



## IEC at a Glance

**Farm Foundation is an accelerator of practical solutions for agriculture. We leverage the power of collaboration and diverse perspectives to spark beneficial solutions that will advance agriculture in positive ways. After 90 years as a Chicago-based national non-profit, we are excited to deepen our roots with the Innovation and Education Center on our farm campus in Libertyville, Illinois.**

**The Farm Foundation Innovation and Education Center (IEC) will be a state-of-the-art facility that will enable us to bring our mission to life in new and transformative ways.**

- Steeped in agricultural heritage, the IEC finds its home on a century-old farm once owned by the Casey family. This collaboration center will convene industry leaders, both established and emerging, to shape the future of food and agriculture.
- Nestled within a beautiful 14-acre campus, the dynamic IEC building spans 4,000 square feet and will serve as a hub for accelerating the people and ideas building the future of food and agriculture.
- Collaboration and innovation will be nurtured in our state-of-the-art facility, designed to support stakeholders across the entirety of food and agriculture and our portfolio of programs.
- An immersive media center will showcase cutting-edge technologies merged with interpretive real-time data to provide a glimpse at the types of tools that impact the decisions that start at the farm gate.
- The IEC embodies a collective commitment to drive meaningful change and support the growth of next generational leadership in food and agriculture. The project has secured over \$3 million in contributions from a diverse coalition, of individuals, corporations, foundations, and industry giants like John Deere, GATX, BNSF Railway, and PepsiCo/Quaker.
- Our demonstration kitchen will let visitors engage around food as it's prepared, plated, and served. Beyond the kitchen, a variety of inviting spaces will be available for visitors to gather for conversation, collaboration, or even quiet reflection.
- Visitors to the campus can explore agronomic advancements firsthand through the diverse crops cultivated on the Farm Foundation site. These include new plants such as the perennial grain Kernza and high-cellulose biofuel crops like sorghum, as well as a broad diversity of cover crops that support soil and water health.

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