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### **FCA and Colorado State University to hold national forum on serving young, beginning, and small farmers and ranchers**

***FCA Chairman Glen Smith and USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Zach Ducheneaux are featured speakers***

McLEAN, Va. — On March 23, the Farm Credit Administration and Colorado State University (Fort Collins) will co-host a national forum on serving the credit and related needs of young, beginning, and small (YBS) farmers and ranchers. The forum kicks off at 8 a.m. CST at CSU's Lory Student Center.

**WHO:** FCA Board Chairman and CEO Glen Smith and USDA FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux headline the forum. The event will cover a range of topics of interest to YBS producers and their lenders, with presentations by top industry stakeholders, experts from CSU, Farm Credit System representatives, and local ag producers.

**On March 23, Chairman Smith is available onsite and via telephone for press interviews.**

**WHERE:** Lory Student Center  
Colorado State University  
1101 Center Avenue Mall  
Fort Collins, Colorado

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 23, starting at 8 a.m. CST

**CONTACT:** Credentialed members of the media should RSVP to [freemanw@fca.gov](mailto:freemanw@fca.gov) or call **703-399-0041** to book an interview.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the safety and soundness regulator of the Farm Credit System. The System consists of two government-sponsored enterprises — a nationwide network of cooperative banks and associations established in 1916, and a secondary market entity known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac), which was established in 1988. The System's borrower-owned banks and associations provide credit to farmers, ranchers, residents of rural communities, agricultural and rural utility cooperatives, and other eligible and creditworthy borrowers. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans, rural housing mortgage loans, and certain rural utility loans. FCA news releases are available on the web at [www.fca.gov](http://www.fca.gov).