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House Agriculture Committee Chairman Will Speak at the Farm Journal Forum

Philadelphia, PA (Nov. 28, 2012) — The Farm Journal Foundation announced today that House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.), the leading voice in the House pushing for passage of the farm bill before year's end, has been confirmed as the "Newsmaker Breakfast" speaker at the 2012 Farm Journal Forum. As the end of the 112th Congress draws near, Lucas is expected to share his views on what the lame-duck session is likely to have in store for U.S. farm policy, given the uncertainty of the ongoing fiscal cliff negotiations. As Lucas will remain Agriculture Committee chair in the 113th Congress, he may also shed light on the implications of an extension of the 2008 farm bill.

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 breakfast on Thursday, followed by a full day of high-level speakers.

"Chairman Lucas has been a staunch ally of American farmers and ranchers during a pivotal juncture in the policy process. We're honored to have the top leader in House agriculture policy share his insights and plans for moving ahead," said Charlene Finck, president of Farm Journal Foundation.

Other 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 of 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 has also been invited to speak.

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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