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Feb. 5 Farm Foundation Forum: Realities of implementing the 2018 Farm Bill

OAK BROOK, IL Jan. 29, 2019: With the federal government fully back at work, greater attention is now being directed to implementation of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, which was signed into law in December.

Specific elements of that implementation process will be examined at the Farm Foundation® Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, will provide opening remarks.

The Forum, The Realities of Implementing the 2018 Farm Bill, will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Panelists providing perspectives on the new Farm Bill will be:

- Bill Northey, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation;
- Barry Flinchbaugh, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University;
- Tara Smith, Vice President of Federal Affairs with Michael Torey Associates; and
- Alan Bjerga, Senior Vice President of Communications with the National Milk Producers Federation.

"The process of implementing the legislation will create opportunities and challenges for all players in the food and agricultural sector," says Megan Provost, Farm Foundation's Vice President of Policy and Programs, who will moderate the discussion. "Sen. Roberts’ unique perspectives will set the stage for the discussion, which will help public and private decision makers understand some of the key components, as well as the potential impacts of the 2018 Farm Bill."

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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