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Crop insurance & conservation practices topic for Farm Foundation® Forum

OAK BROOK, IL Oct. 5, 2015: Crop insurance and conservation practices will be the focus of this week's Farm Foundation® Forum. The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT Thursday, Oct. 8, in the First Amendment Room of the National Press Club. A live audiocast will be available free of charge.

Crop insurance and the maintenance of quality soils are both important risk management tools for farmers and land owners. However, crop insurance policies are not always in sync with the implementation of conservation practices, causing conflict on how best and most effectively to use both tools. Thursday's Forum will examine how the relationship of crop insurance and conservation practices has evolved over the years, and policy options that might be considered for the future.

Moderating the panel will be Bruce Knight of Strategic Conservation Solutions. The panel will include:

- Keith Coble of Mississippi State University, who will provide an overview of crop insurance and conservation practices;
- Bruce Sherrick of the University of Illinois, who will discuss current policy dynamics;
- Deb Atwood of AGree, who will discuss policy options generated by AGree's Agricultural Conservation and Crop Insurance Task Force; and
- Dan DeSutter of DeSutter Farms Inc., who will provide a farmer's perspective.

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. After discussion by the panelists, the floor will be opened for questions. For those unable to attend in person, [a live audiocast](#) is available free of charge.

There is no charge to participate in the Oct. 8 Forum, but registration is requested. [Register online](#) to attend the Forum in person at the National Press Club. Registration is required for the live audiocast and can be completed [here](#).

Audiocasting is made possible by a grant from Farm Credit. After the event, an audio file is posted to the [Farm Foundation website](#) 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](#). Presentations and audio files from past Forum sessions are also available at the website.

