



Executing Vision & Strategy with Success

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Farm Foundation

- Founded in 1933
- Trustees are leaders in agriculture & agribusiness
- Funding
 - Private endowment
 - Support from individuals, businesses and government agencies
- Every \$1 invested leverages \$6

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- Is unique in the agricultural community because we address issues across the face of agriculture and rural America – regardless of geography or farm enterprise
- Promotes understanding of the relationship among natural resources, human capital, technology, public institutions and society.
- Creates an “agenda-free zone” for discussion and debate of timely issues.
- Addresses today’s issues that have the potential to be problems tomorrow.

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Program Focus

Environmental and Natural Resources

Globalization

Rural Community Viability

Role of Agricultural Institutions

Consumer Issues

New Technology

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- Why this project?
High Priority Topic
 - Examine the long-term economic viability of cooperatives organized for value-added food and fiber processing

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- Goal: More informed public policy
 - Supply private and public decision makers with informative economic analysis
 - Identify gaps in research/analysis and set future research agenda
 - Increase public understanding of the issues by fostering dialogue and building networks