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Cullman named President of Farm Foundation, NFP

OAK BROOK, IL May 4, 2016: Farm Foundation has named Constance Cullman to be President and CEO of Farm Foundation, NFP and President of Farm Foundation. Cullman, who is currently U.S. Government Affairs Leader with Dow AgroSciences, will assume her new duties on June 6.

“We are excited to have Constance step into the day-to-day leadership role at Farm Foundation,” says Farm Foundation Board Chairman Mark Scholl. “She brings to the table a unique set of skills that have been fine-tuned through experiences in education, farm organizations, government service and private business.”

Cullman will be the seventh person to serve as President of Farm Foundation since the organization was founded in 1933. She succeeds Neilson Conklin, who has served as Farm Foundation President since 2008. In July 2015, Conklin announced his plans to retire.

“A passion for agriculture and rural communities has always been at the core of my diverse professional experiences,” says Cullman, who was reared on a family farm in Ohio. “Farm Foundation presents an exciting opportunity to help stimulate the important conversations we need to have today across the entire food value chain—from producers to consumers. The Foundation is uniquely positioned to help stakeholders examine the diverse and complex issues shaping the future.”

Before joining Dow AgroSciences in 2010, Cullman worked at the Corn Refiners Association, Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Cullman is a graduate of Ohio State, earning her bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics, and a master’s degree in agricultural economics with an emphasis on international trade and agricultural policy.

“Cullman’s diverse background will serve Farm Foundation well as it continues its mission to help public- and private-sector leaders address the critical issues that are shaping the future of agriculture and food systems today,” said Scholl.
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