

# Catalyst NEWSLETTER



## Farm Foundation Impact & Insights 2025 Issue 2

Welcome to the latest edition of Catalyst, your go-to source for the latest updates from the Farm Foundation. In this issue, we're excited to share the impactful work we've been doing. We're also refreshing this newsletter to bring you even more ways to connect and engage with us. Stay tuned for fresh content and new opportunities! Have feedback or ideas? We'd love to hear from you—**reach out to our team anytime!**

## The Farm Foundation 2024 Impact Report is now available!

We're thrilled to unveil our latest Impact Report, a testament to a year marked by collaboration, innovation, and progress in the food and agriculture sector.

This report highlights the transformative initiatives, groundbreaking research, and powerful partnerships that are driving meaningful change in the industry.

Join us in celebrating these achievements and exploring ways you can contribute to this momentum!



[Read the Impact Report Now](#)

# Application Window Now Open!

## The CAFE (Careers in Ag and Food Exploration) Student Workshop



Freshman and sophomore undergraduate students at 1890 Land Grant Institutions



North Carolina A&T University Farm Pavilion



May 19-20, 2025



Apply by April 16th



Applications are being accepted for our “Careers in Ag and Food Exploration (CAFE) Student Workshop,” a two-day immersive experience introducing students to diverse careers in agriculture and food systems. **The workshop is open to freshmen and sophomore undergraduate students at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions. All expenses (travel, hotel, registration, meals) will be covered.**

Learn More and  
Apply

## Nominate a Student for the Cultivator Program!

The **Farm Foundation Cultivator Program** offers exceptional students the opportunity to engage with industry leaders at the July 2025 Farm Foundation Round Table in Spokane, WA.

Eligible nominators (deans, directors, or department chairs) must submit nominations by April 14, 2025, including the student's resume/CV and a summary of their proposed presentation.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

July 2025 Cultivators

Nominations are open until  
Monday April 14, 2025

Learn More & Submit  
Nominations

Opportunities at our **Innovation and Education Center**



### Unlock Leadership Potential with our Ag 101 Bootcamps

Farm Foundation's Ag 101 Bootcamps offer an immersive, on-farm experience designed to deepen understanding of the complex challenges in today's food and agriculture sectors. Through hands-on learning and expert-led discussions, participants gain valuable insights into the evolving agricultural landscape, positioning them to make informed decisions and drive innovation in their fields. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your leadership skills and expand your professional network with Farm Foundation.

[Learn More](#)

### Host Your Next Event at the Innovation and Education Campus

Looking for a dynamic space for your next meeting, retreat, or training? The Innovation and Education Campus offers a range of rental options, from individual buildings to the entire facility, to accommodate your needs.

Whether you're planning a corporate gathering, industry workshop, or educational program, IEC provides state-of-the-art amenities in a versatile setting. With a prime location and flexible configurations, this space is designed to foster collaboration, creativity, and growth. Explore the possibilities and make IEC the home for your next impactful event.

[Learn More](#)

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## Farm Foundation Forums

**Farm Foundation Forums** are designed to engage a full range of stakeholders in informed dialogue on timely food, agricultural and rural policy issues.

Archived materials for past Farm Foundation Forums are available on the Farm Foundation website and [YouTube Channel](#). Our recent forum was:

Our recent forum, Farm Foundation Forum: State of the Agriculture Union, can be viewed [here](#).





If you have suggestions for **future forum topics** or would like to engage with suggesting speakers, please reach out to **Tim Brennan**, VP of Programs and Strategic Impact, and share your ideas.

## Upcoming Forum - Tuesday May 13



**Farm Foundation Forum:  
The Healing Plate: Food,  
Health and Agricultural  
Innovation**

 **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**  
From 9-11 am CST

 **Livestream via Zoom**



[Register Today](#)

Farm Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of the 2025 Farm Foundation Awards. Farm Foundation's annual awards program recognizes those who exemplify our mission and values.

## 2025 Farm Foundation Award Recipients

### R.J. Hildreth Public Policy Award



**Dr. Keith H. Coble**  
Vice President, Division of  
Agriculture, Forestry and  
Veterinary Medicine  
Mississippi State University

### Innovator of the Year Award



**Robbie Dye**  
CEO  
Our Farms



**Tyler Speer**  
COO  
Our Farms

### Emerging Leader Award



**Dr. Shandrea Stallworth**  
Senior Agronomist,  
Global Resource, SME  
Regenerative Agriculture  
Nestlé Purina North America

### Book of the Year Award



**Land Rich, Cash Poor  
Brian Reisinger**  
Award-winning writer,  
rural policy expert,  
speaker, and consultant.

The awards ceremony will take place during the July 2025 Farm Foundation Round Table meeting in Spokane, Washington.

[Learn more about the recipients and our awards.](#)

## Announcing the 2025 Young Agri-Food Leaders Cohort!

We're thrilled to welcome this accomplished group of rising professionals in agri-food and agri-business. Participants will embark on a year-long journey of leadership development, networking, and industry insight.

### 2025 Young Agri-Food Leaders



**Mary Akinyuwa**  
Corteva Agriscience



**Molly Grotjan**  
John Deere



**Amy Jancewicz**  
CropVue Technologies



**Zachary McGee**  
Simmons Foods



**Emily Miller**  
Rodale Institute



**Mikayla Mooney**  
Ag Startup Engine



**Jessi Roesch**  
Downland



**Amy Tannhauser**  
OSI Group

Congratulations to this year's participants! Meet the cohort and explore the program [here](#).

## A Gift of Hope for Farm Families

Farm Foundation is honored to receive a generous gift from rancher Riley Boschma and her children in support of the **Farm Family Wellness Alliance**. This heartfelt contribution honors Riley's late husband, Jimmy Boschma, a respected rancher and entrepreneur whose life was tragically impacted by the challenges of mental health.



**Through this gift**, Riley and their five children are turning personal loss into a mission of hope—helping ensure that farmers and their families have the support they need.

Learn more about this initiative and how you can support mental health in agriculture [here](#).



## A Collaborative Look at Biotech Acceptance

At our January Round Table Meeting, we held an engaging and interactive event storming session, during which we explored the perspectives of producers, regulators, consumers, and investors. Each group shared unique insights, identified challenges, and brainstormed actionable solutions to build trust and drive innovation in biotechnology.



[Read more about the outcomes of that session.](#)

## Farm Foundation Joins Ignite by 4-H Summit

Farm Foundation proudly participated in the Ignite by 4-H Summit in Washington, D.C., focusing on enhancing leadership, education, and youth workforce readiness in food and agriculture.



Foundation leaders engaged with the National 4-H Council to deepen partnerships, led an insightful panel discussion, and participated in traditional 4-H activities, connecting with young leaders nationwide.

[Learn more about Farm Foundation and our partnership with 4-H](#)

## Black Farmers and the Food System: Stories of Resilience and Innovation

### Tracing the Legacy: Black Farmers and the Fight for Equity

Thursday, April 10, 12-2 pm ET



#### Series Host



Dr. Mya O. Price  
Assistant Professor,  
Global Food Institute

#### Panelists



Dr. Jewel Bronaugh  
President and CEO,  
1890 Universities Foundation



Seanicaa Edwards Herron  
Aspen Food Fellow  
Founder & Executive Director,  
Freedmen Heirs Foundation, Inc.



PJ Haynie  
Virginia Family Farmer



Join Farm Foundation Next Gen alum Mya O. Price on Thursday, April 10, 2025, for the inaugural panel discussion, "Tracing the Legacy: Black Farmers and the Fight for Equity." Panelists include Farm Foundation Round Table fellow and board member Jewel Bronaugh, president and CEO of the 1890 Universities Foundation, and 2023 Farm Foundation Innovator of the Year Award winner PJ Haynie, owner of Haynie Farms. [Learn more](#)

## Know Someone Passionate About Agriculture?

Share this newsletter with them and encourage **them to join our mailing list.**

*Farm Foundation is an accelerator of practical solutions for agriculture. Our mission is to build trust and understanding at the intersections of agriculture and society. Our vision is to build a future for farmers, our communities, and our world.*

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