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Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Will Be Keynote Speaker at Farm Journal Forum

Philadelphia, PA (Nov. 30, 2012) — The Farm Journal Foundation today announced that Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, will deliver the keynote address at the 2012 Farm Journal Forum. Since ushering the bipartisan Senate farm bill through the chamber in June, Stabenow has been a vocal proponent of reaching a bicameral compromise before the 112th Congress adjourns, to ensure that American farmers and ranchers have more certainty about how farm program reforms will affect their operations. Forum attendees can expect Stabenow to address recently renewed discussions with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and the three other leaders of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees in an effort to reach an agreement on a five-year 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 a newsmaker breakfast on Thursday, followed by a full day of high-level speakers.

“We are so delighted that Chairwoman Stabenow could make the time to share her perspective as the Senate’s leader in agriculture policy with the Farm Journal Forum audience. We look forward to hearing her predictions for the rest of the lame-duck session and her vision for food and farming issues in the 113th Congress,” said Charlene Finck, president of the Farm Journal Foundation.

Other confirmed Forum speakers include: House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.); Thomas Dorr, former Undersecretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Marshall Matz, Principal Attorney at OFW Law; Roger Thurow, Senior Fellow for Global Agriculture and Food Policy at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; Bruce Knight, President of Strategic Conservation Solutions; Arlene Mitchell, Deputy Director of Agricultural Development for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Kavita Prakash-Mani, Head of Food Security for Syngenta; Bob Thompson, Senior Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; Randy Van Kooten, Iowa farmer; Robin Schepper, Senior Advisor of the Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative at the Bipartisan Policy Center; Lisa Sutherland, President of LA Sutherland and Associates; Lindsey Palmer, Director of Nutrition and Community Outreach for the D.C. Central Kitchen; 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. The Forum will also be trending on Twitter: #FJForum12.

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