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Roberts, Censky to discuss 2018 Farm Bill at Farm Foundation Forum

OAK BROOK, IL Feb. 1, 2019: At Tuesday's Farm Foundation Forum, Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Steve Censky will open the session with comments on the implementation of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018.

The Forum, *The Realities of Implementing the 2018 Farm Bill*, will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Roberts had a key role in passage of this Farm Bill, which was signed into law in December 2018, just days before a 35-day partial shutdown of the federal government began. Deputy Secretary Censky will speak to the Department's role and efforts to move forward with implementation of this important legislation.

"The shutdown is just one of many questions that public and private decision makers have about the specifics of implementing the new Farm Bill," says Megan Provost, Farm Foundation's Vice President of Policy and Programs. "This Forum will address that question, as well as other opportunities and challenges that may develop as the legislation moves to full implementation."

After the comments by Roberts and Censky, there will be discussion of the challenges and opportunities of implementing the new Farm Bill. Panelists will be:

- Barry Flinchbaugh, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University;
- Tara Smith, Vice President of Federal Affairs with Michael Torrey Associates; and
- Alan Bjerga, Senior Vice President of Communications with the National Milk Producers Federation.

After comments by the panelists, the floor will be open for a discussion, moderated by Provost.

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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