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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. — This Wednesday, 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. MDT 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

If you're unable to attend the forum in person, you may watch a livestream of the March 23 events on [YouTube](#) at 8 a.m. MDT.

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

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

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