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Geopolitical Uncertainty in Agriculture and Energy Markets

OAK BROOK, IL April. 3, 2014: Civil unrest and political turmoil across the world is having a profound effect across agricultural and energy markets, and generating supply chain uncertainties.

The April 9 Farm Foundation[®] Forum will examine the potential consequences of sudden policy changes, production issues, and unforeseen price fluctuations in a turbulent global marketplace. Moderating this Forum will be Dan Glickman of the Aspen Institute, a former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Panelists will include:

- Vincent Smith, professor of agricultural economics at Montana State University, and a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute;
- Gary Blumenthal, President of World Perspectives, Inc.;
- Brian Oleson, professor of economics at the University of Manitoba; and
- Charles Doran, Andrew Mellon Professor of International Relations at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington D.C. There is no charge to participate but registration is requested. Panelists will each have about 10 minutes to present, after which the floor will be open for discussion.

To attend the event, register online at the Farm Foundation website, www.farmfoundation.org. An audiocast of this Forum will include speaker PowerPoints as available, and the opportunity for the audiocast audience to submit questions. To participate by audio cast, register at the Foundation website, www.farmfoundation.org. 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, academics and members of the media.

The Forum: Farm Foundation, NFP 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 proposals, and give voice to new proposals.

Audio from the session will be posted on the Farm Foundation [website](http://www.farmfoundation.org). Presentations and audio files from past Forum sessions are also available at the website.

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