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Farm Foundation Forum: What Midterm Elections Mean for Food & Ag

OAK BROOK, IL Nov. 9, 2018: With the votes tallied from Tuesday's mid-term elections, attention has turned to how the new lineup of federal and state leaders will govern. The possibilities are extensive, with at least 38 seats changing party as Democrats took control of the House, and four incumbents losing seats as the Republicans widened their majority in the Senate. In addition, Democrats flipped at least seven of the 36 governorships up for election, and voters in several states decided key initiatives and referendums.

The Farm Foundation® Forum on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, will focus on what the mid-term elections will mean for the food and agriculture sector for the next two years. The Forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

“When the new Congress convenes in January, it’s work agenda will likely include several items of business left from the current Congress—issues important to food and agriculture, as well as to the broader electorate,” says Farm Foundation President Constance Cullman. “But with a new mix of Representatives and Senators, we may see new approaches to how Congress tackles those issues.”

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 for 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.

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.

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