



Our mission: To build trust and understanding at the intersections of agriculture and society.

OUR HISTORY

The legacy of Farm Foundation is rooted in more than eight decades of leaders who have believed that nonpartisan efforts can play a critical role in addressing the evolving issues **shaping the future of agriculture, the food system, and rural communities.**

The economic conditions of the 1930s spurred the growth of organizations promoting urban and social concerns. Farm Foundation, created as a trust by International Harvester President Alexander Legge, is believed to be the **first foundation created specifically to serve agriculture and rural communities.**

OUR TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Farm Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, academia, rural communities, media, retail and NGOs. Learn more about our **board members** and the organizations they represent.



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ABOUT US

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit working across the food and ag value chain to build momentum behind meaningful solutions to some of the most important challenges facing farmers and, by extension, our industry as a whole.

We support food and agriculture by meeting challenges with a relentless dedication to ensuring all the right stakeholders are involved and engaged in building something for the greater good—providing an agenda-free zone to achieve a shared vision for a better future for food and ag. We move with speed, purpose, and agility to make the greatest impact in the most important areas in the shortest amount of time.

COLLABORATION FOCUS

Farm Foundation motivates momentum to achieve tangible results that address the urgent issues facing our industry, including the following:



Farmer Health



Digital Agriculture



**Conservation
and Sustainability**



**Market Development
and Access**

OUR PROGRAMS

Farm Foundation has a full suite of programs designed to nurture emerging food and agricultural leaders, foster strong and beneficial relationships, and encourage open and objective sharing of diverse perspectives among new and seasoned industry professionals.

Farm Foundation Round Table

An invitational discussion group that brings together thought leaders to explore issues that impact food and agriculture.

Farm Foundation Forums

Public virtual Forums to discuss current policies, explore alternative policy proposals, and give voice to new proposals.

AG 101 Bootcamps

Intensive day and a half, on-farm experiences focused on strengthening understanding around the complex issues facing agriculture today.

Agricultural Economics Fellowship

An opportunity for outstanding early-career agricultural economists to provide thought leadership and elevate their stature in the sector.

Field to Future Program

A two-year program focused on gaining a deeper understanding of production agriculture, food processing, marketing, and agribusiness.

Farm Foundation Awards Program

Celebrating significant achievements in the agriculture and food sector.

Agricultural Scholars Program

A yearlong program that actively engages graduate-level scholars in government and agricultural policy work.

Congressional Fellowship

An opportunity for Congressional staff members to experience food and agricultural enterprises firsthand.

Farm Foundation Cultivators

Twice a year, six graduate or undergraduate students attend and present at a Round Table meeting.

Young Agri-Food Leaders

A yearlong program to actively engage emerging leaders in food and agribusiness from 25 to 40 years old.

Young Farmer Accelerator Program

A yearlong program for young farmers to build skills, gain deeper understanding and develop strong professional networks.

INNOVATION & EDUCATION CAMPUS



Farm Foundation is creating a unique campus in the Chicagoland area to establish a centrally located space for innovators in the food and agriculture industries from across the country and the world to learn, debate, and work together as one to build a future for our farmers, our communities, and our world. The [Innovation and Education Campus](#) will be a place not just to identify and discuss challenges, but to accelerate the momentum and action needed to solve them. [It is our goal to lead food and agriculture forward from this innovative purposeful space.](#)

WAYS TO ENGAGE

There are many ways you and your organization can engage with Farm Foundation.


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