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## **UW-Madison event to address consolidation in food and farming**

*Media invited to special evening event with farmers day before roundtable*

**MADISON, WI** — The American Antitrust Institute and the University of Wisconsin Law School are pleased to present Food and Agriculture at a Crossroads: Setting Competition Priorities to Protect Producers, Consumers, and the Supply Chain. This free event will be from 9am-5pm Fri., Dec. 7 at the UW Law School in Madison.

Experts in antitrust and regulation from government, industry, university, and advocacy will share their perspectives. Among the speakers will be National Farmers Union President Roger Johnson, who will discuss market competition issues that affect farmers, the agricultural industry, and consumers.

The morning and afternoon discussions will each close with a roundtable session that will give participants the opportunity to react and candidly discuss themes, issues, and policy recommendations regarding competition enforcement.

Topics will include:

- Squeezed From Both Ends: Protecting Agricultural Producers in the Context of Seller and Buyer Market Power
- Consumer Food Sovereignty: Rising Concentration and Its Effects on Food Prices, Choice, and Quality
- Food Supply Chains: Integration, Globalization, and What It Means for Competition and Stability

Registration is free, but space is limited. If you plan to attend, register as soon as possible at <https://www.antitrustinstitute.org/event/2018foodagroundtable/>

On Thurs., Dec. 6, the evening before the roundtable, Wisconsin Farmers Union, UW Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and Family Farm Defenders will host a reception for media to meet with farmers and learn directly from them about how the lack of antitrust enforcement is impacting their farms. If you are a farmer or reporter and would like to attend, please contact Kara O'Connor at 608-514-4541 or [koconnor@wisconsinfarmersunion.com](mailto:koconnor@wisconsinfarmersunion.com), so we can share the details as they become available.

Wisconsin Farmers Union plans to offer assistance to help defray travel expenses for members interested in attending.

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