

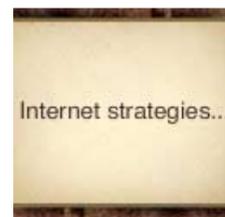


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FARM FOUNDATION TO HOST "FINANCE AND CREDIT ISSUES FORUM"

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Source: Farm Foundation Forum news release

As the financial/debt crisis evolved in the fall of 2008, the Farm Foundation Forum featured a panel of lenders discussing what those events meant for agriculture and food industries.

Much has happened in the 15 months since that discussion. The Forum on Tuesday, March 2, will examine the impacts that crisis had on agriculture and food industries, and the challenges ahead for 2010.

Presenters will include:

- * Paul Ellinger of the University of Illinois,
- * Joe Brasher of First State Bank, Sharon, Tenn.
- * Bob Frazee of Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit.

After their comments, the floor will be opened for discussion.

The Forum will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street N.W., Washington D.C. Coffee will be available at 8:30 a.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by noon Friday, Feb. 26. There is no charge to participate.

About the Forum:

Farm Foundation, NFP organizes these public forums to engage all stakeholders in informed dialogue on food, agricultural and rural policies. Participants examine current policies, explore and analyze alternative policy proposals, and give voice to new proposals. Speakers give brief topic summaries, with ample time provided for discussion.

Who should participate: People with an interest in agricultural, food and rural policy, including members of Congress, congressional staff, executive branch officials, industry representatives, NGO representatives, academics and members of the media.

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