



Virtual Farmer Town Hall
Friday September 24, 2021
1:00 - 5:00 pm ET

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Agenda

1:00 PM Welcome

Carolyn Mugar, Farm Aid Executive Director
Farm Aid Hotline Team
Bryan Hurlburt, Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture

2:00 PM Keynote Plenary Discussion

USDA Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack
Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Senator Tina Smith (MN)
Moderator: Niaz Dorry, National Family Farm Coalition

Remarks and facilitated discussion between farmers and Congressional and USDA leadership exploring the topic of what is needed to re-envision a more equitable and resilient food and farm system.

3:00 PM Farmer Town Hall

Dewayne Goldmon, USDA Senior Advisor, Racial Equity
Janie Hipp, USDA General Counsel
Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator, USDA Farm Service Agency
Gloria Montaño Greene, USDA Deputy Under Secretary, Farm Production and Conservation
Katie Naessans, Professional Staff, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee
Mikayla Bodey, Professional Staff, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee
Moderator: Qiana Mickie, QJM Multiprise

4:30 PM *Facilitated discussion with a panel of USDA experts, policymakers, and farmers across a range of topics, including racial equity, debt relief, credit, beginning farmers, competition, and climate change.*

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Adjourn