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Farm Journal Foundation Announces “Meet the Freshman Roundtable” Co-hosted with Agri-Pulse, the event will air on AgWeb.com and Agri-Pulse.com

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 8, 2012) — The Farm Journal Foundation announced today that its *Farmers Feeding the World* campaign will co-host a “Meet the Freshman Roundtable” with Agri-Pulse, featuring new lawmakers who serve on the House Agriculture Committee. The Roundtable will feature House freshmen Vicky Hartzler (R-Mo.), Reid Ribble (R-Wis.) and Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.) discussing their first year in Congress and their priorities for the second session. Sara Wyant, Editor of Agri-Pulse, will moderate the Roundtable, which derives its name from Agri-Pulse’s “Meet the Freshman” series. The event will be webcast on Tuesday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. EDT on AgWeb.com and Agri-Pulse.com. Viewers will have the opportunity to weigh in on the conversation on AgWeb.com; *Farmers Feeding the World*’s Facebook page; and trending on Twitter at #MeettheFreshman, taking advantage of the millions of touchpoints of Farm Journal Media.

One of two main objectives of the *Farmers Feeding the World* campaign is to serve as an educational catalyst and encourage dialogue about the importance of modern agriculture in the context of national and global food security challenges. The “Meet the Freshman Roundtable” serves this objective by connecting consumers, producers and thought leaders with a panel of their elected representatives to learn more about the lawmakers’ views on food and agriculture policy. Similarly, *Farmers Feeding the World*’s Washington, D.C., office has advocated on behalf of modern agriculture’s capacity to end hunger in face-to-face meetings with fifty food and agriculture policy leaders in its first year, and has served as a host or co-sponsor of a number of educational events such as the Farm Journal Forum and the Forum on Agriculture and Adaptation with USDA and the Bipartisan Policy Center.

The “Meet the Freshman Roundtable” is the latest example of *Farmers Feeding the World*’s education and advocacy activities in Washington, D.C. “The freshman House members in the 112th Congress have made up one of the most dynamic and vocal classes of lawmakers,” said Charlene Finck, President of the Farm Journal Foundation. “We wanted to give our farmer audience some insight into what makes this freshman class tick and hear their thoughts on the issues of the day, including the role of modern agriculture. This discussion is particularly timely given the ongoing farm bill deliberations on Capitol Hill.”

Sara Wyant said of the Roundtable: “As members of the House Committee on Agriculture, these lawmakers all face a daunting challenge—trying to craft a 2012 farm bill that is fiscally responsible yet provides a strong safety net for farmers and ranchers. I am delighted that they have allowed us to follow their journeys and share their valuable insights as part of our ‘Meet the Freshman’ series on www.Agri-Pulse.com.”

To follow this and other Farm Journal social media events in the coming months, continue to check www.AgWeb.com and www.FarmersFeedingTheWorld.org, follow us on Twitter: [@farmersfeeding](https://twitter.com/farmersfeeding), and visit the *Farmers Feeding the World* [Facebook page](#).

About the Farm Journal Foundation

The Farm Journal Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to sustaining U.S. agriculture's ability to serve the vital needs of a growing world population with education and assistance focused on the unique interests of people and organizations aligned with U.S. agriculture. The Foundation houses Farm Journal's myriad advocacy initiatives such as the *Farmers Feeding the World* campaign and elements of the Farm Journal Legacy Project. For more information, please visit www.FarmersFeedingTheWorld.org.

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