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Kip Tom Confirmed as New U.S. Ambassador to UN Rome Agencies

WASHINGTON, D.C.— On April 11, the U.S. Senate confirmed Farm Journal Foundation board member Kip Tom to be the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture. Based in Rome, Tom will lead official U.S. government engagement with World Food Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization, and International Fund for Agricultural Development.

A seventh-generation farmer, Kip Tom is the Managing Member of Tom Farms LLC and the President of CereServ Inc., with oversight of farming operations in both Indiana and Argentina. In recent years, Mr. Tom has served on boards for a number of business-related and charitable organizations, including the advisory board for the Indiana Department of Agriculture, the board of directors for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the International Food and Agribusiness Managers Association (IFAMA), and Farm Journal Foundation.

“As a leader in the agriculture community with significant experience in humanitarian relief, Kip Tom is well suited to represent the United States as we work to address food insecurity and malnutrition around the world,” said Senator Young. “Kip will do an outstanding job representing our Hoosier interests and values globally, and I wish him the best in this new role.”

“In global development, many forget that at its core farming is a business and must be treated as such. Tom’s experience as a seventh-generation farmer lends an acute understanding of business decisions on profitability, risk, and financing -- all of which will support smallholder farmers in the developing world”, said Tricia Beal, CEO of Farm Journal Foundation.

About Farm Journal Foundation

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