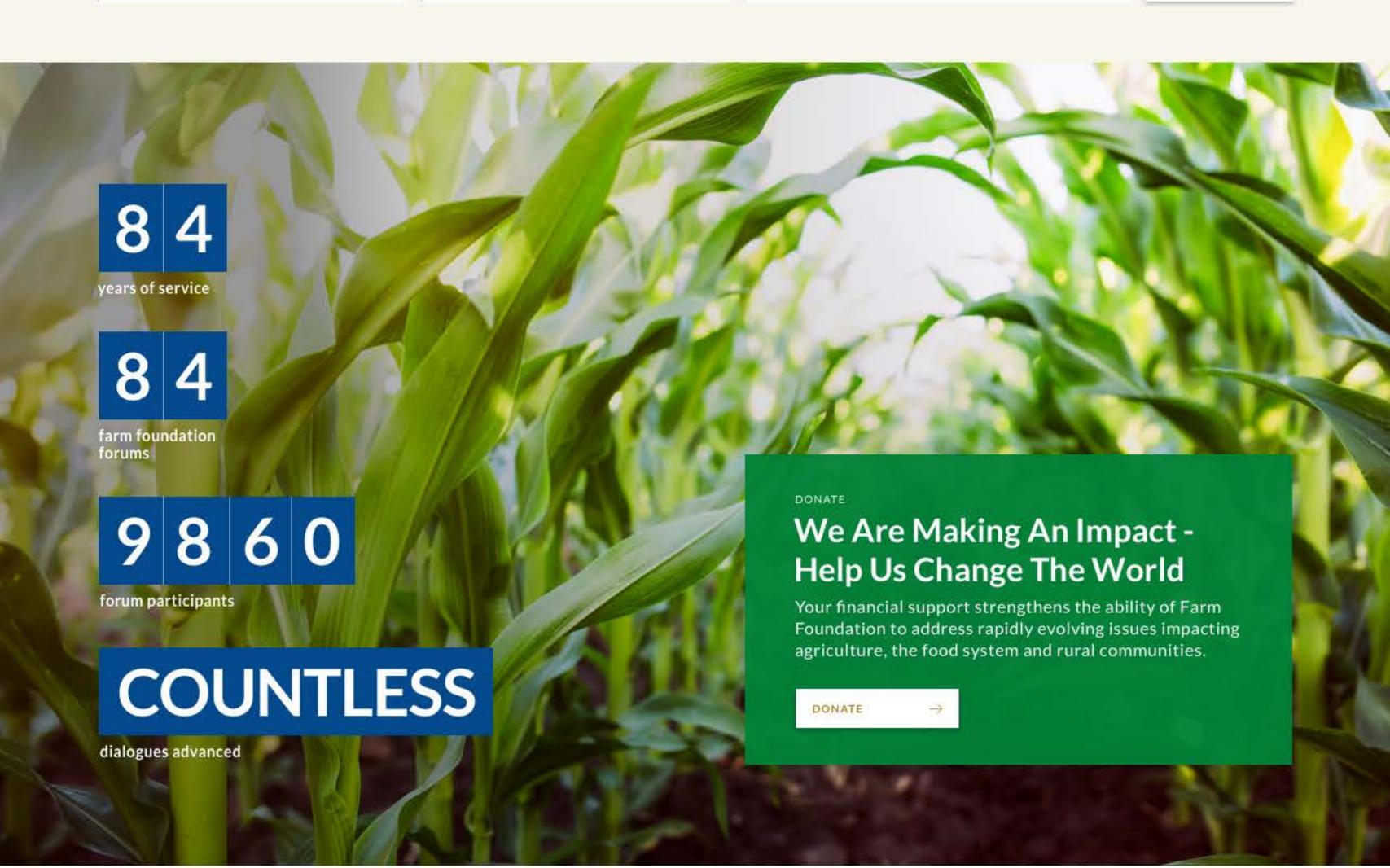


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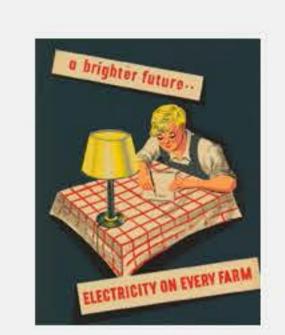
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Farm Foundation was created in 1933 to fortify public and private leaders with non-partisan, objective information to strengthen their ability to respond to the changing economic, technological and social conditions shaping agriculture, the food system and rural communities. In the decades since, the pace of change has quickened, generating diverse new challenges. Unchanged is Farm Foundation's commitment to help public and private leaders address these challenges by providing objective analysis, constructive dialogue and innovative ideas.

Agricultural Adjustment Act initiates federal crop and marketing controls

December 6, 1933 Creation of Farm Foundation is announced



Rural Electrification Act changes rural life

National Public Policy Education Conference initiated by Farm Foundation beginning 55 years of work with public policy educators



1933

1935

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Henry C. Taylor hired as Farm Foundation's first managing director, focusing work on land ownership, conservation, cooperation in marketing and services, public policies affecting agriculture

Farm Foundation creates North Central Regional **Land Tenure Committee** focusing attention on land tenure, conservation and land use issues

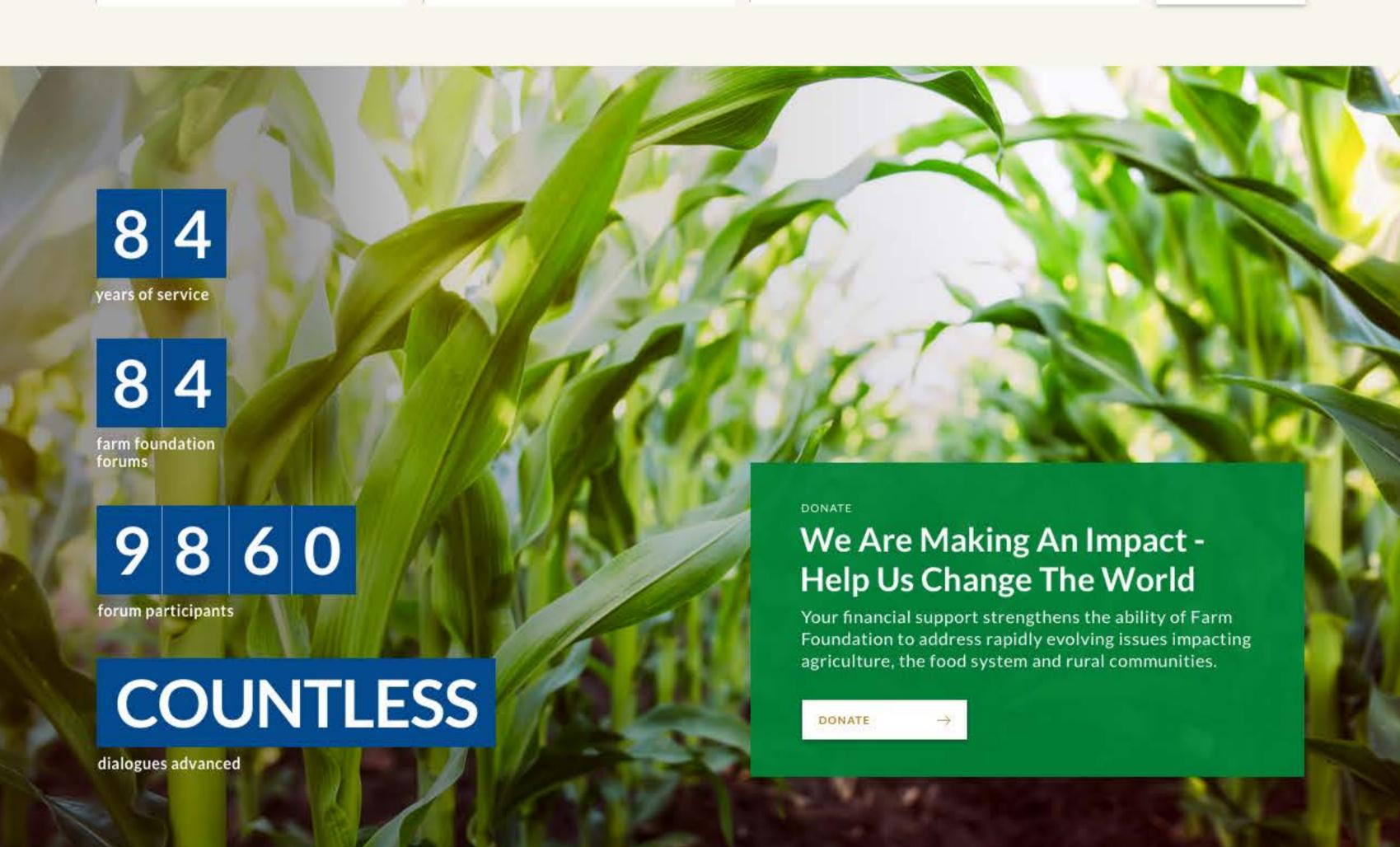


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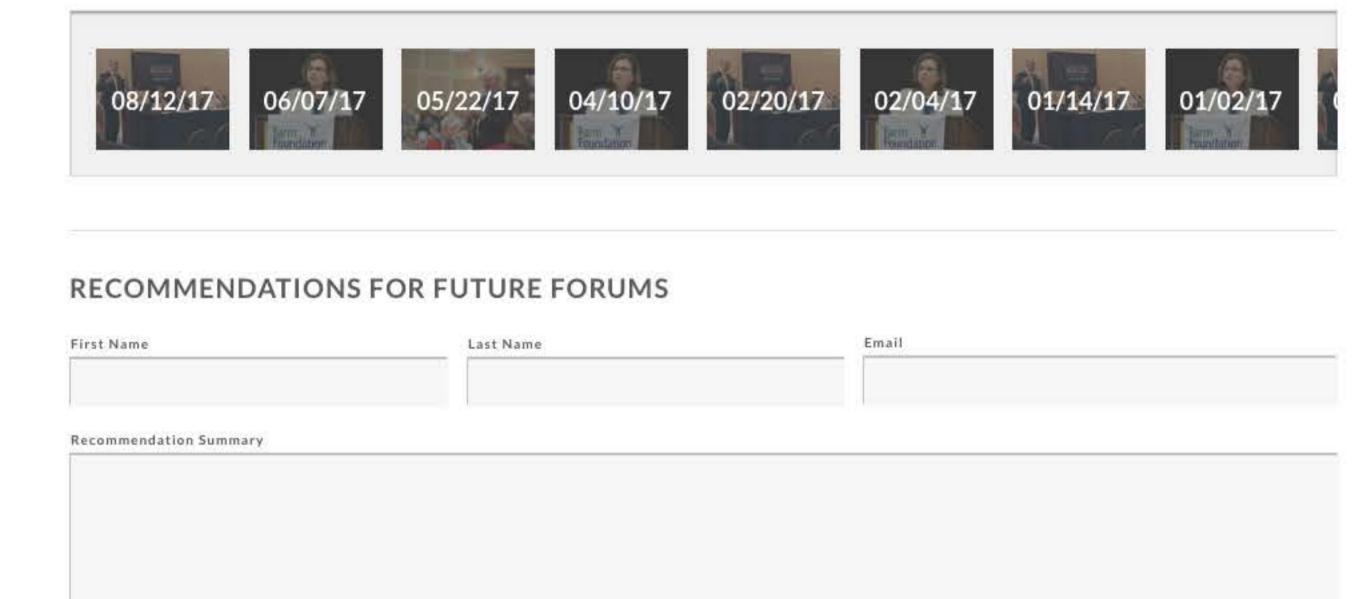
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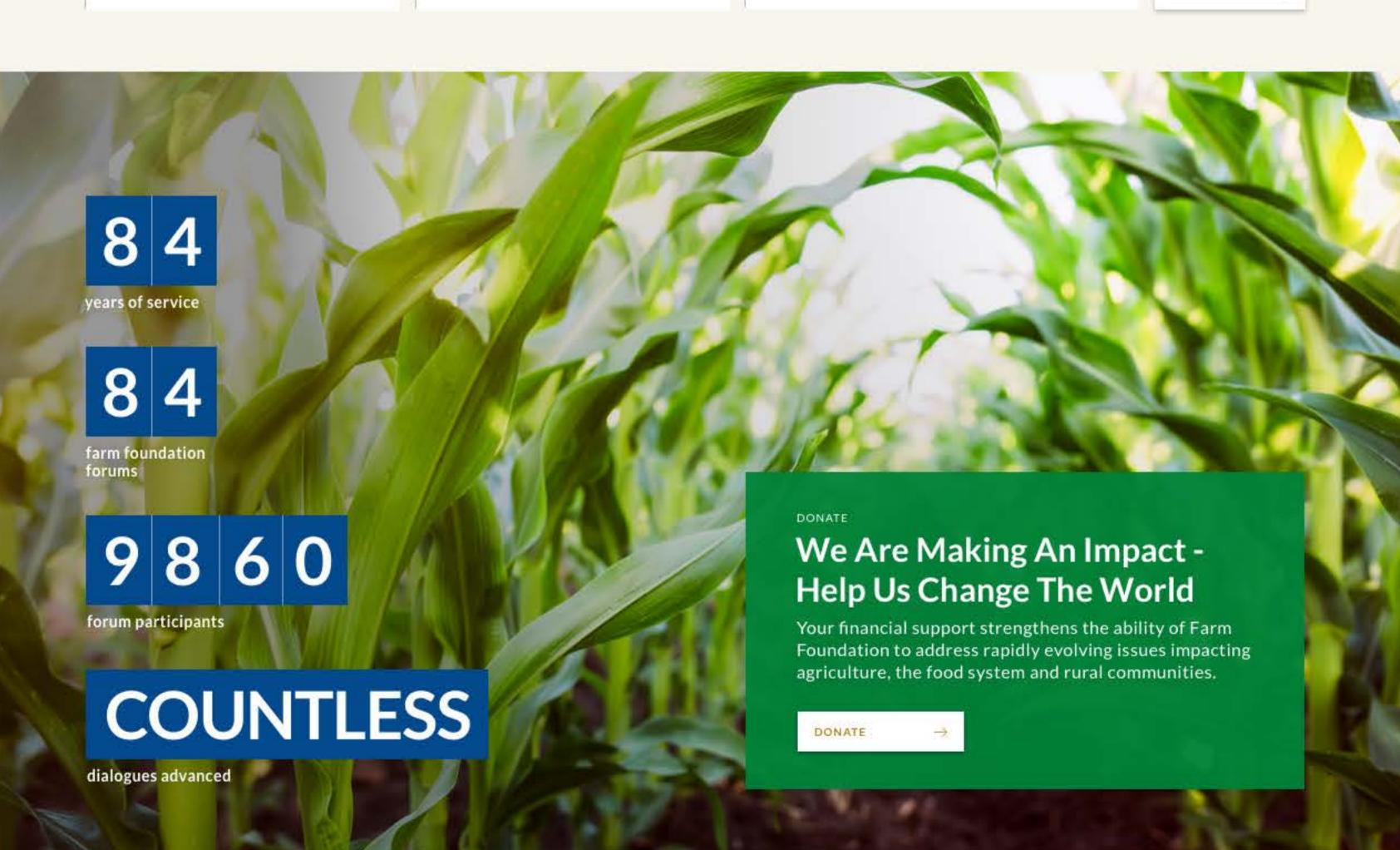


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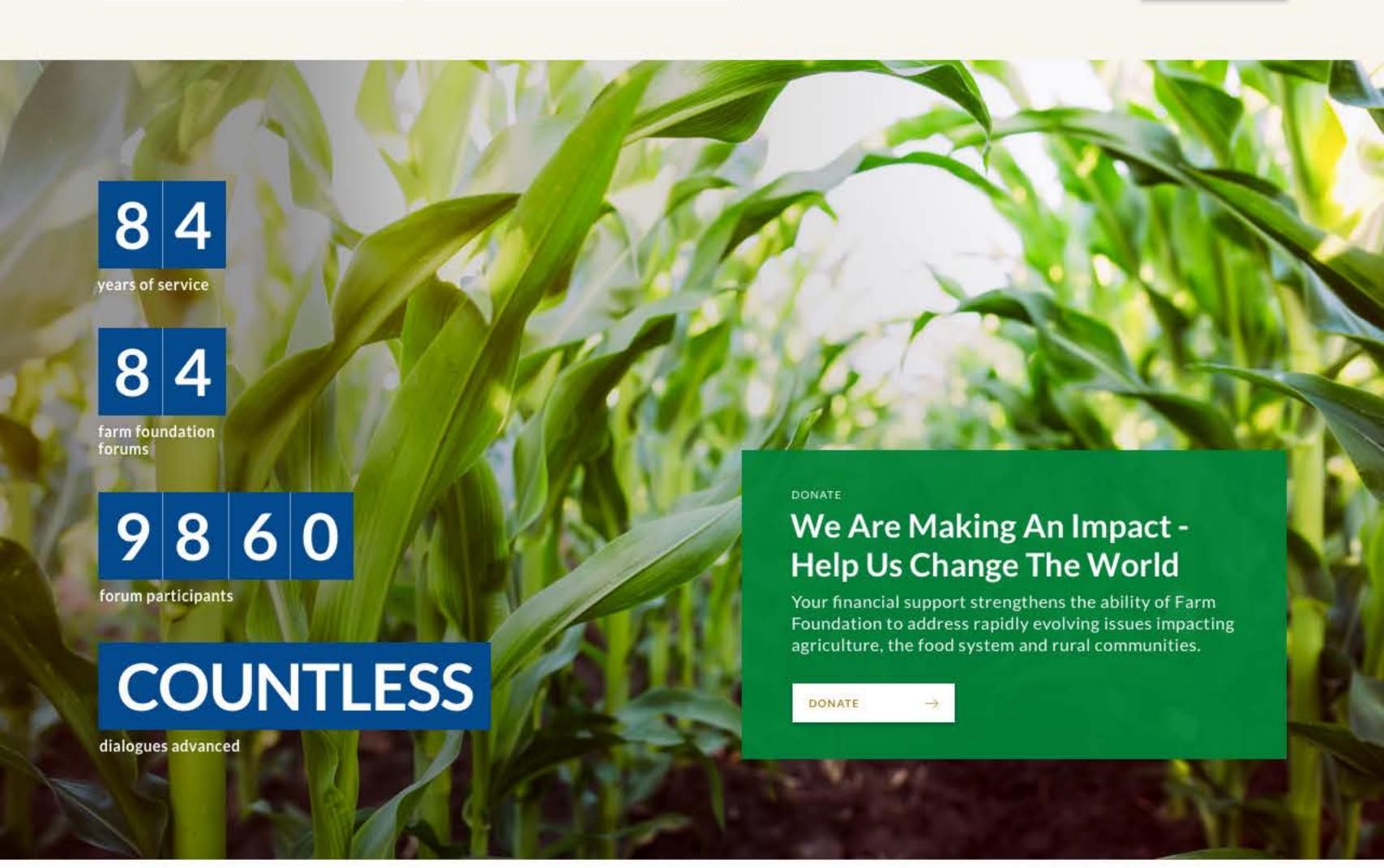


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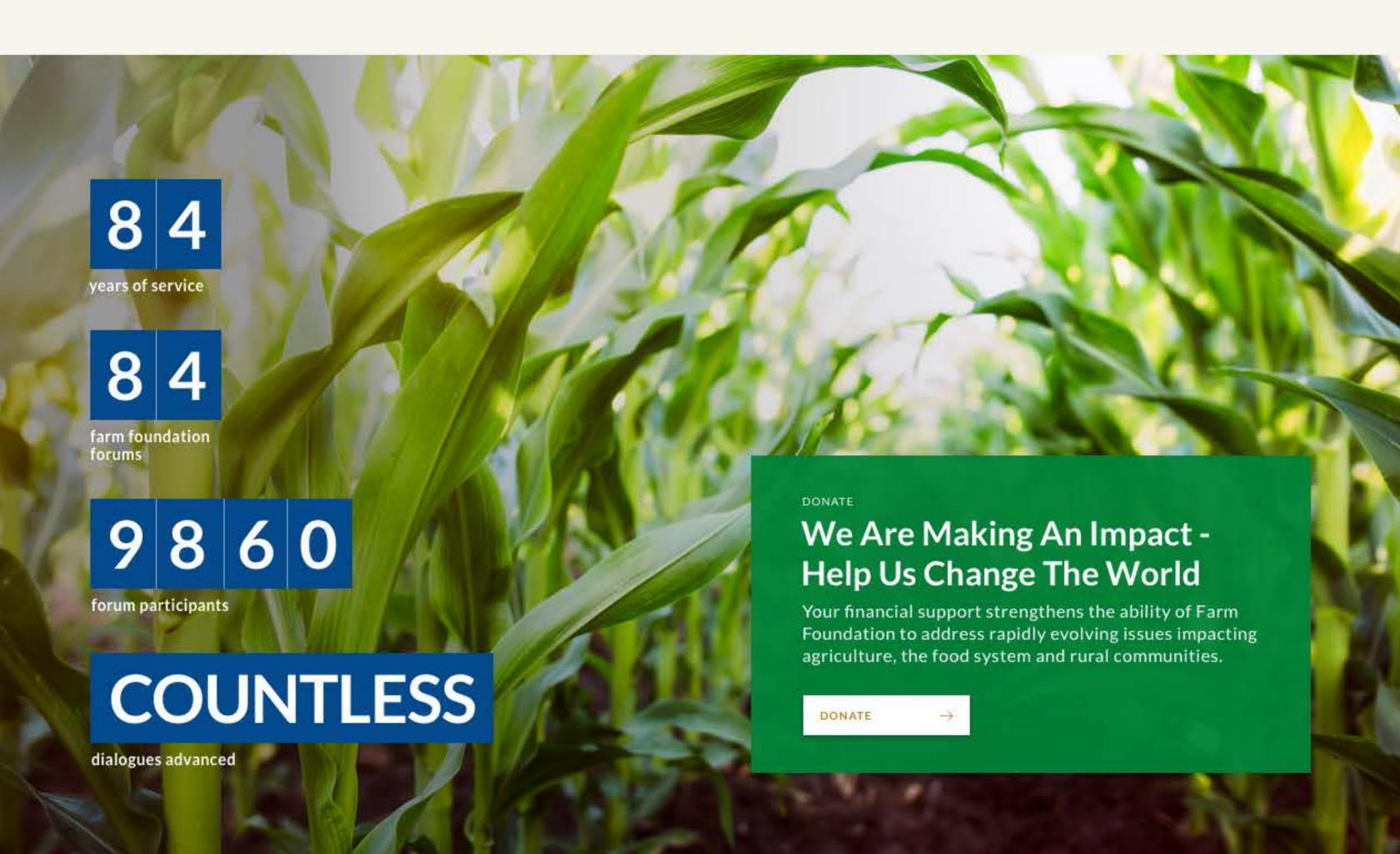


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