NEXTGEN FARMERS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Farm Foundation is an **ACCELERATOR** of practical solutions for agriculture.

We accelerate **PEOPLE AND IDEAS** into **ACTION**.
OUR MISSION AND VISION
GUIDE OUR WORK

MISSION:
To build trust and understanding at the intersections of agriculture and society.

VISION:
To build a future for farmers, our communities and our world.
PROBLEMS WE ADDRESS & LEVERS WE USE

Our non-partisan, objective approach allows us to tap into a broad network of experts and change-makers with diverse experience and perspectives to find practical solutions to some of the biggest challenges in food and ag.
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR OUR WORK: ACCELERATING PEOPLE & IDEAS

- **Building a future** for farmers, our communities and our world.
- **Building trust and understanding** at the intersections of agriculture and society.
- **Building momentum** with the new Innovation and Education Center for local, regional and global in-person and virtual programs.
NEXT GENERATION PROGRAMS

- Farm Foundation has a suite of multi-stakeholder programs to **accelerate the next generation of agricultural leaders**
  - Cultivators (~6, 2x/year)
  - Agricultural Scholars (~10/year)
  - Congressional Fellows (~10/year)
  - Young Farmers (~15/year)
  - Young Agri-Food Leaders (~10/year)
NEW INNOVATION AND EDUCATION FARM – NEXTGEN PROGRAMS AND BOOTCAMPS

FARM FOUNDATION INNOVATION AND EDUCATION CENTER

Libertyville, Illinois.
FARM FOUNDATION: WORK WITH BEGINNING AND MINORITY FARMERS

- Emerging Research on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers – Conference with USDA and Farm Credit
- Training for Success: Resources and Tools for Working With Beginning Farmers and Ranchers
- Agricultural Finance Review, Volume 82, Issue 3
- Upcoming conference Fall 2023 on research on Market Facilitation Program Access for all
- Annual young farmer program nominations

See our website for recordings, presentation materials, articles and young farmer program.
OVERVIEW OF ISSUES

- Credit constraints, survival and growth
- Land tenure and profitability
- Management and ownership transfer in small and medium family farms
- The landowner role in land access
- Exploring the adoption of technologies among the specialty crops industry
- The profitability implication of sales through local food markets
- Factors that affect entry and exit
USDA EQUITY COMMISSION – INTERIM REPORT

- USDA Equity Commission
  - January 2021 Executive Order – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities
  - March 2021 American Rescue Plan – directed USDA to establish the Equity Commission
  - February 2022 USDA Equity Commission established to make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture for changes to enhance equity across programs, policies, practices, systems, and structures

- Summer Working Groups
  - Access
  - Service
  - Department wide
  - Farmworkers

- Public meetings and Interim recommendations in September 2022
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