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## **Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research Forms Six Advisory Councils**

***71 Council Members Strengthen the Foundation's Network of Expertise with Producer, Industry, Government, Academic and Nonprofit Experience***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WASHINGTON, August 9, 2016—The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research today announced the formation of six Advisory Councils, composed of leading experts across the food and agriculture industry. Council members will advise Foundation staff and board members on program development and implementation, potential partnerships, and other avenues for advancing the organization's mission to support innovative science addressing today's food and agriculture challenges.

Each Advisory Council is led by a Chair, appointed to facilitate discussion and build consensus. The six Advisory Councils cover the topics listed below and are chaired by the following individuals:

- **Food System Innovation:** Josette Lewis, Ph.D. | University of California, Davis
- **Nutrition and Healthy Food Choices:** Laurian Unnevehr, Ph.D. | University of Illinois
- **Plant Efficiency:** Jonathan Lynch, Ph.D. | Pennsylvania State University
- **Soil Health:** Doug Karlen, Ph.D. | U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service
- **Sustainable Farm Animal Productivity, Resilience, and Health:** Harvey Morgan Scott, D.V.M, Ph.D. | Texas A&M University
- **Water Use:** Daniel Sonke, D.V.M. | Campbell Soup Company

Council members representing diverse industries, geographic areas, and professional backgrounds were selected from a competitive pool of applicants nominated through an open solicitation. They will serve two or three-year terms, and meet virtually three times per year.

"The new Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research Advisory Councils strengthen the Foundation's expertise in six critical areas of food and agriculture," said Dr. Sally Rockey, executive director of the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research. "I am confident that our new Council members, in close collaboration with the staff and Board, will add tremendous value to the Foundation's programmatic development and continued growth."

The Councils will assume a number of roles including participating in the peer review process and making recommendations on application and proposal alignment with strategic and scientific goals of the Foundation.

Advisory Council members were selected based on scientific, industry or other practical experience and knowledge. View full list of Advisory Council members: <http://foundationfar.org/advisory-councils/>.

### **About the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research**

The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, builds unique partnerships to support innovative and actionable science addressing today's food and agriculture challenges. Leveraging public and private resources, FFAR will increase the scientific and technological research, innovation, and partnerships critical to enhancing sustainable production of nutritious food for a growing global population. Established by the 2014 Farm Bill, FFAR is governed by a Board of Directors chaired by former Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and with *ex officio* representation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Science Foundation.

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