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Farm Foundation® Forum: Food & Ag Priorities for the Next Administration

OAK BROOK, IL Sept. 8, 2016: With presidential and congressional elections just around the corner, questions are arising about major issues the next administration will face in the food and agricultural sector. What policy issues are priorities for newly-elected leaders to address to maintain a competitive, vibrant food and agricultural economy?

Those issues will be the focus of the Farm Foundation[®] Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Perspectives on the topic will be presented by:

- Daniella Taveau, Regulatory and Global Trade Strategist for King & Spalding, will offer insights on input regulation.
- Craig Thorn, Partner, DTB Associates LLP, will discuss international trade.
- Dan Keppen, Executive Director of the Family Farm Alliance, will highlight land and water issues.
- Ken Barbic, Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs, Western Growers Association, will focus on labor issues.

Farm Foundation President Constance Cullman will moderate the discussion. After comments by the panelists, the floor will be opened for questions and discussion.

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT in the Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. A free, live audiocast will also be available.

There is no charge to participate in the Sept. 13 Forum, but registration is requested.

- Register <u>HERE</u> if you plan to attend the Forum in person at the National Press Club.
- Register <u>HERE</u> to participate in the live audiocast. 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 options, 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.

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