

Building Connections. Growing Leaders. Strengthening Agriculture.

At Farm Foundation, we believe the food and agriculture system is strongest when people come together to share ideas, invest in one another, and prepare for what's ahead. This summer has been filled with milestones, new opportunities, and growing momentum as we continue to convene leaders and strengthen connections across the food and agriculture system.

Here's a look at what we've been working on and how you can be part of it.

Help Us Find Farm Foundation's Next President & CEO

We invite you to help us identify our next President & CEO. If you know an exceptional leader whose experience, vision, and passion for advancing food and agriculture align with Farm Foundation's mission, we encourage you to share this opportunity within your network.

To learn more about the position and how to apply, please review the President & CEO Position Specification: [President & CEO Position Specification](#)

Join Us for Our Next Forum

What will it take to ensure food animal production remains competitive, resilient, and prepared for the future?

Explore the question with us on Tuesday, July 21, from 9:00 –11:00 a.m. CT, for our [Farm Foundation Forum: Challenges, Opportunities, and Policy Priorities in U.S. Food Animal Production](#).

Moderated by Tim Brennan, Vice President of Programs and Strategic Impact at Farm Foundation, the forum will explore advances in animal nutrition, genetics, digital livestock technologies, and disease prevention, as well as the market and policy frameworks needed to support a competitive and resilient food animal production sector.

Featured speakers (pictured from left to right):



- **Dr. Michelle Kromm**, DVM, MPH, MAM, DACPV – Principal, Food Forward LLC
- **Karen A. Scanlon**, Executive Vice President, Social Responsibility Strategy and Affairs, The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy®
- **Julie Anna Potts**, President & CEO, Meat Institute

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Stay Connected

Whether you're joining us live or catching up later, there are multiple ways to stay engaged with Farm Foundation Forums. Receive notifications about upcoming discussions, so you never miss an opportunity to participate, and subscribe to our YouTube channel to watch recordings of past forums featuring leaders and experts from across the food and agriculture system.

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Celebrating 100 Round Table Meetings

For more than 50 years, Farm Foundation's Round Table has brought together leaders from across food and agriculture to tackle complex challenges, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships. This summer, we celebrated an important milestone—our 100th Round Table Meeting.



Over 250 industry leaders convened in St. Louis, Missouri to have conversations on global trade, innovation, farm resilience, and the future of agriculture.

The purpose of meetings like Round Table is to create a safe, trusted space where all voices can contribute to conversations and ideas that extend well

beyond the meeting room, helping shape ideas, partnerships, and conversations across the food and agriculture system.

Thank you to those who were able to join us in St. Louis.

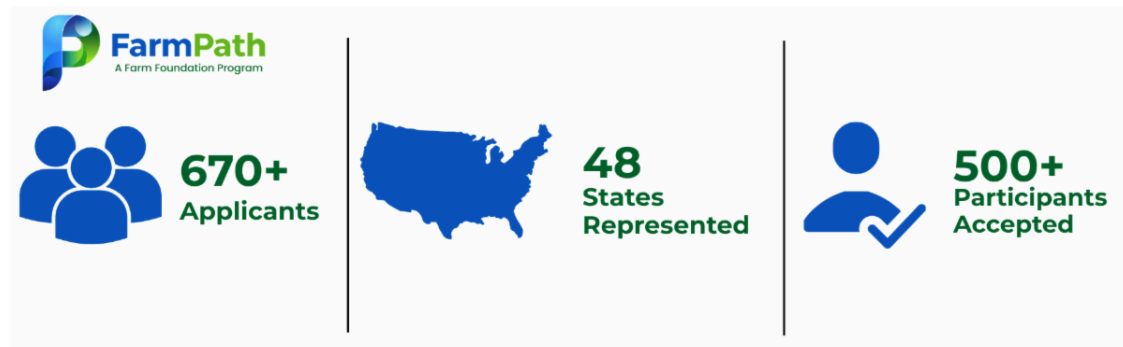
Round Table is an invitation-only leadership forum.

To learn more about Round Table and other Farm Foundation programming, visit <https://www.farmfoundation.org>

People Want to Farm. FarmPath Helps Them Get There.

America's agricultural future depends on the next generation of farmers, but too many aspiring producers face barriers to getting started. FarmPath was created to help bridge those gaps through education, mentorship, industry connections, and practical support.

The demand has been clear. FarmPath's inaugural cohort received more than 670 applications from 48 states and U.S. territories, with more than 500 participants selected. Participants range in age from 18 to 76, and 85% are first-generation farmers, demonstrating both the diversity of aspiring producers and the strong demand for new pathways into agriculture.



Now, the cohort will embark on a year-long learning journey focused on how to successfully own and operate a farming operation. Select individuals will enter a second and third year, working with mentors to create viable business plans.

Get Involved with FarmPath

FarmPath is building a network of organizations and individuals committed to helping aspiring farmers succeed. Whether you can share equipment, land, inputs, expertise, or other resources, your support can help remove barriers for the next generation.

Learn more about FarmPath and explore ways to **get involved at** [FarmFoundation.org/FarmPath](https://www.farmfoundation.org/FarmPath).

Investing in Agriculture's Next Generation

Agriculture's future depends on the next generation of leaders, and Farm Foundation is committed to building the pathways they need to succeed.

Our Next Generation Program includes seven unique leadership, workforce development, and career exploration initiatives that help students, aspiring

farmers, researchers, and emerging professionals build the knowledge, connections, and confidence they'll need to succeed.



Since launching in 2013, nearly 400 individuals have been a part of the program. This year alone, we've welcomed 46 new participants, continuing our commitment to preparing leaders who will help shape the future of food and agriculture.

Support the Next Generation

Whether you're interested in participating, nominating a future leader, or supporting leadership development through sponsorship or partnership, there are many ways to help strengthen the next generation of the food and agriculture system.

Explore Farm Foundation's Next Generation programs and **learn how to get involved.** FarmFoundation.org/Programs

Growing Impact Through Partnership

Everything we do is possible because of partners who believe in the power of bringing people together.



Our Seeders support Farm Foundation's work to foster meaningful dialogue, develop future leaders, and advance innovation across the food and agriculture system.

Their investment helps strengthen connections across generations, sectors, and communities while providing opportunities to engage more deeply with Farm Foundation's work through exclusive benefits, including early access to events and, at select giving levels, invitations to participate in Round Table meetings.

Become a Partner

Whether you're interested in supporting leadership development, expanding educational opportunities, or investing in informed dialogue across the food and agriculture system, there's a place for you in the Farm Foundation community.

Learn more about becoming a Seeder, explore partnership opportunities, or contact our team to **start the conversation**. [FarmFoundation.org/Our-Partners](https://farmfoundation.org/Our-Partners)

Thank you for being part of the Farm Foundation community.

Whether you attend a Forum, support an aspiring farmer, invest in the next generation of leaders, visit our campus, become a partner, or stay connected through Catalyst, you're helping strengthen the future of the food and agriculture system.

We look forward to continuing the conversation and finding new ways to work together.

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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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