Mission

Farm Foundation, NFP works as a catalyst for sound public policy by providing objective information to foster a deeper understanding of issues shaping the future for agriculture, food systems and rural communities. The Foundation does not lobby or advocate.
We believe in the people who actively participate in our nation’s agriculture and rural communities.

We believe in honoring the values of the past while building for tomorrow’s challenges.

We believe in constructive debate centered on comprehensive, factual information and objective analysis.

We believe in science and its role in expanding knowledge.

We believe in the value of diverse opinions and perspectives.

We believe in exploring new ideas to address the complex issues facing the nation’s agriculture, food systems and rural communities.

We believe all voices are needed at the table to examine complex issues, identify options and understand the consequences.

We believe in public policy generated through informed decision making.

We believe our leadership brings unique value in facing 21st century challenges.

We are The Farm Foundation
Chairman’s Message

For the last two years, I have had the privilege to chair the Farm Foundation Board of Trustees. It has been an exciting time to be part of the leadership team of this dynamic organization.

Much of our momentum has its genesis in *A Dialogue on Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century*, a multi-year initiative to create opportunities for a full range of stakeholders to deliberate on how agriculture will meet the needs of 9 billion people in 2050, while protecting the viability of our natural resources.

Activities of the Dialogue Project spawned the *Soil Renaissance*, which has become one of the Foundation’s most successful projects to date. It has brought together dozens of professionals from multiple disciplines to build on their shared interest in the value of healthy soils. As part of the Soil Renaissance, farmers, ranchers, landowners, soil scientists, economists and other professionals are exploring creation of standards to measure soil health, tools to understand the economics of soil health, and research to expand the soil health knowledge base. The impact of this work will yield benefits for many years to come.

Another recent initiative we’ve launched is the Cultivator Program, creating opportunities for interaction between the current and the next generation of food and agriculture leaders. To date about two dozen college students have participated in the Farm Foundation® Round Table meetings, presenting their area of study, experiencing the program discussions and, most importantly, having one-on-one interactions with industry leaders.

For more than a year, members of the staff and Board of Trustees have been discussing how Farm Foundation could best provide a role in addressing the complex issue of antibiotic use in humans and food animals. The groundwork of those discussions will come to fruition over the next year as we launch a new public-private partnership, the Antimicrobial Education Project.

I believe Farm Foundation historians will look back on these years as transformational. Rather than downsize the activities of the Foundation in an era of economic turmoil, the Trustees have expanded staff-lead program work. We have looked internally to strengthen our processes and work flows. We have invested in development efforts, which has helped the organization build our brand and strengthened our partnership base. We have identified partners who value our tradition of objectivity and constructive conversations among diverse stakeholders, as well as our focus on issues that will shape the future.
This year we set a new milestone in Foundation history by raising more than $1 million in support of our work, including more than $300,000 in the Annual Fund Drive.

In 1933, at a time of great economic distress, two men created a foundation to provide objective, unbiased information and policy research to support our democratic society and rural America. I am confident that Alexander Legge and Frank Lowden would be proud that the Foundation’s most valuable asset—its 82-year-history of non-advocacy leadership—is being fully maximized to bring diverse and often divergent viewpoints into constructive conversations for agriculture, food systems and rural communities.

Jay Armstrong
Chairman,
Farm Foundation Board of Trustees
The Leadership

From its inception, Farm Foundation’s legal status has been a private trust. In May 2009, a not-for-profit corporation, Farm Foundation, NFP assumed all programming and operation functions. Farm Foundation, NFP is governed by a six-member Board of Directors. The Farm Foundation Board of Trustees continues to have responsibility for overseeing the mission of the organization, the endowment and for naming members of the Farm Foundation, NFP Board of Directors.

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The genesis for much of Farm Foundation’s current work is *A Dialogue on Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century*. This multi-year initiative creates opportunities for a full range of stakeholders—from producers to consumers—to constructively deliberate on how agriculture will meet the needs of 9 billion people in 2050 while protecting the viability of natural resources. The issues and stakeholders are varied, as are the projects that have evolved.

The Farm Foundation’s primary product is comprehensive, objective information on economic and public policy issues in agriculture, food systems and rural communities. A non-advocacy organization, Farm Foundation brings together people—often with divergent viewpoints—to examine critical issues, discuss perspectives and options and, perhaps, find common ground on which to build acceptable solutions. Workshops, conferences and Farm Foundation® Forums are among the tools we use to foster the constructive debate that is essential to sound public policy development. The Foundation also provides leadership to a broad range of organizations serving agriculture, food and rural communities.

**The Soil Renaissance:** The second year of this three-year project, which is a collaboration of Farm Foundation, NFP and the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, saw work advanced toward three major strategic goals: how to measure soil health, how to understand the economic impacts of soil health, and research needs to advance what is known about soil and soil health.

The questions are many. What physical, biological and/or chemical characteristics should be used to measure soil health? How should those measures be standardized across a state, a region or the nation? What do we know about the economics of farming and conservation practices that enhance soil health? What is needed to build a sound economic database on soil health investments and returns? The complexity and diversity of soil health is reflected in the multiple disciplines involved in these discussions—organic and conventional farmers and ranchers, soil scientists, conservation experts, researchers, NGOs, input suppliers, commodity and farm organizations, financial experts and academics.

A two-tiered system of measurement is being explored and refined. Work began to build and analyze farm-level economic data. Work also began to develop decision-tools for producers and landowners.
Research gaps identified included greenhouse gas reduction, soil resilience, resistance to disease and adverse weather conditions, and soil rehabilitation. Collaboration with the Soil Science Society of America and USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service promoted dissemination of soil health information and celebration of the International Year of Soils.

Work to build awareness of the Soil Renaissance and broaden stakeholder involvement included participation in such conferences as the Global Soil Security Symposium, Society of Environmental Journalists, the Borlaug Dialogue at the World Food Prize, the National Association of Conservation Districts, and the American Agricultural Editors Association.

What started as a conversation between two people about soil health has evolved into focused conversations involving dozens of individuals—all with a common vision of preserving and enhancing healthy soils. Details are available on the project website: www.soilrenaissance.org.
Measuring the Productivity Gap

Technology-based tools that help increase agricultural productivity may also have positive and negative impacts on the environment. Technologies that require more intensive use of fertilizer or chemical inputs, for example, may generate the potential for more pollution of water resources. Yet technological changes that increase crop yields may improve efficiency of nutrient and water use, while saving non-agricultural land from conversion to farmland. In both developed and developing nations, understanding agricultural productivity becomes more critical as population growth and climate changes put greater stress on water, soil and ocean resources.

The latest research work on productivity measurement, tradeoffs between agriculture and environmental outcomes, new sources of data for measuring and valuing environmental services, and public policy options were discussed at an international conference March 11-12, 2015, in Washington, D.C. More than 100 researchers participated from the United States, Kenya, Sweden, France, Germany and Australia.

Farm Foundation, NFP hosted this conference in collaboration with Global Harvest Initiative (GHI) and USDA’s Economic Research Service. This project is an extension of Farm Foundation’s work with GHI on the Global Agricultural Productivity (GAP®) Report.
Conference participants examined such diverse issues as measuring the effects of agricultural practices on the environment, and assessing social, economic and environmental values of agricultural productivity. Other areas of focus included land use and greenhouse gas emissions, the interaction of global livestock systems and environment, aquaculture and the environment, nutrient balances, water and soil health.

A Farm Foundation® Forum on the morning of March 11 featured some of the conference participants discussing The Nexus of Technology, Agricultural Productivity and the Environment.

**Increasing Conservation on Non-Federal Lands**
Between September 2014 and February 2015, Farm Foundation, NFP organized a series of regional meetings to assist USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in gathering stakeholder input on natural resource conservation policy issues. This information is required as part of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act (RCA) assessment process. The one-day sessions took place in each of the USDA Climate Hub regions, with attendance averaging 30-40 stakeholders per meeting. The sessions were structured to gain input on the effectiveness of programs in three critical areas: the availability and quality of water; soil health; and connecting water and soil management and conservation programs to deal with such extreme weather events as droughts and floods. Sessions took place in Indianapolis, IN; Rapid City, SD; Davis, CA; El Reno, OK; Macon, GA.; Albany, NY; Mesa, AZ; San Juan, PR; Oahu, HI; and Portland, OR.

**Sustainable Agriculture Educational Inventory Project**
Farm Foundation, NFP is inventorying sustainable food and agriculture education programs and initiatives organized by community colleges, private colleges, university and community-based organizations. Many different and innovative formats are evolving in these programs, yet unlike programs in the Land Grant university system, no formal networks or standard formats exist for these new programs.
An inventory of the programs has been completed across about half the United States, compiling such information as type of program, institution size, and proximity to Land Grant institutions. At the same time, discussions are underway with Illinois Market Maker™ on the potential to develop a public database which students, administrators and employers could use to assess program offerings. The information gathering work is funded by a grant from CHS Foundation. Additional funding is being sought to build the database.
Farm Foundation® Forums

This marked the 10th year that Farm Foundation has organized these public forums to engage a full range of stakeholders in informed dialogue on food, agricultural and rural policy issues. The sessions are open to anyone interested in food, agricultural and rural issues.

Forum participants examine issues, explore and analyze policy options, and give voice to new proposals. Speakers provide brief topic summaries with the majority of the two-hour sessions devoted to discussion. Topics examined in Forum sessions this year were:

- The Soil Renaissance
- Water quality, agriculture and WOTUS (Waters of the United States)
- Transportation challenges for agriculture
- Tools to fund agricultural research
- The nexus of technology, agricultural productivity and the environment

In FY2015, participation in the Forums increased by almost 100% thanks to audiocasting. This service allows stakeholders across the country to participate in the live discussions with the presenters and participants in the room at the National Press Club. The audiocasts were made possible through a grant from Farm Credit.

Audio of all sessions is posted to the Foundation website after each Forum.
Expanding the conversation with social media

Social media expands opportunities for communication and conversation in the agriculture and food systems. Farm Foundation, NFP uses Twitter to push the word out about events as they occur, and Facebook to encourage discussion on timely issues.

The Foundation’s blog, AgChallenge2050, provides thought leaders a platform for challenging ideas with new perspectives and viewpoints. Our YouTube site features interviews with program speakers, including Forum presenters.

All these tools expand the Foundation’s ability to encourage and deliver constructive dialogue, objective analysis and innovative ideas.

facebook.com/thefarmfoundation
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AgChallenge2050.org
youtube.com/thefarmfoundation
Farm Foundation® Round Table

The Farm Foundation® Round Table is an invitational discussion forum comprised of agricultural and agribusiness leaders from across the North American food value chain. These leaders meet twice yearly to examine current and developing issues. Programs are designed to explore ideas, analysis and insights that participants may use in their own work.

Recent Round Table program topics have included: the dynamics of specialty crops; soil health; the politics, science and economics of public lands; competition for water resources; sustainable agriculture; trade; rural development; infrastructure; and the changing perceptions of food and agriculture.

Farm Foundation has administered the Round Table since the 1983 retirement of its founders, Charles Dana and Edith Thoman Bennett. The Bennetts originally helped bring together a diverse group of agricultural leaders to advise the Eisenhower Administration on agricultural policy development. Recognizing the value of exchanging ideas and discussions on timely policy issues impacting the business of agriculture, the leaders continued to meet on an informal basis. Those meetings evolved into the Round Table.

In addition to the approximately 150 Round Table members, the membership rolls include more than four dozen Honorary Life Members, individuals who have demonstrated their service to the Round Table and their commitment to the mission of Farm Foundation, NFP.
**Cultivators – Leaders of the Future**

Since June 2013, Farm Foundation® Round Table meetings have included as special guests, upper class or graduate-level students in food and agriculture from accredited Land Grant universities.

The students’ participation provides Round Table members an opportunity to experience the next generation of industry leaders. The students, who present information on their specific areas of study, are able to interact with the diversity of agricultural and food system leaders who comprise the Round Table. A Round Table member volunteers to serve as a mentor for each student, further broadening the interaction of students with the professionals at the meeting.

Conversations and meeting discussions are enriched by the perspectives of the students. The experience has been well received all around—even resulting in a job placement for at least one student.

The January 2015 Round Table featured the fourth class of Cultivators, with a total of 24 students having participated since the program began. Students are nominated by their respective college Deans and selected by a committee of Round Table members to participate in each meeting. Funding to pay the student’s transportation costs is provided through a grant from the CHS Foundation.
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Financial Contributions

The Farm Foundation’s primary source of funding comes from an endowment established by founders Alexander Legge and Frank Lowden. As demand for the Foundation’s work has expanded, we have grown to rely more and more on fundraising efforts. Another essential part of the Foundation’s operating budget are unrestricted funds raised through the Annual Fund effort.

Many characteristics make Farm Foundation unique in today’s competitive marketplace of ideas. One of those is that we work to bring together people who normally would not have an opportunity to interact. We have taken the same approach with our fundraising efforts. Rather than rely on a large, single donor to fund a project, we work carefully to build a thoughtful coalition of funders who share our ideals and value the unique approach we take to our work.

A perfect example of this coalition funding are the many funders, big and small, that have come together to support the important work of the Soil Renaissance. From farmers to government agencies, to corporations and one of the largest charitable foundations in the world, this project has brought together a remarkable alliance of supporters around the importance of soil health.

Since its founding in 1933, Farm Foundation’s work and legacy has been protected and advanced by generation after generation of leaders. Building on the work of our founders, each subsequent generation has strengthened Farm Foundation in thoughtful and, at times, game-changing ways. The Board of Trustees, friends, volunteers and staff of Farm Foundation extend their deep gratitude to everyone who invested in the Foundation this year. Together we not only raised more than $1 million, but launched projects that are sure to have a lasting impact on agriculture, food and rural communities.

The FY2015 Development Committee:
Nick Babson, Co-Chair; William H. Nelson, Co-Chair; J.B. Penn, Elizabeth Hund, Jerome Lyman, Mark Scholl and Jeff Whetstine.

The FY2015 Special Events Committee:
Charlene Finck, Chair; Steve Tate, Beth Bechdol, Lance Woodbury, William Loughmiller and Joe Zanger
### Chairman’s Table - $10,000 or more

- **AGR Partners**
- **Nicholas C. Babson**
- **CHS Foundation**
- **Deere & Company**
- **Elanco Animal Health**
- **Farm Credit**
- **Global Harvest Initiative**
- **JBS United**
- **James R. Lerwick**
- **Jerome Lyman**
- **MacDon Industries Ltd.**
- **McKnight Foundation**
- **J.B. Penn**
- **J.R. Simplot Company**
- **Charles R. Stamp, Jr.**

### President’s Table - $5,000 to $9,999

- **BASF Plant Science LLC**
- **Jack Bernens**
- **James C. Borel**
- **Jonathan Bryant**
- **Charlene Finck**
- **Steve Hageman**
- **John H. Kautz**
- **Michael V. Martin**
- **MetLife Foundation**
- **Monsanto**
- **Monty’s Plant Food**
- **William J. Nelson**

### Catalyst - $2,500 to $4,999

- **Jay Armstrong**
- **Dan Basse**
- **William Buckner**
- **Cheri DeJong**
- **William H. Dunklin**
- **John D. Hardin**
- **George Hoffman**
- **Madeline Mellinger**
- **Ronald D. Offutt**
- **Cheryl Queen**
- **Rob T. Robinson**
- **Joe C. Swedberg**
- **Michael Torrey**
- **Richard F. Wildman**

### Bennett Sustaining Members

#### $1,000 to $2,499

- **Robert V. Call**
- **Neilson C. Conklin**
- **John C. Cottingham**
- **Richard T. Crowder**
- **Herbert (Hub) Daniel**
- **Richard A. Dudden**
- **Ann P. Duignan**
- **Ed Eggers**
- **Jack C. Fisher**
- **Barry L. Flinchbaugh**
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- **Lynn O. Henderson**
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- **Gerald E. Hillier**
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- **Michael B. Jacobson**
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- **Kelly Keithly**
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