Farm Foundation
• Founded in 1933
• Trustees are leaders in agriculture and agribusiness
• Funding
  • Endowment Income
  • Support from individuals, businesses and government agencies
  • Every $1 invested leverages $4+

• Unique in the agricultural community, addressing issues impacting the entire industry, not just one region or commodity
• A 74-year reputation for objectivity. We do not lobby or advocate positions.
• We promote understanding of issues facing agriculture, the food system and rural America.

Program Focus
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Globalization
- Rural Community Viability
- Role of Agricultural Institutions
- Consumer Issues
- New Technology

Current Program Initiatives
- Domestic & Trade Impacts of U.S. Farm Policy
- Transition to a Bioeconomy
- Second Decade of Crop Biotechnology
- Farm Foundation Forums
Farm Foundation
Farmer Cooperatives Conference

- **Priority Area Objective** - Identify new institutional arrangements with the potential to serve agriculture & the food system more effectively in today's global & fast-changing economy.
- **High Priority Topic** - Examine the long-term economic viability of cooperatives of all types with particular attention to issues of access to capital.

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

The Mission of Farm Foundation
Farm Foundation's mission is to improve the economic and social well-being of U.S. agriculture, the food system and rural communities by serving as a CATALYST to assist private- and public-sector decision makers in identifying and understanding issues that will shape the future.

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