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## Forum to Examine What Midterm Elections Mean for Food and Agriculture

**OAK BROOK, IL** Nov. 5, 2018: In tomorrow's mid-term elections, voters will elect 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 35 members of the U.S. Senate and 36 governors, as well as a number of state and local office holders. A number of special initiatives and referendums will also be decided. What the outcome of those votes will mean for the food and agriculture sector will be the focus of the Farm Foundation® Forum on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018.

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

To provide perspectives on the outcome of the Nov. 6 elections, Farm Foundation has invited a panel of the nation's leading policy, business and agricultural journalists. The panel will feature:

- Sara Wyant, President, Agri-Pulse Communication, who will serve as anchor of the discussion.
- Chris Clayton, Agricultural Policy Editor, DTN/Progressive Farmer.
- Helena Bottemiller Evich, Reporter, Politico.
- Teaganne Finn, Congressional Reporter, Bloomberg Government.
- Jerry Hagstrom, The Hagstrom Report & The National Journal.

After comments by the panelists, the floor will be opened for questions and discussion.

"In the months ahead, Congress will be discussing a number of major issues critical to the food and agriculture sector—from a new Farm Bill to trade, immigration and health care," says Farm Foundation President Constance Cullman. "The Forum on Nov. 14 will provide perspectives on how the outcome of the elections may influence the debates and discussions on these issues in the future."

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 <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>website</u>. Presentations and audio files from past Forum sessions are also available at the website.

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