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Transportation challenges topic for Farm Foundation[®] Forum

OAK BROOK, IL Nov. 12, 2014: When a new Congress convenes in January, transportation funding will be on the agenda. How the nation's rural transportation infrastructure may fare in those legislative discussions is one of the topics that may arise when the Farm Foundation[®] Forum examines *Transportation Challenges in Agriculture*.

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the National Press Club, 529 14th St., NW, Washington D.C. A live audiocast will be available free of charge for those unable to attend in person.

The availability of rail cars to move this year's grain harvest has been a frequent news item, yet rail service is only one of many transportation issues facing agriculture and rural America today. Federal, state and county maintenance and replacement budgets are not keeping pace with the changing demands on the nation's aging road, bridge and waterway infrastructure.

To provide perspectives for discussion, the Forum will begin with presentations by:

- Eric Jessup, Vice President, Transportation, Industrials & Energy Services, Informa Economics;
- John H. Miller, Group Vice President, Agricultural Products, BNSF Railroad;
- Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director, Soy Transportation Coalition; and
- Jon Samson, Executive Director of the American Trucking Associations' Agriculture and Food Transporters Conference.

Moderating the session will be grain farmer Mark Scholl of J&M Scholl, Inc. Mr. Scholl and Mr. Miller are both Trustees of Farm Foundation.

There is no charge to participate in the Forum or the live audiocast, but registration is requested.

To attend the event, register at the Farm Foundation website, www.farmfoundation.org. For those people unable to attend the event in person, a live audiocast of this Forum is being provided. It will include speaker PowerPoints as available, and the opportunity for the audiocast audience to submit questions. To participate by audio cast, go to:
<https://www.webcaster4.com/Webcast/Page/219/6373>.

Audiocasting is made possible by a grant from Farm Credit. After the event, an audio file is posted to the Farm Foundation website, www.farmfoundation.org, for those unable to be part of the live event.

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, www.farmfoundation.org. Presentations and audio files from past Forum sessions are also available at the website.