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***Farm Foundation Partners with USDA ERS on
Emerging Leader Development Program***

OAK BROOK, IL, Dec. 16, 2019: Farm Foundation, a food and agriculture policy institute, is pleased to announce that it is partnering with the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) to create the new Farm Foundation Agricultural Scholars Program that will take 10 graduate-level students of agriculture through a year of programming. The collaboration between ERS and Farm Foundation seeks to inspire and train the next generation of agriculturalists interested in policy, commodity market analysis, agricultural finance and other applied fields of economics.

"We are very excited to be working with USDA's ERS on this program," says Farm Foundation President Shari Rogge-Fidler. "This partnership is the next step in what Farm Foundation has been working on for the past several decades--engaging the future generation of agricultural leaders."

The program will engage the Scholars in government and agricultural policy with a series of intensive, hands-on learning experiences, focused on gaining a deeper understanding of production agriculture, agribusiness and government. Some of the experiences will include mentorship with an ERS staff member and attending Farm Foundation meetings and Forums. They will also spend time in Washington, DC and Kansas City, MO, where they will meet with agribusinesses leaders, policy makers and farmers.

The following students have been selected as **2020 Farm Foundation Agricultural Scholars:**

Hunter Biram	Kansas State University
Maggie Creamer	University of California, Davis
James Davis	University of Georgia
Charles Grigsby-Calage	University of Florida
Tori Marshall	Oklahoma State University

Kaleiah Schiller	University of California - Davis
Tatiana Sierra	University of California, Davis
Heather H. Tenboer	Iowa State University
Jessica Wallach	University of California, Davis
Katie Welch	Oklahoma State University

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