



**PRESS RELEASE**  
*For immediate release*

## ***Tariffs, trade agreements and agriculture focus of Farm Foundation Forum***

**OAK BROOK, IL Oct. 19, 2018:** The potential economic impacts of Mexican and Canadian retaliatory tariffs and the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) on U.S. agricultural trade, will be the focus of the Farm Foundation® Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.

An analysis of the USMCA, commissioned by Farm Foundation, will be presented by Dominique van der Mensbrugge, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP) at Purdue University. Serving as a respondent will be Joe Glauber, Ph.D., a Senior Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute.

The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT at the National Press Club, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C.

“In the last 24 months, the landscape of global trade—including agricultural trade—has changed significantly, generating an explosion of opinions about trade actions. Too often, those discussions have not taken a broad, accurate or long-term perspective on trade impacts,” says Farm Foundation President Constance Cullman.

To help set the groundwork for civil discussions by diverse stakeholders, Farm Foundation has stepped forward to provide objective, factual educational tools on U.S. agricultural trade. “The analysis we commissioned from the Center for Global Trade Analysis at Purdue is the first step in what we hope to be a collection of trade resources for the nation’s food and agriculture sector, its stakeholders, the media and government officials,” Cullman continues. “It is vital that public and private leaders have access to objective, factual information on the tools of international trade, and the potential consequences of any trade actions. Informing discussions with factual, nonpartisan information has been a mainstay of Farm Foundation’s work for 85 years.”

Cullman will moderate the Oct. 31 discussion. After comments by the panelists, the floor will be opened for questions and discussion.

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

- Register [HERE](#) if you plan to attend the Forum in person at the National Press Club.
- For the free live audiocast, register [HERE](#). 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, Embassy representatives, academics and members of the media.

***The Forum:*** Farm Foundation 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.

***For more information:***

[Mary Thompson](#), VP Communications

Farm Foundation

O – 630-601-4152

C – 630-319-8917