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Farm Journal Forum Adds Key Policymaker to Its Speaker Roster

Washington, D.C. (November 26, 2014)—Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich) will headline the 2014 Farm Journal Forum’s Newsmaker Breakfast, the Farm Journal Foundation announced today. Stabenow, current Chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, recently announced she will stay on the Committee as Ranking Member during the 114th Congress. Having successfully passed the farm bill in 2014, Chairwoman Stabenow is likely to discuss the legislation’s expected impact on Farm Country and projections on upcoming Agriculture Committee priorities. She may also share lessons from her experience leading an all-women Senate delegation to Africa in August 2014.

The 2014 Farm Journal Forum, which is focused on "Globally Positioned Agriculture: Farming Smarter in the Face of New Challenges and Opportunities," will take place Dec. 10-11 at the Loews Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. Beginning with an evening reception on Wed., Dec. 10, the event kicks into full gear with its newsmaker breakfast followed by a full day of high-level speakers on Thurs., Dec. 11.

“Chairwoman Stabenow showed tremendous leadership and bi-partisanship passing Farm Bill legislation that encompassed a changing and diversifying agricultural landscape,” said Lesly Weber McNitt, Farm Journal Foundation Director of Government Relations and Program Development. “We are delighted that the Farm Journal Forum’s audience will have a chance to hear more about how new farm policies affect them and learn how the Senator plans to focus her energy and passion for agriculture in the next Congress.”

Other confirmed Forum speakers include: U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack; Mike Stern, President and COO of The Climate Corporation; Darci Vetter, Chief Agricultural Negotiator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; A.G. Kawamura, Co-Chair of Solutions from the Land and former California Secretary of Agriculture; Dennis Dimick, Executive Editor of National Geographic; Ellen Terpstra, President and CEO of International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council; Nicholas Giordano, Vice President and Council for International Affairs, National Pork Producers Council; Greg Peterson of The Peterson Farm Brothers; and Sara Wyant, President of Agri-Pulse.

The Farm Journal Forum is widely recognized as one of the premier food and agriculture policy conferences in the nation’s capital, known for convening a diverse audience of key stakeholders in food and agriculture. The 2014 Farm Journal Forum is made possible by support from premier sponsor Monsanto Company, supporting sponsors DuPont and Verdesian, media partner GW Planet Forward and Forum CONNECT partner CropLife America. Funds exceeding the cost of the event are donated to the Farm Journal Foundation. To register and learn more, please visit www.FarmJournalForum.com. Join the dialogue via Twitter with the hashtag #FJForum14.

About the Farm Journal Foundation

The Farm Journal Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to sustaining agriculture’s ability to meet the vital needs of a growing population through education and empowerment. The Foundation houses the Farmers Feeding the World platform to rally the agricultural community around the fight against world hunger through programs including the Farm Team, HungerU and Food Forums. For more information, please visit www.FarmersFeedingTheWorld.org.