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Farm Journal Forum to Feature Panel Moderated by Roger Thurow

Philadelphia, PA (Nov. 27, 2012) — The Farm Journal Foundation announced today that Roger Thurow will moderate a panel on “Modernizing Agriculture in the Developing World” at the 2012 Farm Journal Forum. Thurow is a Senior Fellow on Global Agriculture and Food Policy at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and author of “Enough: Why the World’s Poor Starve in an Age of Plenty” and “The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change.” Joining Thurow on the panel are: Arlene Mitchell, Deputy Director of Agricultural Development for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Bob Thompson, Senior Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and professor emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Kavita Prakash-Mani, Head of Food Security at Syngenta; and Randy Van Kooten, Iowa farmer and World Soy Foundation Board Member.

The Forum, hosted in partnership with Informa Economics, will be held Dec. 5-6 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW, Washington, D.C. The event, which centers on the topic “The Election’s Impact on Modern Agriculture’s Ability to Feed the World,” begins with an evening reception on Wednesday and kicks off with a newsmaker breakfast on Thursday followed by a full day of high-level speakers.

“Roger Thurow is a leading voice on food security and global agricultural development issues. We’re delighted that he will share his insights and facilitate the discussion among this panel of incredibly accomplished experts at the Farm Journal Forum,” said Charlene Finck, Editor of *Farm Journal*.

Confirmed Forum speakers include: Thomas Dorr, former Undersecretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Marshall Matz, Principal Attorney at OFW Law; Bruce Knight, President of Strategic Conservation Solutions; Robin Scheppers, Senior Advisor for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative at the Bipartisan Policy Center; Lisa Sutherland, President of LA Sutherland and Associates; and Bruce Scherr and Jim Wiesemeyer of Informa Economics. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas are invited speakers.

The Forum’s premier sponsors are Farm Credit Services and SFP. Supporting sponsors of the event are BASF, Charleston|Orwig, CropLife America, Dow Agrosciences, DuPont, FMC, and Syngenta, in association with the *Farmers Feeding the World* initiative.

To learn more or to register for the Farm Journal Forum, visit www.FarmJournalForum.com. A special registration rate is available for government employees.

About the Farm Journal Foundation

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