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Farm Foundation selects new communications director

OAK BROOK, IL Aug. 5, 2019: Farm Foundation is pleased to announce that Leslie Cummings, an award-winning communications strategist, has joined the staff of Farm Foundation, a food and agriculture policy institute based in Oak Brook, IL.

"We are very fortunate to have Leslie join the team," said Farm Foundation Board of Directors Chair Larkin Martin. "We are confident her extensive background in communications, marketing and strategy will help us grow our reach and strengthen our connections within the food and agricultural industry."

Cummings has been a successful marketing and communications consultant for several years, and previously worked for more than a decade at other non-profit organizations, focusing on communications, marketing and writing. Her expertise includes strategy, branding, content creation, digital marketing and project management.



Leslie Cummings

"I'm excited to be a part of the Farm Foundation team," she said. "I truly look forward to contributing to the growth of the Foundation."

Cummings is passionate about food sustainability and has been a longtime supporter of local and national farming and environmental organizations. She has studied environmental science at the master's level and has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Columbia College Chicago.

Mary Thompson, the former vice president of communications of Farm Foundation recently retired from Farm Foundation after more than 17 years on the staff. Thompson was the first to perform a dedicated communications role at the Foundation, and created many outstanding publications, websites, reports and programs. She was also an exemplary project manager and will continue to be retained by the Foundation to support key projects in the future.

Farm Foundation is an agricultural policy institute cultivating dynamic non-partisan collaboration to meet society's needs for food, fiber, feed and energy. Since 1933, it has connected leaders in farming, business, academia, organizations and government through proactive, rigorous debate and objective issue analysis.

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